



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, November 28, 2022

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

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

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Gay.

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 Arnett moved to approve the agenda. 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

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley, City Council Remarks

Good evening everyone, I hope you all enjoyed time with your families and friends over Thanksgiving.

I want to start out by recognizing the amazing people in our community who give their time, money, love, and energy to helping the less fortunate.

The Food Friday folks gave away turkeys and all the sides, plus additional food for the week after Thanksgiving. The weekly Food Friday distribution out of Pip Moyer is a people-powered operation. It takes a good number of folks to sort, package and then deliver the food. I thank them all, but I would like to recognize Alderwoman Karma O’Neill for her work every week to coordinate that effort.

Food Friday seeks sponsors for 2023. Alderwoman O’Neill, if you’d like to let people know how they can help...

[Ald O’Neill...]

Thank you - this is a great program for people in our community who need support. If your organization can help, please let her know.

Annapolis Police also collected and distributed food for local families for Thanksgiving and turned up to serve at the Annual We Care and Friends Thanksgiving Dinner at the Stanton Center.

Helpers included Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles, the staff from the City’s Office of Emergency Management, Calvary United Methodist and others. We are a generous and loving community and it shows!

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Coming up, members of the Annapolis Fire Department, including Santa and elves from Annapolis and Anne Arundel County public safety agencies will be collecting new toys during the annual Santa Run on December 11.

Santa’s route in the City and County will start at 3:15 p.m. and run until 7:30 p.m. For the closest location to you, visit www.annapolissantarun.com and navigate to: “Routes and Schedule.” When the time is right, meet Santa and the elves aboard old fire engines while they collect toys and hand out candy canes.

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Also collecting toys and gifts for children in our community is the SOFO Business Alliance. Their “SoFo HO-HO” will run though Dec. 13 with the distribution of gifts on Dec. 17. Check www.SoFoAnnapolis.com for drop-off locations.

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On Sunday, the Downtown Annapolis Partnership hosted the Grand Illumination tree lighting at Market Space. Santa Claus arrived in great Annapolis maritime tradition - by boat - but the real highlight of the event were the children and their handmade ornaments. I want to thank the the South Annapolis Yacht Center for stepping up to sponsor this event, Downtown Annapolis Partnership for organizing and local artist Comacell Brown, who worked with the children to decorate the tree.

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Downtown is decked out for the holidays and starting this Thursday, we hope to see you at the first of three Thursdays of Midnight Madness.

If you’re new to Annapolis, Midnight Madness is a tradition where downtown stores stay open late to accommodate holiday shoppers. But, it’s more than that. Carolers are out, hot cocoa awaits, the alpacas are scheduled to be out on Main Street, and don’t forget a selfie stop in Snowflake Alley.

We’ve also got the West Annapolis Holiday Market this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, 11 to 8 on Dec. 3 and 11 to 5 on December 4.

A few other holiday notes:

- the Chocolate Binge Festival on West Street is this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with chocolate and coffee specialties and a Gingerbread House display at the Visitor Center.
- The Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade is December 10th starting at 6 p.m.
- the downtown Santa Speedo Run is on Dec. 17 and
- the City Dock Menorah lighting is set for Dec. 18.

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But the biggest event of the season is this Thursday! We've got our City Hall Open House on Dec. 1 starting at 4 p.m. Stop by for refreshments, meet your neighbors, council members and city staff. We all hope to see you there.

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A non-holiday update on our grant planning process with the Housing Authority of Annapolis: Last Monday, community members from Eastport Terrace, Harbour House and residents from surrounding communities came out for a Design Charette as part of our Choice Neighborhoods initiative.

This guided design process was a structured way for residents from the community to think through how we might rework those 29 acres into mixed income housing and mixed use development. We got great ideas from the community about what they'd like to see in a revitalized Eastport Terrace and Harbour House. The ideas will be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development as we continue to work through the planning process. I want to thank everyone who came out and shared their ideas.

The design charette showed how, in involving the community, HACA and the City can move forward for the betterment of residents. I was happy to see the enthusiasm of the adult and youth participants, and I thank everyone who came out.

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Now let's get on with our meeting

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules and City Government Committee Meeting

December 2, 2022, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Public Safety Committee Meeting

December 5, 2022, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting

December 7, 2022, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Environmental Matters Committee Meeting

December 8, 2022, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Mike Green, 342 Dewey Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Curtis D. Jones, 1400 Bretton View Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

Dan Clements, 17 Southgate Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Tara Stout, 1118 August Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Quinton Cummings, 5 Enclave Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Geoffrey Phelps, 701 Glenwood Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Erica Hunt, 150 Obery Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Appointments

[AP-65-22](#) **Appointment of Jacob Lipp to the Recreation Advisory Board**

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to confirm AP-65-22. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-73-22](#) **Appointment of Anne Marie Baker to the Audit Committee**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-73-22. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Business and Miscellaneous

Supplemental Appropriations Over \$50,000

[SA-19-23](#) **Fund: Capital Department: DPW - Source of Surplus Funds: Capital Reserve - Capital Reserve Fund Balance (General Fund) \$450,000 - Transfer from the - Capital Reserves (Capital Project Fund) \$450,000 Expenditure: Construction (traffic Signal Rehabilitation), Transfer to Capital Projects (General Fund)**

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to approve SA-19-23. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 3 - Alderman Tierney, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Gay

Public Hearings

[O-52-22](#) **Streets - Turtle-friendly Curbs - For the purpose of requiring turtle-friendly curbs in environmentally critical areas of the City; correcting a typo in Title 14; creating a "Streets" chapter and a "Curbs" section in Title 14; and generally related to street curb requirements.**

Sponsors: Alderman Savidge, Alderman Pindell Charles and Alderman O'Neill

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-52-22 closed.

Legislative Action

First Readers

[O-33-22](#) **City of Annapolis Public Ethics Law - For the purpose of compliance with the requirements of Subtitle 8 Local Government Provisions of the Public Ethics Law or Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 19A.04; renumbering for current style; and generally relating to ethics requirements for the City of Annapolis.**

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-33-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-33-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-33-22 to the Office of Law- Ethics Commission.

O-50-22

Landlord And Tenant Relations - Rent Guidelines - For the purpose of developing rent guidelines; creating a Rent Stabilization Board to create and oversee the guidelines; setting rent increase notice requirements; generally concerning rents and landlord-tenant relations; and removing a misplaced word in Section 18.10 of the Code.

Sponsors: Alderman Gay

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-50-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-50-22 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-50-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

O-51-22

Floodplain Management - Amending the Floodplain Management Code - For the purpose of improving compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) model floodplain management code; and generally related to floodplain management.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley and Alderwoman Tierney

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-51-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-51-22 to the Economic Matters Committee.

O-54-22

Sign Regulations - Shopping Center Sign Requirements - For the purpose of expanding sign requirement exceptions regarding front-lit signage for shopping centers in B2 Community Shopping zoning districts; and generally dealing with sign regulations in the City of Annapolis.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-54-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-54-22 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-54-22 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

R-60-22

Updated Annapolis Transit Agency Safety Plan - For the purpose of updating the Annapolis Transit Agency Safety Plan; and generally dealing with Maryland Transit Administration requirements.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-60-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Transportation Director Moore and Deputy transportation Director Duah were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier 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-60-22 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

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Gay

Second Readers

2.16.090(B) Discharge From Commission

[O-11-22](#)

Standard Restaurants - B1 District Special Exceptions - For the purpose of modifying additional standards for food and beverage-related uses in the B1 District that are subject to special exception.

Sponsors: Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to postpone O-11-22 on second reader for sixty days. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk