

# City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401

# **Special Meeting Minutes City Council**

Monday, September 23, 2024 7:00 PM Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.

City Council Chambers

# **Special Meeting**

# Call To Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

#### **Roll Call**

# Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Schandelmeier.

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles,

Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman

Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

# Approval of Agenda

Alderman Gay moved to approve the agenda as AMENDED to Remove:

AP-40-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Kevin Scott - Historic Preservation Commission

AP-24-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Helen Leitch - Human Relations Commission

R-38-24 Condemnation and Possession of Real Property at 245 West Street on second reader; and to POSTPONE the Re-Appointments:

AP-25-24 Re-Appointment of Craig Coates to the Housing Authority

AP-26-24 Re-Appointment of Andre Atkins to the Housing Authority

AP-27-24 Re-Appointment of Kimberlee Cornett to the Housing Authority

AP-28-24 Re-Appointment of Jackie Wells to the Housing Authority

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Until the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

# **Citations & Proclamations**

<u>ID-81-24</u> James ("Jimmy") Silwick

**Attachments:** Citation - Jimmy Silwick

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

**ID-147-24** Hispanic Heritage Month

Attachments: Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month 2024

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

**ID-150-24** Kiwone Moore (aka "Mr. Fix-a-Flat")

Attachments: Citation - Kiwone Moore

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

# **PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

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# **Update from Mayor**

#### Good evening.

I want to thank Public Works and OEM staff for their work over the weekend to control - as best we can - the impacts of flooding on City Dock, Compromise Street and areas of Eastport.

We've had a lot of flooding this year, and we are on track to have more high water days than any other year in this city's recorded history.

This weekend's flooding posed additional challenges because it was a beautiful, first-weekend-of-fall with sunny skies, moderate temperatures and... nearly 4 feet of flooding in low-lying areas.

On City Dock, that means most of Dock Street was inundated. When that happens, businesses lose revenue, the City loses parking, and overall it is a disappointment to residents and visitors who want to spend their time and money in downtown, only to find out they can't due to high water.

This is why, for the past five years, we have been working on the City Dock resiliency plan and we are now close to being able to put shovels in the ground. Throughout this process, we have worked to hear all sides and to make changes to the plans to please the greatest number of people possible. We have stayed true to the ideas and vision laid out in the 2020 City Dock 'Consensus' Plan which outlined all the elements - a raised community park with a fountain and stage; and a new visitor's center and headquarters for the Harbormaster.

Along the way we have worked to accommodate important stakeholders like the Boat Show and Watermarks cruises, whose livelihoods depend on a vibrant and accessible City Dock. We have listened to heritage stakeholders by redesigning and reducing the size of the Waterfront Welcome Center to ensure it complements the Burtis House and is consistent with historical architecture at City Dock. We have worked closely with the Naval Academy to ensure our planning ties in with theirs for continuous flood protection to keep downtown protected from rising seas for the next 70 years.

We have held dozens and dozens of community meetings and captured feedback from all over Annapolis about the things residents want to see at our new City Dock and built these in - accessible parking; shade; programmable, family-friendly spaces and recognition for all cultures and stories that played a role in the history of the Dock and of our city.

I thank everyone who has contributed and supported the project and helped us bring to life the vision first outlined in 2020. I particularly want to thank the City Council for their vision and leadership and thoughtful oversight.

In a project as significant and complex as this, differing views are inevitable - especially as planning moves from broad concepts to concrete details.

It has become clear to me in the past few weeks that a lot of the comments and questions we continue to hear are based on fundamental misunderstandings about project planning and government processes.

It is important to note that City officials must be forthright and honest when developing and reviewing budgets, submitting for bonds, planning jointly with the Resilience Authority or Naval Academy, and when going before review committees at FEMA.

I encourage all residents to visit accessannapolis.com to get the facts on all aspects of the project because we cannot afford to repeat the mistakes of the past. We cannot afford – yet again – to argue ourselves into paralysis and inaction. Too much is at stake in what is now our biggest, ongoing, and steadily intensifying public safety emergency.

We are now close to final approvals for the park and flood protection. I look forward to the day when we can withstand these sunny day flooding challenges and have businesses fully functioning with no water lapping at their doors.

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Speaking of the Naval Academy, they'll be celebrating their 189th birthday in October alongside the US Navy's 249th birthday. The Naval Academy is a big part of what makes Annapolis so special so please join me in wishing them a Happy Birthday and Go Navy!

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Tomorrow, the City's No Harm and NAM teams will be presenting, "Black Mental Health Matters Too, prioritizing mental wellness in the Black Community." In honor of National Suicide Prevention Month, we are working with "Black People Die by Suicide Too" and "We Fight" Foundation to prioritize mental wellness. Tuesday's event is at the Robinwood Recreation Center from 5 to 7 p.m. with dinner, giveaways and community resources. It's free! Come out - you never know when you might need access to resources to help a loved one and even save a life.

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We've had a few international delegations stop by City Hall in the last couple of weeks: Sweden, New South Wales, Australia, and the Netherlands. We are an attractive destination for diplomats because we are close to DC and have a number of resilience and transportation initiatives of interest. We welcome both the visits and the word-of-mouth they elicit along Embassy Row. These are great learning opportunities for all participants.

We're happy to have these delegations come and support local businesses while they're here.

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It's Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and Annapolis is celebrating with flags on Main Street, the Day of the Dead Festival at the end of October at Maryland Hall and the Rec and Parks Heritage Festival at Pip Moyer this weekend from noon to 4 p.m. It's free with food and fun for the whole family!

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On Sunday, the Kenneth R. Dunn Pool at Truxtun Park will have the final event of the swim season with "Doggy Dive In," an opportunity to bring your pup for a swim at the pool before it closes. You'll need to register your dog online for this event under the aquatics tab on the city website, that's www.annapolis.gov. Your pets must be registered for the event, licensed, and show proof of current vaccination history. It's \$10 per dog and the only approved stroke is, of course, the doggy paddle.

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A great way to get ready for fall is to clean out those basements, closets and garages and buy a table at the Community Rummage Sale in the Pip Moyer Rec Center parking lot. It's Oct. 19 and details are available on the City website. Let your preloved merch be someone's new treasure!

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Last up, another reminder for Annapolis boat shows - Oct. 3-6 for the powerboat show and Oct. 10-14 for the sailboat show. Parking is available at Navy Stadium with a free shuttle or any of the City garages and use the free magenta shuttle. This year we are asking ride share and taxi riders to set their destination to No. 7 St. Mary's Street for easiest ingress and egress and we are working with Uber and Lyft to inform their drivers.

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Thank you and let's get on with the meeting!

# **Reports by Committees**

Standing Committee Dates thru 10.14.24:
Finance Committee Regular Meeting
October 2, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting
October 7, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Transportation Committee Regular Meetings
October 9, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Environmental Matters Committee Regular Meeting

# **Comments by the General Public**

**Speakers - Comments from the General Public:** 

October 10, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Phil Reynolds, 4 Westwick Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Liz Barrett, 607 Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Kemp Hammond, 18 South Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Stanford Womack, Sr., 21 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Chase Watkins, 1872 Bowman Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Levi Wooster, 26 Williams Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Erik Evans, 38 City Gate Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Don Lamb Minor, 107 North West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor declared comments from the general public closed.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

# **Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000**

SA-6-25 Grant - Transportation - Maryland Department of Transportation

Attachments: SA-6-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-6-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-7-25 Grant - Transportation - Maryland Department of Transportation

Attachments: SA-7-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-7-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

# Appointments/Re-Appointments

AP-12-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Joseph Semo - Police & Fire Retirement

Commission

Attachments: AP-12-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-12-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-13-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Scott Anderson - Port Wardens

Attachments: AP-13-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-13-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-14-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Bill O'Leary - Environmental Commission

Attachments: AP-14-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve.AP-14-24 Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-15-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Paul Murphy - Environmental Commission

**Attachments:** AP-15-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-15-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-17-24 Appointment - Ms. Sally Albright - Annapolis Conservancy Board

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>AP-17-24 (2)</u>

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-17-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-19-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Tara Ashmore - Transportation Board

Attachments: AP-19-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-19-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-21-24 Appointment - Mr. Forest Landa - Transportation Board

Attachments: AP-21-24 (2)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-21-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-23-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. India Ochs - Education Commission

Attachments: AP-23-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-23-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-25-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Craig Coates - Housing Authority

Attachments: AP-25-24

Alderman Gay moved to postpone AP-25-24 until the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2024. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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AP-26-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Andre Atkins - Housing Authority

Attachments: AP-26-24

Alderman Gay moved to postpone AP-26-24 until the Regular Meeting of October 14,

2024.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-27-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Kimberlee Cornett - Housing Authority

Attachments: AP-27-24

Alderman Gay moved to postpone AP-27-24 until the Regular Meeting of October 14,

2024.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-28-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Jackie Wells - Housing Authority

Attachments: AP-28-24

Alderman Gay moved to postpone AP-28-24 until the Regular Meeting of October 14,

2024.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-29-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Grace Matthews - Education Commission

Attachments: AP-29-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-29-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-34-24 Re-Appointment - Ms. Rosemary Katchmar - Human Relations

Commission

Attachments: AP-34-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-34-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-39-24 Re-Appointment - Mr. Wilford Scott - Historic Preservation Commission

Attachments: AP-39-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-39-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-48-24 Appointment - Mr. Cecil Cummins - Historic Preservation Commission

Attachments: AP-48-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-48-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-49-24 Appointment - Mr. Eric Groft - Historic Preservation Commission

Attachments: AP-49-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-40-24 Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-50-24 Appointment - Mr. Fortney Stark - Education Commission

Attachments: AP-50-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-50-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

AP-51-24 Appointment - Ms. Mary Bannon - Historic Preservation Commission

Attachments: AP-51-24

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve AP-51-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

#### **End of Consent Calendar**

# **BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS**

# **Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & Above**

SA-3-25 Capital - Public Works - Miscellaneous Revenue

Attachments: SA-3-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-3-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-4-25 Grant - Transportation - Maryland Department of Transportation

Attachments: SA-4-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-4-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-5-25 Grant - Transportation - Maryland Department of Transportation

Attachments: SA-5-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-5-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-8-25 Arts in Public Places Commission (AIPPC) - Contractual Services - AIPPC

**Fund Balance** 

Attachments: SA-8-25

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-8-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-9-25 Grant - Mayor's Office - Department of Energy

Attachments: SA-9-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve.SA-9-25 Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

#### **Fund Transfers**

FT-2-25 Capital - Department of Public Works - Capital Reserve/Federal Grant

Revenue

Attachments: FT-2-25

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve.FT-2-25 Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

# **Ordinances**

O-13-24 Planning and Zoning - Expanding Daycare Act - For the purpose of

expanding the number of zoning districts where daycare centers are

permitted; and generally relate to City of Annapolis zoning.

**Sponsors:** Schandelmeier and Tierney

Attachments: O-13-24 First Reader

O-13-24 Legislative Summary

O-13-24 Staff Report

O-13-24 Fiscal Impact Note

O-13-24 Staff Report to Planning Commission

O-13-24 Planning & Zoning Dept. Attachments

O-13-24 Planning Commission Findings

O-13-24 Capital Gazette Advertisement

O-13-24 Capital Gazette Affidavit

#### Speaker:

Erin Hanson, 53 Gentry Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Findings and Recommendation from the Planning Commission dated July 14, 2024 regarding O-13-24.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-13-24 closed.

Alderwoman O"Neill - Cosponsor Added.

O-16-24 Special Residential Parking Districts - Permit Renewals - For the purpose

of changing when Special Residential Parking District permits need to be

renewed; and generally related to parking district fee criteria.

Sponsors: O'Neill

Attachments: O-16-24 First Reader

O-16-24 Legislative Summary

O-16-24 Staff Report

O-16-24 Fiscal Impact Note

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-16-24 closed.

O-17-24 Elections - Definitions - For the purpose of updating the definitions in Title

4, Elections.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: O-17-24 First Reader

O-17-24 Legislative Summary

O-17-24 Fiscal Impact Note

O-17-24 Staff Report

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-17-24 closed.

O-18-24 Elections - Mail-in Voting - For the purpose of replacing the entire

Annapolis City Code chapter on absentee voting with state-required mail-in voting standards set in the Election Law Article of the Maryland

Code; and generally related to mail-in voting.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: O-18-24 First Reader

O-18-24 Legislative Summary

O-18-24 Fiscal Impact Note

O-18-24 Staff Report

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-18-24 closed.

O-19-24 Elections - Ballot Questions - For the purpose of updating the procedures

for ballot questions that may be requested for the 2025 election and

beyond.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: O-19-24 First Reader

O-19-24 Legislative Summary
O-19-24 Fiscal Impact Note
O-19-24 Staff Report

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-19-24 closed.

O-20-24 Elections - Surplus Funds and Reporting Deadlines - For the purpose of

updating candidate reporting deadline requirements and penalties for municipal elections; moving fees from the City Code to the annual Fees Schedule; and generally related to failure to file required campaign and

election reports.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

Attachments: O-20-24 First Reader

O-20-24 Legislative Summary
O-20-24 Fiscal Impact Note
O-20-24 Staff Report

O-21-24 Taxicab Driver License Criteria - For the purpose of updating the criteria

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-20-24 closed.

for a City taxicab driver license; requiring a Class C driver's license from the State instead of a Class D license; requiring a driver-for-hire tag from the State; limiting the size of a taxicab vehicle; and generally dealing with

taxicab driver qualifications.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

Attachments: O-21-24 First Reader

O-21-24 Legislative Summary

O-21-24 Staff Report

O-21-24 Fiscal Impact Note

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-21-24 closed.

O-25-24 Special Residential Parking Districts - Technical Corrections - For the

purpose of making technical corrections to parking rules on King George Street and St. John Street, Special Residential Parking District Numbers 2, 3, and 4; removing Calvert Street and St. John's Street from parking District 4; removing North Acton Place and South Acton Place from District 3 and placing those streets in District 2; placing a portion of Shaw Street in District 2; and generally related to City of Annapolis parking.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

Attachments: O-25-24 First Reader

O-25-24 Legislative Summary

O-25-24 Staff Report

O-25-24 Fiscal Impact Note

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-25-24 closed.

O-26-24 City of Annapolis Purchasing and Procurement - For the purpose of

updating the procurement chapter of the City Code; increasing micro purchase and small procurement limits; clarifying language; copyediting and format changes; and generally dealing with Title 6 purchasing and

procurement rules.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: O-26-24 First Reader

O-26-24 Legislative Summary

O-26-24 Staff Report

O-26-24 Fiscal Impact Note

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-26-24 closed.

# LEGISLATIVE ACTION

#### SECOND READERS

**Ordinances** 

O-15-24

**Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes - For** the purpose of authorizing and empowering the City of Annapolis (the "City") to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, (i) one or more series of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$44,079,109 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended (the "Charter"), (ii) one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the "Notes"), pursuant to Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended and the Charter and (iii) one or more series of its general obligation bonds to refund specified bonds previously issued by the City in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the principal amount of bonds to be refunded (the "Refunding Bonds"), pursuant to Section 19-207 and Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter; providing that the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold for the public purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital projects of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

Attachments: O-15-24 First Reader

O-15- 24 Legislative Summary

O-15-24 Fiscal Impact Note & Staff Report

O-15-24 FY25 Bond Ordinance Exhibit I - original

O-15-24 FY25 Bond Ordinance Exhibit I - UPDATED August 13

O-15-24 FY25 Bond Ordinance Exhibit II

O-15-24 Amendment 1 - Buckley

O-15-24 Financial Advisory Commission (FAC) Report

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-15-24 on second reader. Seconded.

Mayor Buckley moved to amend O-15-24 as follows: Strike "\$44,079,109" throughout O-15-24 and replace it with "\$44,219,970", including the following instances:

- 1. Page 1, line 5, after "not to exceed";
- 2. Page 2, line 3, after "not to exceed"; and
- 3. Page 4, line 10, after "not to exceed". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-15-24 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-15-24 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

#### Resolutions

**R-42-24** Establishment of Salaries Review Commission - For the purpose of

establishing a Salaries Review Commission to make recommendations to the City Council on the pay and compensation for the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager to be effective for the four years beginning December 1, 2025; and matters generally relating to said pay and compensation.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: R-42-24 First Reader

R-42-24 Fiscal Impact Note

R-42-24 Staff Report

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-42-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Alderwoman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor Added.

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor Added.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC City Clerk

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