



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, October 23, 2023

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Schandelmeier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to APPROVE the AGENDA as AMENDED TO RESCHEDULE the Regular City Council Meeting for November from Monday, November 13, 2023 TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

1. Ceremonial Items

[ID-144-23](#) Annual Eastport "Declaration of War" Charity Event

Attachments: [Eastport Declares War 2023](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-163-23](#) City Council Citation - Tim Leahy

Attachments: [Citation - Tim Leahy 2023](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

2. PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update from the Mayor

Good evening.

I want to share the sad news that Theodore Gray, a retired mason with the Department of Public Works, recently passed away. Mr. Gray retired from the City in April of 2016. His service will be held tomorrow at Lasting Tributes on Bestgate Road. We send our best wishes to the family and his friends.

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As we meet tonight, I also want to acknowledge that there are people in other parts of the world, suffering and dying in the midst of conflict and war. Our hearts go out to them. We hope and pray for an end to conflict so that all children everywhere can grow up in peace, and with dignity and freedom.

Sometimes we can become consumed with our local problems and different points of view. But seeing the suffering in other parts of the world reminds us how lucky we are. Let it also be a reminder to us that with goodwill, constructive dialogue and a little compromise, almost every problem can be solved and every difference resolved. As we debate issues and make decisions for our community tonight, let us renew our commitment to working together constructively and peacefully, with understanding and tolerance, for the good of all our community.

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Here are some events coming up in the City:

- Day of the Dead is Saturday at Maryland Hall. Come by for food, musical performances, vendors, face painting and more.
- Trunk or Treat is also on Saturday at Pip Moyer. This family-friendly event will include a costume parade with trick or treating, hayrides, food, crafts and more.
- The Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival is also on Saturday. This is at City Dock and includes a showcase of performers, food and talks, including presentations on genealogy.
- On Sunday, Bob Woodward and Wes Moore will be the special guests at St. John's "Great Conversations." Previous events have included Cal Ripken, Jr., Judy Woodruff, Tom Brokaw and Admiral Mike Mullen.
- Next Thursday, we'll have the Choice Neighborhoods celebration at Eastport United Methodist Church. That's November 2 from 6:30 to 8. This event is open to the public and includes refreshments. Come out to celebrate the two years of work the community has put in to the transformation plan for reimagining Eastport Terrace and Harbour House!
- Sometime in early November, we are still finalizing the date, we'll have a public presentation for City Dock. This is a continuation of the rollout that we have done at City Dock Action committee a few weeks back and the City Council work session last Thursday. At this special public event, we will also roll out our public messaging campaign to inform you of the construction timeline and staging of this massive public infrastructure project.
- And lastly, I'll be joining Fleet Reserve Club on November 11 - that's a Saturday - for a Veteran's Day ceremony at Memorial Circle in downtown. The public is invited to attend this observance. As a reminder, City offices will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Finance Committee Regular Meeting
October 24, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Finance Committee Regular Meeting
November 1, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Rules and City Government Committee Regular Meetings
November 3, 2023, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Wanda Parker, 904 Newtowne Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Shawnte Brown, 1101 Newtowne Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
William Pratt, 32 Juliana Circle East, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Veronica Grant, 23 Bates Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Toni Pratt, 32 Juliana Circle East, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Tra Dennis, 1101 Newtowne Drive, Apt 101, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Wanda Brown, 1212 Brashears Street, Annapolis, Maryland 521403.
Tori Wells, 900 Newtowne Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Appointments

[AP-30-23](#) **Appointment - Environmental Commission - Sarah Oliver**

Attachments: [AP-30-23](#)

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[AP-31-23](#) **Appointment - Environmental Commission - Catherine Welker**

Attachments: [AP-31-23](#)

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[AP-33-23](#) **Appointment - Environmental Commission - Alycia Roberson**

Attachments: [AP-33-23](#)

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

3. PUBLIC HEARING

[O-34-23](#) **Street End Park Hours - For the purpose of limiting public access to the City's street end parks at night; updating the City Code for Chambers Park, Amos Garrett Park and Truxtun Park to the same restriction between sunset and sunrise; and generally related to public peace and order.**

Sponsors: O'Neill

Attachments: [O-34-23 First Reader](#)

[O-34-23 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-34-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-34-23 Staff Report](#)

Speakers:

Chris Ledoux, 215 Seven Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-34-23 closed.

4. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A. First Readers

Ordinance(s)

[O-35-23](#) **Civil Service Board Duties - For the purpose of clarifying and streamlining Civil Service Board duties to those related to holding hearings and deciding appeals regarding issues involving civil service employees.**

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Attachments: [O-35-23 First Reader](#)

[O-35-23 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

[O-35-23 Staff Report](#)

[O-35-23 Civil Service Board Request for Code Change 10.16.23](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-35-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-35-23 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Resolution(s)

[R-54-23](#)

Noah Hillman Garage Parking Concession Agreement - For the purpose of starting an investigation into problems with the Noah Hillman Garage parking contractor and finding solutions to eliminate the overly complicated parking fee payment system that's discouraging the use of the parking garage.

Sponsors: Tierney and O'Neill

Attachments: [R-54-23 First Reader](#)
[R-54-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[R-54-23 Staff Report](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-54-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-55-23](#)

Temporary Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Licenses - For the purpose of implementing a temporary moratorium on the City's issuance of short-term rental licenses while the City Council considers Ordinance 32-23, Short-term Rental Licenses and Regulations, and amendments to the legislation.

Sponsors: O'Neill and Savidge

Attachments: [R-55-23 First Reader](#)
[R-55-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[R-55-23 Staff Report](#)

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt R-55-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-55-23 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

B. Second Readers

Ordinance(s)

[O-49-22](#)

Planning and Zoning - Parking and Loading Regulations - Parking fee-in-lieu of meeting off-street parking requirements. - For the purpose of authorizing a parking fee-in-lieu for certain businesses required to provide parking spaces; and generally relating to off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors: Tierney, Arnett and Savidge

Attachments: [O-49-22 First Reader](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 1 - Savidge](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 2 - Arnett](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 3 - Arnett](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 4 - Tierney](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 5 - Tierney](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 6 - Arnett](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 7 - Savidge](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 8 - Arnett](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 9 - Savidge](#)
[O-49-22 Amendment 10 - Savidge](#)
[O-49-22 Staff Report](#)
[O-49-22 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[O-49-22 Staff to Planning Commission with Attachment](#)
[O-49-22 Planning Commission Findings and Recommendations](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw O-49-22 without objection. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-49-22 until the Regular Meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[O-10-23](#)

Allowing Cigar Lounges to Serve Alcoholic Beverages - For the purpose of creating a definition of Cigar Lounge as a unique category of Tobacco Shop; and allowing cigar lounges to serve alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the consumption of premium cigars, pipe tobacco, and related products; and generally related to tobacco shops.

Sponsors: Tierney, Mayor Buckley, Schandelmeier and Finlayson

Attachments: [O-10-23 First Reader](#)
[O-10-23 Staff Report](#)
[O-10-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[O-10-23 The Capital Public Hearing Notice Affidavit](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-10-23 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Tierney moved to adopt O-10-23 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 Gay and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 1 - Alderman Arnett

[O-21-23](#)

Landlord-Tenant Relations - Relocation Expenses - For the purpose of requiring a landlord to pay a tenant a relocation payment if the tenant's housing is condemned as unfit for human habitation under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with a right of first refusal to re-occupy rental housing under certain circumstances; and generally related to landlord-tenant relations.

Sponsors: Gay

Attachments: [O-21-23 First Reader](#)

[O-21-23 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-21-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-21-23 Staff Report](#)

[O-21-23 Maryland Judicial Conference Review](#)

[O-21-23 Office of Law Legal Opinion - Preemption and Landlord Tenant Matters](#)

Alderman Gay moved to withdraw O-21-23 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Resolution(s)

[R-53-23](#)

FY 2024 Position Classifications and Pay Plan Update - For the purpose of updating the Fiscal Year 2024 annual position classifications and pay plan to reflect the Management Information Technology office name change in CA-2-23 and O-18-23; changing the deputy director emergency preparedness classification level from A14 to A17; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Attachments: [R-53-23 First Reader](#)

[R-53-23 FY24 City Job Classification and Pay Update](#)

[R-53-23 Staff Report](#)

[R-53-23 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[Civil Service Board Minutes for September 19 2023](#)

City Manager Mallinoff and Human Resources Director Hopkins were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-53-23 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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