



City of Annapolis

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Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, April 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

Mayor Buckley called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Present: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Roll Call

Tonight's Roll Call began with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Alderman Gay Arrived at 7:45 pm.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

State of the City Address

Mayor Buckley presented the State of the City Address:

Good evening. Tonight I am proud to introduce my seventh City of Annapolis budget as Mayor. I'm pleased to report it is a balanced budget with no property tax rate increase. Our fiscal position is strong and we continue to maintain strong bond ratings and outlooks from all three ratings agencies.

I thank City Manager Mike Mallinoff, Finance Director Jodee Dickinson, Budget Manager Katie Connolly, and their teams, for the long hours they have put in to compile the budget for City Council review. I also thank my Council colleagues for the thoughtful and thorough review they always bring, and their vision and advocacy for our residents.

When I first ran for office seven years ago, I promised to bring new ideas and try new things.

I promised to build partnerships and find creative ways to fund projects and minimize the burden on residents. I promised to build a more environmentally sustainable, economically vibrant city that honors and preserves its history, while adapting and preparing for the future. I promised to work for a more equitable and inclusive community where every resident is valued and has a voice.

Tonight, thanks to the support of my Council colleagues, who I know share these values, I am pleased to report on all the ways we are delivering on this vision, underpinned by the hard work and dedication of everyone working at the City.

One of the things that I have learned in my six-plus years as Mayor is that as much as we plan ahead each year, there is always something unexpected that comes at us fast. That is why contingency planning is now a part of each City budget.

Adaptive departmental leadership has also helped the City weather the unexpected, and ensure we have funding and personnel in place to respond when new priorities and emergencies arise.

Tonight, I will talk about promises we've kept and also touch on difficult issues we've had to navigate.

The Covid 19 pandemic and the 2021 tornado taught us many lessons. We have learned to be flexible, coordinate closely, and quickly access emergency relief for our residents and businesses.

When historic flooding hit downtown and Eastport in January, we declared a State of Emergency, unlocking up to \$50,000 per business in grant funding from Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation. Those grants helped Dock Street businesses like Pip's pay for cleanup, and purchase new equipment and supplies.

Instead of months waiting for insurance, the funding was swiftly approved to help businesses like Pip's reopen as quickly as possible. Not every business sought the funding, but we made sure they had the option. Flexibility is critical as we see the increasing impact of sea level rise and climate change.

Those impacts are exactly why we have worked hard on City Dock, arguably our boldest initiative. I thank Eileen Fogarty, retired City Manager David Jarrell and DPW Director Burr Vogel for their tireless work to craft a plan, listen to the public, and incorporate feedback. For five years, they have been engaged in that work, holding 136 public meetings, and giving over 300 stakeholder briefings.

This is how we've built unprecedented consensus and effective partnerships. The public private partnership that rebuilt the Hillman Garage, which opened in June last year – two months ahead of schedule – is a great example. It delivered not just a state of the art gateless garage, but a funding mechanism for our new City Dock through a \$24 million dollar concession payment.

Tonight, I am pleased to report that the financial outlook for the first year of operations at Hillman Garage has exceeded expectations.

We know that adapting to parking changes downtown has not been easy. But - that work is the seed for our future resiliency work at City Dock.

We are fortunate to have amazing partners who are helping to provide funding. The State of Maryland and our state delegation have committed \$3M more in funding for City Dock in FY25, bringing the total state contribution to \$15M. Our federal delegation has earmarked more than \$8M, including \$1.2M announced just last week. For being champions of our capital city, I thank Sens. Van Hollen and Cardin, Rep. Sarbanes, State Sen. Sarah Elfreth, and Dels. Shaneka Henson Dana Jones. We thank you for helping Annapolis be a resilience leader for coastal cities in the U.S. and around the globe.

And we are getting that recognition, with delegations from China, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Philippines and more visiting Annapolis to learn how we are dealing with resiliency challenges. These visits are not just ceremonial exchanges, they can lead to ongoing dialogue and exchange of ideas.

That's just what happened in November last year. We led a delegation including Maryland's Planning Secretary Rebecca Flora; Tanya Asman, from Anne Arundel County; City Manager Michael Mallinoff and his deputy Jackie Guild, Annapolis City Council members Karma O'Neill, Brooks Schandelmeier, Rob Savidge, and DaJuan Gay, and Department Directors Markus Moore and Burr Vogel, on a study tour the Netherlands to learn about alternative transportation and resilience infrastructure.

It was an eye-opening experience. We came away with new ideas for flood control including a simple piece of Dutch technology in the form of a light but effective barrier we can now deploy on Compromise Street during flood events. It has saved us from having to close the Street - a number of times in the past few months and it only cost \$5,000.

Resilience work rarely comes that cheap and I must acknowledge our grant-writers whose tireless efforts helped us afford the big price tag of the City Dock project, including Compromise Street – work that doesn't directly tap City taxpayers.

I want to recognize OEM's David Mandell, who has written successful FEMA grant proposals that have brought tens of millions for City Dock resilience. David is also a co-authors of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which lays out the dangers that await if we don't solve nuisance flooding in downtown.

The City Dock project embodies all the principles of resilience, partnership, creativity and community that are at the heart of my commitment as Mayor. I'm pleased to report that the site plan for City Dock Park recently won approval from the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions – ensuring that this vital, community-centered infrastructure plan will move forward. Another promise kept.

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When I came into office, I knew money was being left on the table and that is why I wanted a team of grant writers to help us secure those funds. I call them our grant-writing ninjas because they work quietly and with precision. One of our grant writing ninjas is our chief of comprehensive planning, Eric Leshinsky, who has sought and received more than \$11 million in grant funding to help the City reimagine pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Eric has worked to plan and fund trails and paths that will connect communities from Eastport to Quiet Waters; Forest Drive to Truxtun Park; and downtown to job centers at the mall and hospital.

Focusing on infrastructure is a promise kept. It is a goal the City can work toward - even after my term in office is complete. That is why I have included an annual \$4M capital budget appropriation for Connected Communities.

One of the key lessons we learned in the Netherlands is that cycling must be safe for people to take it up in large numbers. In the past year, we have seen people badly injured and even killed when biking and walking around Annapolis. That is unacceptable and demonstrates the need to meet people where they are. Our team will continue to work to provide a safe, walk able and bike able city – a city that values people over cars.

Our transportation revolution doesn't stop there. We are also working to implement new, sustainable mobility options. That is why we pursued and won a \$3M grant from the Department of Transportation to implement the nation's first, fully electric bike to ferry transit across Spa Creek.

Together with new EV charging infrastructure, new electric vehicles in our transportation fleet, and other new micro-mobility options, we are keeping our promise to build a more sustainable and connected community.

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A leader in this work is our Transportation Director Markus Moore. In May, Director Moore's team will roll out on-demand transit. In the year ahead, a new electric circulator bus will come online. This new circulator will no longer be magenta but green - in both color and environmental impact. Director Moore also launched two e-trolleys for Maryland Avenue and Eastport and is seeking grant funds to electrify our transit fleet.

Soon, the City will bring on a full-time bike/ped coordinator and planner to work with Dir. Moore, the community, government partners, and other organizations to help drive our transportation Revolution and ensure it is part of our City's DNA.

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Our commitment to our community is reflected in one of our most important projects: the grant-funded Choice Neighborhood Initiative, or CNI, for Harbor House and Eastport Terrace. These two neighborhoods, managed by the Housing Authority and owned by HUD, are well beyond their service life. Three years ago, the City and Housing Authority jointly applied for a \$400,000 CNI planning grant to re imagine these communities. The goal is to provide safe, affordable housing for current residents, as part of mixed-income housing, so that these neighborhoods aren't cut off from life's necessities, including transportation, child care and recreation, creating islands of poverty.

Over the past two years, the City and HACA have conducted numerous community meetings to develop a plan that will see our largest addition to workforce housing in half a century. In February, HUD approved the plan, leading us one step closer to a \$50 million implementation grant.

This year, we are asking the Council to approve \$1 million in infrastructure dollars to match a proposed \$1 million in Gov. Wes Moore's state budget.

I thank Sen. Sarah Elfreth, Del. Shaneka Henson and Del. Dana Jones for shepherding those funds through the state budget process this legislative session - which ends at midnight tonight. I'm optimistic these dollars can be used to jumpstart the transformation. Our residents deserve nothing less than expediency to get shovels in the ground.

I want to assure everyone that this redevelopment project does NOT involve displacement of current residents. Because we are adding capacity, the order of operations will be: Build. Then relocate. Then demo. It helps that we have a 29 acre site. If you are interested in learning more, please visit EastportCNI.org.

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Water access is another priority. Recently, we received more than half a million in grant funding to restore Hawkin's Cove as an inviting public waterfront space. That work involves shoreline restoration, public water access, replacing and extending the pier to deeper water for fishing and recreation, and a "Connecting Communities" trail between Eastport and Truxtun Park. I want to thank Jackie Guild, Deputy City Manager for Resilience and Sustainability for leading this work.

The Annapolis Harbormaster, DPW, and the Department of Recreation and Parks are also working together to enhance water access throughout the City and identify infrastructure in need of upgrades or repairs.

At Cheston Avenue street-end park, the team completely replaced a timber bulkhead, then installed an aluminum gangway and floating dock.

At Robert Eades Park, Planning and Zoning staff secured \$400,000 in grants for public water access and improvements, including grading work to create a walkable path to the water. They will stabilize the shoreline, install furnishings, lighting, and park signage. When additional grant funding comes in to rework the roadway, we will be able to expand this public park even further. This park is directly across from Morris Blum and near Mary Moss Academy. The new park will be wonderful public water access for residents of all ages.

On Rowe Boulevard, a key access point to the city, we are working with the State, Naval Academy, Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks and community volunteers to create a new Gateway Park. I must again acknowledge our federal delegation for locking down \$850,000 in a congressional earmark for design and construction work at the site including walking paths that lead to the water.

Change is sometimes driven by people, not projects. Director of Planning and Zoning, Chris Jakubiak, has brought a depth of experience in comprehensive planning, zoning, development economics and fiscal policy. Under his

leadership, our Planning and Zoning Department is working to deliver on another important promise by reorganizing and streamlining operations, with an emphasis on efficiency and customer service.

One example is our revamped permitting process where Director Jakubiak worked with his team to identify logjams and bottlenecks. He then appointed a permits administrator and created an expedited approval program. Planning and Zoning now have the ability to process up to five permits in a single day - meaning applicants with relatively small projects effectively get same-day service. They have also reorganized the development plan review process to facilitate more responsive review of projects - big and small.

I am very grateful to Chris and all our Planning and Zoning staff who are embracing these changes to make things better for our residents.

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As I noted earlier, in government, bad stuff comes at you fast while the good things take time and hard work. There is no clearer picture of that than in the case of public safety. Police Chief Ed Jackson, Fire Chief Doug Remaley and OEM Director Kevin Simmons direct our go-to public safety team for when the going gets tough.

It certainly got tough last year with a total of nine homicides, a distressing number by any measurement. This included our second mass shooting in June last year, when three souls were gunned down outside their home in Ward 7. Annapolis Police were on the scene in minutes. They swiftly arrested the gunman and have worked with the FBI, ATF, and States Attorney to collect evidence and help the prosecution prepare for trial.

Through staffing and intensified relationships with partner law enforcement agencies, APD works to keep our community safe. Under Chief Jackson's leadership, APD has achieved notable success in solving cases, with a clearance rate that has exceeded the national rate every year since 2021. In addition, over the past two years, there have been zero excess force complaints and no complaints for any other types of officer misconduct.

Our APD show every day that they are a professional force with the talent and grit to do the work, and they're being noticed for it on a national stage. Late last month, two Annapolis Police, Detective Aaron Stein and Officer Larry DE-LEON-I-BUS, received awards from the ATF for their work in the Michelle Cummings case.

APD works closely with Anne Arundel County's Crisis Intervention Team and has deployed an Annapolis-specific Mobile Crisis team to respond to situations that involve mental health and behavioral health crises instead of using the criminal justice system to punish people who are struggling.

Their community policing model works to lift up residents who haven't been afforded the resources, care and attention that all of us deserve.

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Annapolis Fire continued their record of having no fire fatalities in the past year - just as they have every year for the past 14 years. Chief Remaley reminds all residents that Annapolis firefighters and medical personnel have one important duty: "to protect the residents and visitors of Maryland's capital city."

They continue recruitment efforts to fill vacancies and they have a special focus on previously trained paramedics and lateral firefighters to fill openings, bringing huge cost savings to the City.

Annapolis Fire remains in the top tier of responders nationwide: besting national figures for the first units on scene. I think I can share this tip with Annapolis residents: if you see AFD lights and hear the sirens, get out of their way!

At OEM, Director Kevin Simmons and his team tackle emergencies big and small. They conduct training exercises so that Annapolis personnel are prepared for the unexpected.

After the 2021 tornado, Director Simmons reached out to our state delegation to pass enabling legislation in the General Assembly allowing local States of Emergency. This allowed us to pursue the funding after January's flooding event.

He led that charge when there wasn't an emergency so that we were prepared when one arrived. When January's historic flooding came, OEM coordinated the response. Thank you Director Simmons.

As previously mentioned, OEM is diligent in seeking grant funding and has been successful in locking down resources for flood mitigation, storm water, homeland security initiatives, and substance use disorder. In all, they received more than \$700,000 in grants last year. They're also deploying the \$1.5 million opioid settlement monies secured by the Office of Law. These funds are being used to directly assist residents with substance use disorder.

I am particularly proud of the way all our departments work together when the unexpected "comes at us fast." During the height of January's flooding event, a fire broke out at the Lighthouse Shelter and some of our most vulnerable residents were urgently in need of a place to stay. In spite of the other emergency they were managing, Annapolis Fire and Annapolis OEM responded quickly and worked with Departments of Transportation and Rec & Parks to plan and coordinate a response. Lighthouse residents were bussed to "Pip" Moyer, where beds were quickly set up, food was delivered, and staff stayed overnight to help displaced residents. Interdepartmental cooperation was a great thing to see.

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Our Department of Recreation and Parks, under the leadership of Director Roslyn Johnson, is also working in creative ways to support residents with programs that are relevant and enriching and facilities that are well-maintained and managed.

Throughout the year, they provided 2,000 campers safe, fun places to learn and play outdoors. They worked with community partners to create and maintain trails for walkers, hikers and bikers at Truxtun, Waterworks, the new Gateway park, and more.

They recently applied for - and won - a \$60,000 Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation grant to create Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math or STEAM centers at both Pip Moyer and Stanton Center.

Director Johnson has also partnered with the Resilience Authority to seek

RFPs for shoreline restoration and a master plan for the new Carrs-Elktonia Heritage Park, parts of which were funded through a \$2M earmark from Sen. Ben Cardin. The recent acquisition of the Parlett Moore property, next to Carr's-Elktonia, provides us with an exciting opportunity to honor Black History, create new public water access for residents, and bring back "The Beach."

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As I wrap up, I want to acknowledge that we have amazing City staff who go above and beyond for our residents. City of Annapolis employees - I thank each and every one of you for what you do for this community each and every day.

Across the City, in all departments, our grant-writing ninjas may work quietly behind the scenes, but they make a big difference.

In the past few years, they have brought in more than \$42 million in grant funding from the federal government, state government and foundations. But... they aren't done yet, with \$40 million in the pipeline for a total of more than \$82 million to fund projects and activities. That is an outstanding achievement.

I've spoken at length tonight but there are many things I haven't touched on: our community grants programs and outreach; our harm reduction programs; our celebrations of culture and diversity; our professional support teams who work behind the scenes to make it all happen.

It is because of them that I can proudly say tonight: the state of the City of Annapolis is strong. Our city is achieving all the goals we have set: resilience; sustainability; greener transportation and infrastructure; better housing; greater representation and diversity; more effective and efficient services.

Our team will continue working hard to deliver on the promises we've made.

I thank this council for their work to review and approve the City budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Now let's enjoy some moments from the past year.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting

April 15, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting

April 17, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee - Budget Hearings

April 15, 2024 through April 18, 2024 from 9:30 am - 1:15pm

Finance Committee - Budget Hearings

April 22, 2024 through April 25, 2024 from 9:30 am - 1:15pm

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Mary Ann Marbury, 134 Market Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Tara Stout, 1174 Bay Highland Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Kenneth Williams, 1010 Tyler Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
C. Christopher Ledoux, 215 Seven Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Journal Proceedings

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Alderman Savidge to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

[CCM 3.11.24](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

[CCM 3.26.24](#) Special Meeting Minutes

End of Consent Calendar

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-33-23](#)

Expiration of Special Exceptions to City Zoning Requirements -

For the purpose of making the deadline for builders to utilize their special exception to City zoning requirements from one year to two years; making the issuance of a grading or building permit as the point when the special exception is "established"; adds requirements on when special exceptions expire; and generally related to the expiration of special exceptions.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-33-23 closed

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Charter Amendment

[CA-1-24](#)

Department of Central Services - For the purpose of reconstituting the Department of Central Services in the City Charter; moving public purchasing

duties from the Finance Department to the Department of Central Services, and moving facilities management, fleet operations, and fleet replacement duties from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Central Services; and generally related to Department of Central Services responsibilities.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt CA-1-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred CA-1-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Ordinances

[O-7-24](#)

Annual Budget and Appropriation and Property Tax Levy - For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-7-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-7-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-7-24 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-7-24 to the Planning Commission.

[O-8-24](#)

Department of Central Services - For the purpose of reconstituting the Department of Central Services in the City Charter; moving public purchasing duties from the Finance Department to the Department of Central Services, and moving facilities management, fleet operations, and fleet replacement duties from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Central Services; and generally related to Department of Central Services responsibilities.

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-8-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderwoman Tierney - Cosponsor Added.

Resolutions

[R-12-24](#)

Designating an Honorary Street Name to Commemorate Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity - To commemorate Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and its work in the City of Annapolis by the honorary designation of Franklin Street from Church Circle to Cathedral Street as "Alpha Phi Alpha Way."

Sponsors: Finlayson, Tierney, Arnett and Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-12-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-12-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[R-15-24](#)

FY 2025 Annual Fees Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2025; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-15-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-15-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-15-24 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[R-16-24](#)

FY 2025 Annual Fines Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2025 and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-16-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-16-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-16-24 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[R-17-24](#)

FY 2025 Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2025 annual position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-17-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-17-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-17-24 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

[O-32-23](#)

Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations - For the purpose of clarifying and limiting local eligibility requirements for a short-term rental operator's license; providing definitions; making technical corrections; and generally relating to a rental operator's license.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett, O'Neill and Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-32-23 on second reader. Seconded.

City Manager Mallinoff was present and answered questions from the council.

City Manager Mallinoff was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to amend O-32-23 as follows:

Amendment #1: AMENDED

On page 7, at the end of line 12, insert a new paragraph and subsection "d." Any property that has had three verified nuisance violations as determined by the Director of Planning and Zoning or the Annapolis Police Department (APD) shall be denied a license or may have it revoked. The owner or their property manager must have been notified of each nuisance complaint." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to amend O-32-23 as follows:

Amendment #2:

On page 7, in line 17 insert subsection "3." and "Fines. In addition to possible revocation or denial of the short-term rental license authorized in Section 17.44.030, failure to abide by this Section, §17.44.090, shall result in fines as set by annual resolution of the City Council." . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-32-23 as follows:

Amendment #3:

On page 7, in line 26, insert the following:

"F. Annual Report Required.

1. The Department of Planning and Zoning director shall provide the City Council with an annual report on short-term rentals in the City of Annapolis and the impact of short-term rentals on the City and its neighborhoods.

2. The report shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. A map containing the location of short-term rental property in the City;
- b. Statistics on the number of short-term rentals, including new rental permits over the past year, increases or decreases;
- c. Analysis of the impact short-term rentals are having on the City;
- d. Recommendations on any City Code changes regarding short-term rentals; and
- e. Other information the Director deems appropriate to help the City Council set policy on short-term rentals." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderdwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-32-23 as follows:

Amendment #4:

1) On page 4, strike lines 31 through 33 and in line 31 insert: "

i. No short-term rental operator's license shall be approved or issued unless it is in accordance with the rules of any applicable condominium, homeowners, community or other similar association having authority over the use of the premises.

ii If consent is required by such rules, it shall be provided to the Director in the manner required by the bylaws of such association. " -- Requires proof that an association has approved of the STR if such a condition is required

2) On page 5, line 15, after "1." insert "A licensee must be a resident of the City or be a property manager that meets the standards in Subsection 17.44.090(D) of this chapter" And renumber accordingly. -- This clarifies that a short term rental licensee and property manger have to be local.

3) On page 5, line 15, after "A licensee shall be allowed one short-term license." insert ", which shall apply to only one dwelling unit". -- This is to prevent a loophole where someone owning multiple buildings on a property could rent all of them as STRs with one license.

4) On page 5, after "dwelling unit", insert a new paragraph, "A licensee shall not post any signage on the property indicating its use or availability as a short-term rental, unless otherwise approved by the Director." And renumber accordingly -- This is to make it clear that we don't want signage in our neighborhoods advertising STRs, unless following relevant sign regs and approved by the City.

5) On page 6, in line 12, strike "commercial" and replace with "principal". -- changes requirements for property managers.

6) On page 7, in line 10, after "revocation", insert ", as determined by the Director," -- The intension here is to make it clear this is something an appointed official (or designee) will need to determine.

7) On page 7, in line 14, after "Any", insert "material". -- This is an attempt to better define adverse effect.

- 8) On page 7, in line 19, after “safety” insert “, as determined by the City Manager or their designee,”. -- Lets the City Manager decide who enforces these provisions
- 9) On page 7, in line 17, remove “or indirectly” -- The original may be too vague.
- 10) On page 7, in line 19, remove “and inaccuracies” and insert “or” before “false” and remove the comma.
- 11) On page 8, in line 8, remove “knowingly”. -- This seems like it could lead to issues.
- 12) On page 8, in line 9, delete “local”. -- The original text doesn't seem necessary to specify local as it would be implied.
- 13) On page 8, in line 7 after "6.", insert the following new paragraph “ ‘Neighborhood’ means, the purposes of this chapter, an area within one block or a group of residences within 500 feet of each other, whichever is less.” And renumber following paragraphs accordingly. -- This is an attempt at defining 'neighborhood'.
- 14) On page 8, in line 11, delete “Diminishes the value of neighboring property”. -- This is really hard to define and I think best if removed.
- 15) On page 8, in lines 12-13, delete “or obstructs the reasonable use of other property in the neighborhood”. -- This doesn't seem necessary and is vague.
- 16) On page 8, in line 18, strike “90” and insert “180”. -- Responds to concern that 90-days is not a long enough period)
- 17) On page 9, in line 6, after “property”, insert “in the City”. -- This change makes it clear that we are only limiting ownership of STRs within the City and not outside the City.
- 18) On page 9, delete lines 9-12 and replace with the following: “Short-term rental’ means a residential dwelling unit or accessory building that is rented to transient guests for compensation for a period of no more than 90 consecutive days for any single tenant. A short-term rental provider shall not combine time limits for short-term rentals.”
- 19) On page 1, in line 40, before "Provided" insert in bold "License types. "; and in line 42, before "A" insert in bold "Standard Rental License. "; on page 2, in line 12, before "A " insert in bold "Bed and Breakfast (B&B) License. "; in line 17, before "A " insert in bold " Hotel, Motel, Inn License. "; in line 22, before "A " insert in bold " Short-term Rental License. "; in line 24 , after "B. " insert in bold "Fees. ". -- This adds subtitles in Section 17.44.030. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-32-23 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-32-23 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderwoman Tierney

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

**Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk**