



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, January 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 7:01 pm.

Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Ceremonial Items

[ID-21-24](#)

Citation: Department of Public Works Employees

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Happy New Year everyone!

We have a busy week in Annapolis. First, I would like to inform our residents and businesses that we are expecting extreme flooding and strong winds over the

next couple of days with the possibility of widespread power outages and road closures.

I thank our team at the Office of Emergency Management for tracking the storm; I thank DPW for sandbag operations on Dock Street that will continue tomorrow (Tuesday) from 7 a.m. to noon and to Police and Fire as well as the harbormaster's crew for the work they will be tasked to do in the coming hours as the storm system moves through.

We are expecting Dock Street and Compromise Streets to have extended closures from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon with nearly 5 feet of high water expected. As a reminder, downtown road closures are typical in flood events around 3 feet of high water.

One bright spot could be - if the truck arrives in time - one of the technologies that was introduced to our team on the Netherlands trip: a fairly inexpensive boom deployment we acquired from a Dutch company that DPW will utilize on the Compromise Street side.

Due to the volume of water we are expecting to push up from the Chesapeake

Bay, we may still have road closures and flooding, but this device may limit the duration and, at the very least, we will get to test it out. I thank Director Vogel and his team for their efforts to quickly get that in place.

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Next up, I want to give a warm welcome to members of the Maryland General Assembly, their staff, advocates, and constituents from around the state who will be coming to Maryland's Capital City on Wednesday for the start of the 90 day legislative session.

I thank our State Senator Sarah Elfreth and delegates Shaneka Henson and Dana

Jones for the work they will do on behalf of the residents of the City of Annapolis.

As a reminder, the City will host, with the Maryland Municipal League, our sponsors, and municipalities from around the state, an opening day reception at

Gov. Calvert House to welcome the 445th Maryland Legislative Session.

The City takes on a high profile during this time. Local businesses get a boost during what is otherwise a quiet time of year. We took special note of that impact

during the pandemic and virtual legislative sessions over the past few years. On behalf of the Council, I'd like to greet all who are coming back - or

coming for
the first time: Welcome to Annapolis!

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Today, we took a moment to celebrate the life of Kevin Scott, who was a longtime City staff member in the Office of Planning and Zoning who passed away in 2023.

A tree was dedicated in his memory and as a symbol of gratitude for his valuable contributions to this City. The tree and plaque are on Gorman Street, right outside

of the new Hillman Garage. I am sure that for many years to come the tree will

grow and provide shade and beauty in that location.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Kevin's family, friends, and co-workers,

and express our appreciation for his dedicated many years of service to the residents of this City he loved so much. He is greatly missed.

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Thank you to all residents who completed the recent National Community Survey.

Results of the survey were tabulated and presented just before the holiday break.

I'm pleased to report that a strong majority of our residents perceive their home

City as either an "excellent" or "good" place to live.

Of course, we have work to do to make improvements. I can see from the survey

results that folks are concerned about public safety, parking, and housing Affordability.

The survey's benchmarking of Annapolis against comparably-sized municipalities

across America shows us that we are not alone in seeking solutions to these issues.

The City Council will be using the survey data to help us prioritize as we move into

this 2025 budget season.

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Coming up on Sunday, Jan. 14, the group Save Our Trees will be back at Truxtun

Park cutting invasive English Ivy. You can join by showing up at 9:30 a.m. at the

Truxtun skate park with gloves and gardening implements. It's free and there is a

lot of camaraderie among the participants!

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On Thursday, January 11, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee will recognize outstanding community members who have been actively contributing to the betterment of their communities and upholding the legacy of Dr. King. We are proud to announce that a number of the nominees are from Annapolis and a few either work for the City - or have worked for the City in the past.

- Recreation and Parks Director Roslyn Johnson is one of the distinguished honorees. Director Johnson is recognized for her work on ambitious capital

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improvements at the Stanton Center as well as planning for Carr's and Elktonia beach;

- Former City Council member Jared Littman is being awarded the We Share the Dream award;
- Former Annapolis City Police officer James Spearman will receive the Peacemaker Award;
- Former Mayor's Office staffer Erica Griswald will receive the Drum Major Award;
- Two Naval Academy students, who are being awarded for service to the Annapolis community, include Midshipman First Class Max Bueno and Midshipman First Class Kaylah Gillums;
- And, Ralph Thomas, who can be seen at the annual Kunta Kinte heritage festival registering voters - who is taking home a Drum Major Award.

I congratulate all of the nominees for their service to community and the residents of the City of Annapolis.

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As I mentioned earlier, City of Annapolis offices will be closed in observance of the Dr. King holiday on Monday, January 15. This day is also known as a "Day of Service" and I hope that you and your family can take time to volunteer to make our community even better.

Thank you and let's get on with tonight's meeting.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules & City Government Committee Regular Meeting
January 9, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Transportation Committee Regular Meetings
January 10, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Environmental Matters Committee Regular Meeting
January 12, 2024, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting
January 17, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting
January 17, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[ID-2-24](#)

Report by the Task Force to Study The City Municipal Election Laws
This Informational Item was received by the council.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

- Susan Wheatley, 159 Monticello Ave, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- John Hammond, 141 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- Edilene Barros, 1212 Barbud Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
- George Gallagher, 1212 Barbud Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
- Mike Dye, 1315 Hawkins Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- David Morsberger, 1241 Village Lake Drive, Davidsonville, Maryland 21035
- Harry Huntley, 1063 Cedar Ridge Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments by the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM](#)
[12.11.23](#)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & Above

[SA-19-24](#)

DPW - Capital - Program Open Space - Local City and Anne Arundel County

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-19-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[SA-20-24](#)

DPW - Capital - State of Maryland Grant and Capital Reserve

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-20-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-30-23](#)**Updates and Corrections to Special Residential Parking Districts**

- For the purpose of moving Bloomsbury Square from Special Residential Parking District 1 and into District 4; updating the district descriptions and maps; and generally related to the City's special residential parking districts.

Sponsors: Tierney and O'Neill

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-30-23 closed.

[O-31-23](#)

Certain Street Parking Updates and Corrections - For the purpose of eliminating outdated language and conflicts in the City of Annapolis code related to Chapter 12.20 - Stopping, Standing and Parking, and Chapter 12.32 - Special Residential Parking Districts; and generally related to parking in the City.

Sponsors: Tierney

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-31-23 closed.

[O-36-23](#)**Annapolis Harbor Lines for 3 President Point Drive on Spa Creek-**

For the purpose of changing the Annapolis harbor line on Spa Creek for President Point Condominium at 3 President Point Drive; and generally related to harbor lines and setbacks.

Sponsors: Arnett

Speakers:

Efe Brock, 1306 President Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-36-23 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READER

Ordinance

[O-1-24](#)

City Building Code Updates - For the purpose of adapting the City building codes to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Maryland statutes, and Maryland state building requirements and recommendations; integrating the model codes into City Code; modifying state and national recommendations to best fit the local needs of Annapolis; and generally dealing with City Code updates for building and construction.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-1-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-1-24 to the Economic Matters Committee.

SECOND READERS**Ordinance**[O-22-23](#)**Business License, Taxes and Regulation - Creation of Art**

Establishment Beer and Wine License - For the purpose of creating a City of Annapolis beer and wine license for specific art venues as authorized by MD. Alcoholic Beverages Code § 10-1002 per House Bill 353 and Senate Bill 472, signed by Governor Wes Moore on May 3, 2023; and generally related to the Alcoholic Beverages chapter of the City Code.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Tierney moved to adopt O-22-23 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Tierney moved to adopt O-22-23 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Resolutions[R-38-23](#)**FY 2024 Annual Fees Schedule - Art Establishment Liquor License**

Fee - For the purpose of specifying the fee for the new Art Establishment liquor license.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-38-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

[R-59-23](#)**Delegation of Authority for Adminstrating Elections** - For the

purpose of authorizing the City of Annapolis to contract with the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to administer the City of Annapolis Municipal Primary and General Elections in 2025.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-59-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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