



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call To Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Tierney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Acting Mayor Arnett.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Gay.

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Buckley

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the agenda as amended to add: A Proclamation - Acknowledgement of World Bike Day and Cycling Community Partners. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

City Council Citation

[ID-93-24](#)

Jewish Heritage Month

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

Proclamation

ID-95-24

Acknowledgement of World Bike Day and Cycling Community Partners

This Informational Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Acting Mayor Ross Arnett
Council Remarks 7 p.m. - May 28, 2024

Good evening!

I'd like to take a moment to thank our military community and acknowledge two weekend events. The first was the U.S. Naval Academy commissioning ceremony and graduation. Congratulations to the class of 2024!

The residents of our community should know that the City of Annapolis expends considerable resources for commissioning week, including our Office of Emergency Management, Annapolis Police, and Annapolis Fire - who handle public safety coordination; our Department of Public Works, who keep our City cleaned up after each event; our office of communications helps information flow on road closures, maritime restrictions and the best place to park; and our Harbormaster and their coordination with Maryland Natural Resources and the US Coast Guard ensure waterway safety. We honor the young men and women - whom we all watch go from fresh-faced teenagers who enter the Academy during Plebe summer to commissioned officers in the Navy and Marine Corps as graduates of the Academy.

We honor them by making sure their week of celebration is seamless, that all the work of the municipal government happens in the background. From the thousands coming to see their sons and daughters graduate and be commissioned, to the thousands of visitors who come to historic downtown to see a cool air show, City staff ensures the City is prepared. It is a heavy lift and I thank our City of Annapolis staff for all they do to make it appear effortless.

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The second event was Memorial Day and the visitors who come to Annapolis for wreath laying ceremonies at Fleet Reserve and the American Legion; the blessing of the fleet at Annapolis Yacht Club; and flag and wreath placements at the veteran's cemetery on West Street.

Regrettably, the Memorial Day Parade planned yesterday was canceled due to a high risk of severe weather. Many were saddened by the decision including the many City staff who spent months planning and organizing parade participants.

We never call off a parade or city event lightly but public safety must always be our highest priority. On average we have to call off about one parade or event each year due to the threat of severe weather, and all City parades have experienced weather cancellations at one time or another – including the Dr. King parade, Fourth of July, Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade, New Year's fireworks, the Military Bowl and St. Patrick's Day parades.

I want to thank and acknowledge all the work that goes into planning, organizing and delivering a parade or downtown event. I also want to thank everyone who was involved in planning, or who participated in, Memorial Day commemorations. Even with the rain, and later the tornado warning, I hope you all had the opportunity to, like me, think about the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for this great country.

I was honored to participate in the Remembrance Service and Blessing of the Fleet at the Yacht Club yesterday and – later – to watch the National Memorial Day concert. As a veteran who remembers colleagues and loved ones each year – I found these ceremonies particularly touching. The memory of those who made the greatest sacrifice lives on when we honor and remember them in these ways.

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2 Looking ahead, we will celebrate the 2024 Pride Parade and Festival this Saturday,

weather permitting. The route of the parade has changed this year - it will step off from City Dock at noon and make its way up Main Street, along West Street and then down Amos Garrett Blvd to Maryland Hall where the Festival will take place in the afternoon. Parking is available at Navy Stadium for \$15. From there a shuttle will take you to City Dock, or to the festival, and then back to Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium at the end of the day.

Of course City garages will also be open, including Park Place, Gotts, Knighton, and Hillman. The Magenta shuttle will run for free throughout the weekend and you can check the shuttle's progress on the app or scan the QR code at any magenta shuttle bus stop.

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Also on Saturday is Dinner Under the Stars, with the first block of West Street closed from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. Please follow police direction for the detour.

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On Sunday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., we've got the first day of Paint Annapolis with the "Dueling Brushes" event at Susan Campbell Park. This is a plein air painting exhibition where you can see people "capturing the light" in paintings that they execute over several hours. We've also got First Sunday Arts Festival in the first block of West Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Lastly, this Thursday, May 30, the City Dock Action Committee will host a workshop about City Dock at City Dock. There will be a presentation and images 3 on the updated plans for the park and Waterfront Welcome Center, an opportunity to look at the existing site features, and also to see some of the proposed materials for the new park facilities. Check in at the tent between Latitude 38 and the Burtis House. Entrance to the tent is from Prince George's Street side.

The program begins at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate and the public is encouraged to attend.

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Now let's get on with our meeting!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Housing & Human Welfare Special Standing Committee Meeting

May 29, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Comments by the General Public

Comments from the General Public - Speakers:

Gary Jobson, 10 Thomas Street, Annapolis Maryland 21401.

John Hammond, 141 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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

Acting Mayor Arnett declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Appointment

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

[AP-5-24](#) **Mr. Anthony Nobile, CPA, for City Council approval as a member of the Audit Committee**

Attachments: [Appointment - Mr. Anthony Nobile, CPA for City Council approval](#)

Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson moved to approve AP-5-24. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000

[SA-29-24](#) **General - Harbor Master's Office - Other Revenues**

Attachments: [SA-29-24](#)

Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson moved to approve SA-29-24. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & Above

[SA-30-24](#) **Capital - Department of Public Works - Capital Reserve**

Attachments: [SA-30-24](#)

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-30-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[SA-34-24](#) **Affordable Housing Trust - Department of Planning & Zoning - Affordable Housing Trust Fund Balance**

Attachments: [SA-34-24](#)

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Attachments: [O-7-24 First Reader](#)

[0-7-24 FY25 Budget - Appendix A](#)

[0-7-24 FY25 Budget - Appendix B](#)

[0-7-24 FY25 Budget - Appendix C](#)

[0-7-24 FY25 Budget - Appendix D](#)

[0-7-24 FY25 Budget - Appendix E](#)

[O-7-24 Fiscal Impact Note & Staff Report](#)

[O-7-24 Staff Report to Planning Commission](#)

[O-7-24 FY 2025 Budget FAC Advisory Opinion- 050924](#)

[O-7-24 Planning Commission Findings](#)

O-7-24: Speakers:

John Hammond, 141 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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

Acting Mayor Arnett accepted the planning commission findings dated May 14, 2024.

Acting Mayor Arnett declared the public hearing on O-7-24 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Ordinances

[O-12-24](#)

Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund - For the purpose of establishing a Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund is to promote, stabilize, and protect the maritime industry in the City of Annapolis; and generally dealing with maritime development in the City.

Attachments: [O-12-24 First Reader](#)

[O-12-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-12-24 Staff Report](#)

[O-12-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-12-24 Planning Commission Findings](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-12-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-12-24 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-12-24 to the Finance Committee.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-12-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-12-24 to the Planning Commission.

[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](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-13-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-13-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Acting Mayor Arnett referred O-13-24 to the Planning Commission.

Resolutions

[R-26-24](#) **“WORLD BICYCLE DAY” - June 3, 2024 - For the purpose of the City of Annapolis recognizing World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2024, and acknowledging on this day the uniqueness, longevity, and versatility of the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean, and environmentally sustainable means of transport.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-26-24 First Reader](#)

[R-26-24 Staff Report](#)

[R-26-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-26-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-26-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added

Alderman Savidge - Cosponsor Added

Alderman Arnett - Cosponsor Added

[R-27-24](#) **U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project - For the purpose of the City Council to accept the Annapolis Transportation Board recommendations for the U.S. Naval Academy Bridge Shared-Use Path Project (SUP); and generally related to City of Annapolis efforts to ensure the City becomes more cyclist-friendly.**

Sponsors: Savidge, O'Neill and Pindell Charles

Attachments: [R-27-24 First Reader](#)

[R-27-24 Staff Report](#)

[R-27-24 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-27-24 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.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-27-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mayor Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added.

Alderman Schandelmeier requested that Special Projects/Arts Admin Cahalan and Chief of Comprehensive Planning Leshinsky attend the Housing & Human Welfare Special Standing Committee Meeting - May 29, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Item Removed from the Consent Calendar

Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000

[SA-35-24](#) **Grant - Mayor's Office - American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)**

Attachments: [SA-35-24](#)

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-35-24. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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