



# City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester  
Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Special Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, February 26, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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### Special Meeting

#### Call To Order

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

#### Innovation

Given by Alderwoman Finlayson.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

#### Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

#### Approval of Agenda

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

### REPORTS, PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

## Update from Mayor

Good evening!

I'll start off with some good news for the foodies in our audience. It's Restaurant Week in Annapolis, through to March 3rd, with more than three dozen restaurants participating in downtown, Eastport, Parole, and along Forest Drive.

Two course breakfasts are \$10 to \$15. Two course lunches are \$13 to \$20. And three course dinners are \$30 to \$40 per person. If you've been waiting to try something new, this week is a great opportunity to dine out without breaking the bank.

Bon Appetite!

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As we enter the last week of Black History Month, I want to give a shout out to all who have helped shape and organize the City's program of events and activities. These have included a Black Business Brunch; a night celebrating Black art and culture here at City Hall last Friday; and our showcase series on the State of Black Annapolis, held each Tuesday of this month at the Busch Library.

Each of these State of Black Annapolis events has involved a panel discussion and audience Q&A focused on different themes including art, youth and history.

Tomorrow will be the last of the series and will focus on the contribution of Black Businesses and Entrepreneurs. We'll celebrate ten Black-owned businesses that have been successful in operation for decades. Be sure to stop by this free event which will start at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed at 6:30 p.m. by a discussion and the business presentations to be made by our own Ald. Pindell Charles. It will all take place in the Campbell Chambliss Community Room of the Busch Library.

If you can't be there in person, you can watch the livestream on the City's YouTube and Facebook pages. All the previous events are also available on the City's Facebook page – look under archived videos.

I want to thank all of the presenters who have made this weekly series a big success, along with everyone who has attended. I particularly want to thank our partners at the Busch Library for their support, and our African-American Community Engagement Leader Adetola Ajayi - who designed and organized the series along with our other Black History Month events. Thank you!

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On February 15, Recreation and Parks Director Roslyn Johnson and I were joined by Blacks of the Chesapeake Founder Vince Leggett, Chesapeake Conservancy President Joel Dunn, The Conservation Fund's Bill Crouse, County Executive Steuart Pittman and members of the state delegation to announce the City's acquisition of the Dr. Parlett Moore property at Carr's/Elktonia Beach.

This acquisition is a vital step in achieving our vision of a community park and visitor's center that tells the amazing story of Carr's, Sparrow's and Elktonia beaches in the era of segregation. It is particularly satisfying that we were able to announce the acquisition during Black History Month.

As a refresher, in August of 2022, the City acquired the last bit of undeveloped land that was once Carr's and Sparrows Beach. Throughout 2023, we worked to get Dr. Moore's adjacent bay-front property by contributing City dollars and raising funds from our partners in county government alongside scores of private donors.

Now that we have secured both parcels of land for future generations, we can begin to implement our vision for the new Carr's Elktonia Heritage Park. The site will first get a resilience upgrade with coastal reinforcements for the beach. Then we will work to create a master site plan that will define and support an outstanding visitor

experience and tell this important part of Annapolis history.

The Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County is a great partner in this work and in the coming days, they will be issuing an RFP for the work under the direction of Annapolis Recreation and Parks.

I want to thank all of our partners for helping to make this happen. I am very proud of what we've achieved and I consider it one of the legacy items of my administration. It shows how we can work together across jurisdictions and how we can honor all kinds of history in this City. Lastly, it shows how government can directly make a positive difference in peoples' lives.

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In March, the County is partnering with dozens of organizations, nonprofits, businesses and the City of Annapolis to present a gun violence prevention weekend with "Chase Your Dreams." Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9 for a Teen Summit and Sunday, March 10 for a celebrity basketball game. Use the website address on the screen to get tickets and be sure to indicate if your teen needs transportation to and from the event. The website is: [www.chaseyourdreamsinc.org/gunviolenceprevention](http://www.chaseyourdreamsinc.org/gunviolenceprevention)

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We got some good news from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development - or HUD - last week.

The Transformation Plan for Eastport Terrace and Harbor House, which our community has been partnering with us to create through the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, was approved by HUD.

That means we are on track to the next phase of the process where we may be eligible for up to \$50 million in assistance to reimagine those two public housing communities into mixed-income housing.

That will be a game changer for public housing in Annapolis. It isn't an overnight process, but I want to thank all of our neighbors who took the time to engage in this two-year process. As part of CNI, our residents voted on one of the early action items. We will now work toward improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of President and Madison Streets through place making.

We are working with the award winning firm, Graham Projects. They have completed similar projects in Baltimore, Hyattsville and other locations around Maryland.

If you visit: [eastportcni.grahamprojects.com](http://eastportcni.grahamprojects.com), you can add your own thoughts on this project - or you can attend one of two public meetings:

- the first is this Thursday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eastport Community Center.
- the second is on Saturday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eastport United Methodist Church.

Early action items are meant to inspire what's coming with the redevelopment and I look forward to seeing what the community comes up with!

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Lastly, we are nearly in March, just a few days from now, and that means we get to look forward to Annapolis' annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Hooley, and Shamrock the Dock events.

This year's St. Patrick's Day parade is on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, with some road closures and parking restrictions in downtown.

The Hooley and Shamrock the Dock events take place starting Friday the 15th and last through the weekend with Dock Street parking restricted toward Susan Campbell Park. Some of the events are free others are ticketed. Please visit [naptownevents.com](http://naptownevents.com) for more information.

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

## Reports by Committees

**Standing Committee Dates:**

**Rules & City Government Committee Regular Meeting**

**March 1, 2024, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting**

**March 4, 2024, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Finance Committee Regular Meeting**

**March 6, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

## Comments by the General Public

**Speakers:**

Joe Pilat, 1790 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Ordinances

[O-3-24](#)

**City Council Nominations to Boards, Commissions, and Committees - For the purpose of the members of the City Council to nominate members to boards, commissions, and committees if the position has been vacant, or expired and filled temporarily for more than six months; and generally related to City Council duties.**

***Sponsors:*** Savidge and Arnett

***Attachments:*** [O-3-24 First Reader](#)

[O-3-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-3-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-3-24 Staff Report](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-3-24 closed.

[O-5-23](#)

**Title 22 - Adequate Public Facilities - City Code Update - For the purpose of updating Title 22 of the City Code regarding Adequate Public Facility certification of development and redevelopment; and generally related to Title 22.**

***Sponsors:*** Buckley, Arnett, Pindell Charles and Finlayson

***Attachments:*** [O-5-23 First Reader](#)  
[O-5-23 Legislative Summary](#)  
[O-5-23 Staff Report](#)  
[O-5-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)  
[Ord 5-23 & Ord 26-23 - public hearing advertisement](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-5-23 closed.

Assistant City Manager Buckland was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw O-5-24 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-26-23](#)

**Forest Conservation Plan Appeals - For the purpose of closing a loophole in the Forest Conservation Plan provisions of the City Code concerning forest clearing; changing the Forest Conservation Plan appeals body from the Building Board of Appeals to the Board of Appeals; and generally related to the Maryland Forest Conservation Act and Planned Unit Development regulations.**

***Sponsors:*** Savidge

***Attachments:*** [O-26-23 First Reader](#)  
[O-26-23 Legislative Summary](#)  
[O-26-23 Staff Report](#)  
[O-26-23 Staff Report to Planning Commission \(with Attachments\)](#)  
[O-26-23 Amendment 1 - Savidge \(sponsor's amendment\)](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-26-23 open until the Planning Commission Findings have been received.

Alderman Savidge moved to refer O-26-23 back to the Planning Commission. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

## Resolutions

[R-4-24](#)      **2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan - For the purpose of adopting a new comprehensive plan for the City of Annapolis.**

***Sponsors:*** Buckley

***Attachments:*** [R-4-24 First Reader](#)

[R-4-24 Staff Report](#)

[R-4-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[Annapolis Comp Plan - DRAFT \(12.29.23\)](#)

[Annapolis Comp Plan - ACTION PLAN DRAFT \(12.29.23\)](#)

[Planning Commission Memo on "Comprehensive Plan 2040"](#)

[Planning Commission "Comprehensive Plan 2040" Resolution Final Draft](#)

[Planning Commission "Comprehensive Plan 2040" Resolution - Signed](#)

[R-32-09 - 2010 Comprehensive Plan.doc](#)

[2010 Full Comprehensive Plan \(10 Chapters\)](#)

**Speaker:**

Andrew H. Garbutt, 1021 Cedar Ridge Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing R-4-24 closed.

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

### **FIRST READERS**

[O-2-24](#)      **Hours for Tolson Street Park and Tucker Street Park - For the purpose of limiting public access to Tolson Street Park and Tucker Street Park at night; closing those parks to the public between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and generally related to public peace and order in City parks.**

***Sponsors:*** O'Neill

***Attachments:*** [O-2-24 First Reader](#)

[O-2-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-2-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-2-24 Staff Report](#)

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-2-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-2-24 to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-2-24 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

[R-10-24](#)

**Temporary Moratorium on City Consideration of Applications by Businesses Related to the Cannabis Industry - For the purpose of adopting a temporary moratorium on the processing, review, and approval of applications, site plans, permits, and other authorizations for the location, construction, and selling of cannabis for nine months to allow the City sufficient time to enact reasonable, thoughtful, and lawful zoning requirements and other regulations pertaining thereto as deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.**

*Attachments:* [R-10-24 First Reader](#)

[R-10-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-10-24 Staff Report](#)

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-10-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

## SECOND READERS

### 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

***Attachments:*** [O-30-23 First Reader](#)

[O-30-23 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-30-23 Staff Report](#)

[O-30-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-30-23 & O-31-23 Annapolis Transportation Board Report](#)

[O-30-23 Capital Gazette Affidavit](#)

[O-30-23 Capital Gazette Public Notice](#)

[O-30-23 - Public Notice Sign - Bloomberg Street \(1\)](#)

[O-30-23 - Public Notice Sign - Bloomburg Street \(2\)](#)

[O-30-23 - Public Notice Sign - Clay Street \(1\)](#)

[O-30-23 - Public Notice Sign - Clay Street \(2\)](#)

[O-30-23 - Public Notice Sign - Melvin Avenue](#)

[O-30-23 Amendment 1 - Tierney \(Sponsor's Amendment\)](#)

[O-30-23 Amendment 2 - Savidge](#)

[O-30-23 Amendment 3 - Finlayson \(Rules Committee 2nd Degree Amendment\)](#)

[O-30-23 Amendment 4 - Finlayson \(Rules Committee Amendment\)](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.

Alderswoman Tierney moved to amend O-30-23 as follows:

**Amendment #1:**

On pages 3, 6, 11, 14, 16, strike the paragraph after "B. Hourly parking." and insert, "Parking hours shall be subject to regulations promulgated by the City Manager in consultation with the director of the Department of Transportation per § 12.24.070."

On page 3 in line 25, page 6 in line 32, page 7 in lines 4 and 8, page 11 in lines 9 and 22, between "for a" and "permit" strike any words and insert "special residential district parking" and after "permit" strike "in" and insert "for".

On page 3 in lines 24 and 31, page 6 in line 31, page 7 in lines 3 and 6, page 11 in lines 8 and 20, between "existing" and "buildings" insert " residential".

On page 11 in lines 17, 18 and 19; before "residential" insert "special ". Seconded.  
CARRIED on voice vote.



Alderwoman Finlayson moved amendments 3 & 4 jointly to O-30-23:

**Amendment #3:**

On pages 3, 6, 11, 14, 16, strike the paragraph after "B. Hourly parking." and insert, "Parking hours shall be subject to regulations promulgated by the City Manager in consultation with the director of the Department of Transportation per § 12.24.070. The director shall brief the City Council Transportation Committee of any changes."

**And; Amendment #4:**

On page 2 line 25, page 5 line 27, page 9 line 2, and page 13 line 31, after "which consists of the following streets" insert " listed here and on a map as maintained on the City website." On page 16 strike lines 2-3 and insert: "A. There is a special residential parking district, Number 5, which consists of the following streets listed here and on a map as maintained on the City website." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-30-23 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-30-23 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

[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

***Attachments:*** [O-31-23 First Reader](#)

[O-31-23 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-31-23 Staff Report](#)

[O-31-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-31-23 & O-30-23 Annapolis Transportation Board Report](#)

[O-31-23 Amendment 1 - Tierney \(Sponsor's Amendment\)](#)

[O-31-23 Amendment 2 - Tierney \(Sponsor's Amendment\)](#)

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-31-23 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Tierney moved amendments 1 & 2 jointly to O-31-23:

Amendment #1:

On page 4, in line 22, insert the following:

"12.32.050 Public hearing.

A. In order to determine whether a residential parking district should be created, altered or eliminated, the City Council, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Transportation Board shall conduct a public hearing with regard to the proposed determination.

Stricken Text - B. The hearing shall be held only after notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. The notice shall state the purpose of the hearing, the exact location and boundaries of the area under consideration and the permit fees. In addition, similar notification shall be posted prominently within the area under consideration.

1. Notice. The hearing shall be held only after notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 15 days before the hearing.

2. Criteria. The notice shall state the purpose of the hearing, the exact location and boundaries of the area under consideration and the permit fees.

3. Location. Similar notification shall be posted prominently within the area under consideration."

On page 5, strike lines 1-7 and insert:

"A. The Department of Transportation director shall implement and administer the City's residential parking permit program.

1. The Director shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to successfully implement the program;

2 The Director shall consult with the City Manager, Transportation Board, and any authorized agent as defined in § 12.04.020 prior to promulgation of any rules and regulations.

B. The Transportation Board shall hold a public hearing on proposed regulations per § 12.32.050 before issuance by the Director.

C. Each regulation shall have the force and effect of law not less than 45 days after its issuance by the Director unless the City Council adopts a resolution objecting to the regulation within those 45 days."

On page 5, strike lines 9-23 and insert:

" A. Resident status for purposes of obtaining a resident parking permit for a motor vehicle is established by meeting the following:

1. Residence. The applicant has a current Maryland vehicle registration and current Maryland driver's license with an address in parking district;

**2. Non-resident Owner.** The applicant is owner of a residential property located in a Special Residential Parking District, and the property is designated as the owner's principal residence with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

**3. Lessee Without Maryland-Licensed Vehicle.**

**a.** The applicant is the tenant of a residential property in a special residential parking district that is licensed as a rental unit.

**And: Amendment #2:**

**On page 4, in line 22, insert the following:**

**;12.32.050 Public hearing.**

**A.** In order to determine whether a residential parking district should be created, altered or eliminated, the City Council, upon receipt of a recommendation from the Transportation Board shall conduct a public hearing with regard to the proposed determination.

**B.** The hearing shall be held only after notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. The notice shall state the purpose of the hearing, the exact location and boundaries of the area under consideration and the permit fees. In addition, similar notification shall be posted prominently within the area under consideration.

**1. Notice.** The hearing shall be held only after notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 15 days before the hearing.

**2. Criteria.** The notice shall state the purpose of the hearing, the exact location and boundaries of the area under consideration and the permit fees.

**3. Location.** Similar notification shall be posted prominently within the area under consideration.&quot;

**On page 5, strike lines 9-23 and insert:**

**&quot; A. Resident status for purposes of obtaining a resident parking permit for a motor vehicle is established by meeting the following:**

**1. Residence.** The applicant has a current Maryland vehicle registration and current Maryland driver&#39;s license with an address in parking district;

**2. Non-resident Owner.** The applicant is owner of a residential property located in a Special Residential Parking District, and the property is designated as the owner&#39;s principal residence with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

**3. Lessee Without Maryland-Licensed Vehicle.**

**a.** The applicant is the tenant of a residential property in a special residential parking district that is licensed as a rental unit.

**b.** Applicants must submit a copy of the lease and a copy of the current rental unit license. The parking permit expires with the lease.

**4. Active Military.** The applicant is on active military status and resides in the parking

district, as reflected in documents issued by United States military authorities. &quot;;  
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-31-23 as amended.on second reader Seconded.  
CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-31-23 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call  
vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

## Resolutions

### [R-7-24](#)

**Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2024 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2024.**

*Attachments:* [R-7-24 - First Reader](#)  
[R-7-24 Staff Report](#)  
[R-7-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-7-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call  
vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

### [R-8-24](#)

**Non-Profit Vendors During Fall 2024 Boat Shows - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2024 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.**

*Attachments:* [R-8-24 First Reader](#)  
[R-8-24 Staff Report](#)  
[R-8-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-8-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call  
vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

## ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC  
City Clerk