



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, January 14, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Finlayson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Henson.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

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

Ceremonial Items

Swearing in - Fire Department

Fire Chief Stokes, Deputy Chiefs Simmons and Remaley were present.

Pursuant to Article IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, Sec. 1 - Oath of Office, which states:

"Each officer before entering upon the duties of the respective office, shall take and subscribe before the mayor."

Mayor Buckley administered the Oath of Office to the firefighter present.

The firefighter present signed the City of Annapolis Official Oath Book.

City Council Citation - Jeremy and Heather Black, Federal House - Thanksgiving Meals - Feed Annapolis

Presented.

City Council Citation - Truxton Heights Association

Presented.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee dates Thru - 1/28/19:

B. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Tom Rekus, 163 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the Ward One Residents Association Board of Directors.

Chris Buchheister, 5 Wagner Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Peter Holden, 409 Third Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Valery Catucci, 980 Awald Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Doug Smith, 5 Revell Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Paul Murphy, 105 North West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckely declaired comments from the general public closed.

C. Update from the Mayor

Mayor's Report: 14 January 2019

Happy New Year to Everyone.

How beautiful the City was as it snowed over the weekend and how pretty it is snow covered now. Thank you Department of Public Works for keeping the streets open.

We start another year as the City of Annapolis City Council and can look forward to opportunities and solutions.

- **We are starting a new relationship with the County Executive and County Council following the November elections.**

- **We hosted a successful reception with MML to greet new and returning legislators to Annapolis. We look forward to strong relationships with the State Legislative leadership, and newly elected State Senators and Delegates. And we look forward to working with the Governor and his staff.**

- **The Naval Academy has appointed a new Commandant and sadly, Annapolis friend Admiral Ted Carter will be leaving in the next 6 months. With new leadership we will have a fresh start to continue to cement that tie.**

- **We will continue the relationship with St John's College hopefully with "town and gown" events.**

As a Council, we are now all experienced Members. Those of us who were elected in 2017 are now able to take on new ideas and directions confidently.

- **We took time to talk to each other in our retreat so that we can start this year working together to solve problems the residents want us to solve.**

- The ULI produced a plan that proves that we are all on the same page. We have teamed up with Historic Annapolis to work on a beautiful City Dock redesign and are committed to getting something done.
- We are on track to have an excellent environmental record.
- We plan to be a leader in resilience by building and financing the necessary infrastructure.
- Economic development requires us to think broader and think in terms of the future needs of our historic city and technology available to meet those needs.
- We will complete paths to get Annapolis moving by biking, walking or running. (maybe not down Main Street)
- We all now talk about “One Annapolis” and we are all committed to everyday trying to take steps forward to get there. We will expand the tent to include all of the diversity of Annapolis.
- Even though the election said “no” to development, we understand the need for workforce housing. We will address housing needs for everyone.

This is my brief but enthusiastic look at the New Year. We have a big agenda, but I would say to my fellow Councilors, we are up to this task.

D. Presentation on the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Superintendents Recommendations to the FY2020 Budget, 2019 Legislative Program and the 2009-2010 Comparison with 2018-2019 - Ald. Finlayson

Presented.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM121018](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Appointments

[AP-47-18](#) The Re-Appointment of Kurt Riegel to the Severn River Commission

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[AP-48-18](#) The Re-Appointment of Jim Burdick to the Severn River Commission

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[AP-50-18](#) The Appointment of Diane Butler to the Planning Commission

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[AP-51-18](#) The Appointment of Vincent Moulden to the Ethics Commission

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Business and Miscellaneous

[ID-323-18](#) **Reconsideration** - 2019 City Council Meeting for November

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-37-19](#) AFD - Revenue: County Operating Grant Expenditure: Supplies Grant Expense

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[SA-38-19](#) Department of Public Works Revenue: Downtown Annapolis Partnership
\$20,000 : Other Grant Expense

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

CA-2-18

Aldermanic Titles - Charter Updates - For the purpose of including gender specific designations for certain members of the City Council in the Annapolis City Charter.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Pindell Charles and Tierney

Speaker:

Earl Sherrod, 1413 West Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

O-47-18

Special Events - For the purpose of amending the definition of “City Sponsored Event.”

Sponsors: Henson and Tierney

No one from the general public spoke.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

Legislative Action

First Readers

O-44-18

Moderately Priced Dwelling Units - Density Bonus - For the purpose of removing height as a density bonus requirement pertaining to developing Moderately Priced Dwelling Units; and permitting a public meeting component as part of the density bonus approval process.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge requested his name be added as a co-sponsor of O-44-18.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Second Readers

O-34-18

Demolition by Neglect - For the purpose of revising the definition of

“demolition by neglect” set forth in Chapter 21.56; revising the procedures for investigating a property that may meet the definition of “demolition by neglect”; providing for a review process by the Historic Preservation Commission and a public hearing requirement; providing for an appeal process; and matters generally relating to demolition by neglect.

Sponsors: Tierney, Pindell Charles and Rodriguez

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend as follows:

Amendment No. 1:

Page 5, line 14 after "interior" insert “, if reasonably necessary to complete the investigation,”

Amendment No. 2:

Page 5, line 26 after “dates.” insert “The Director shall seek to obtain consent for entry from the owner or owner’s authorized agent. In the event consent is not obtained, the Director may serve a municipal infraction citation on the owner or the owner’s authorized agent, or seek an administrative warrant, or seek other relief as authorized by Section 1.20.070 of the City Code.

Amendment No. 3:

Page 5, line 32 after “other” insert “unreasonable”

Page 6, line 14, insert “F. If the Commission determines as a result of a public hearing that the owner's property meets the definition demolition by neglect, the Commission shall pass an order of abatement. The Commission's ordershallset forth findings of fact which support the determination, the terms for abatement, and a deadline to complete the abatement. The Director of Planning and Zoning, in consultation with the Chief of Historic Preservation, shall thereafter enforce the Commission's order in accordance with his/her powers as authorized by this Zoning Code.”

Page 6, line 15 strike “F” substitute with “G”. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-34-18 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-34-18 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[O-43-18](#)

Supplemental Allocations - For the purpose of authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds in the annual operating budget under certain circumstances.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-43-18 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-43-18 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

R-46-18

Application of the City of Annapolis Stormwater Regulations - For the purpose of expressing the desire of the City Council that the City apply more than the minimum stated in our stormwater code in accordance with this resolution.

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge, Rodriguez, Henson, Tierney and Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-46-18 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles requested her name be added as a co-sponsor of R-46-18.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-46-18 as follows: . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend as follows:

AMENDMENT #1:

BE IT RESOVLED THAT THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL expresses its desire that City Code 17.10.080.A.3 be utilized, as written, to require all redevelopment and new development applications TO MEET MORE THAN THE MINIMUM CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING USING A REDUCTION OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AND/OR STORMWATER PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION FOR AT LEAST 75% OF THE SITE FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND 125% FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR TO MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICEABLE. ,exempting those involving at maximum one single family dwelling, to treat more than the minimum Stormwater, to allow us to better meet our TMDL mandate and improve our water quality, utilizing at least 100% for redevelopment and 150% for new development, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL desires that this standard be applied to projects that have already submitted development applications to the City that do not have approved Stormwater management plans HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A GRADING PERMIT APPLICATION as of the effective date of this resolution. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-46-18 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

R-49-18

Forest Conservation - No Net Loss - Fees - For the purpose of amending the Fees Schedule - FY 2019 pertaining to payments instead of afforestation and reforestation.

Sponsors: Finlayson

Alderman Finlayson moved to withdraw R-49-18 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-50-18

City of Annapolis Police and Fire Retirement Plan - 2018

Amendment and Restatement - For the purpose of amending and restating the Police and Fire Retirement Plan; and matters generally relating to the Plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

Stephen M. Silvestri, 2800 Quarry Lake Dr Ste 200, Baltimore, Maryland 21209 representing Jackson Lewis P.C was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-50-18 on second reader. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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