



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Alderman O'Neill called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Alderman O'Neill.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Arnett

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

[ID-97-23](#)

PROPOSED CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Section, 3-305 (b) (7). Discussion Topic:
Annapolis United program.

Alderman Savidge moved move pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305 (b) (7), to go into closed session. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderman Tierney, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Arnett

The council entered into its closed session at 6:05 pm.

The council adjourned the closed session at 7:09 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Finlayson.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-98-23](#)

Welcome to Visiting U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen

Presented

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

v A. Update from the Mayor

**Mayor Gavin Buckley City Council Remarks
7 p.m. 8 April 2023 City Council Chambers**

I want to share some sad news. On Friday, a number of us attended funeral services for Barry Booth, Sr. Barry was a longtime employee of our department of Recreation and Parks.

He started his career with the City more than 20 years ago as a maintenance worker at Rec and Parks and that job led him into the career that he was passionate about.

Barry was a coach, a recreation and parks leader, an expert Easter Egg hider, a mentor, a colleague and a friend to anyone who met him.

Barry was unexpectedly called home a week ago Saturday. He will be greatly missed. Let's take a moment to remember Barry as he was, coaching basketball and helping young people in our community to be their best selves.

[moment of silence]

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Thank you.

I was pleased to attend a press conference this morning to mark May as official Maryland Travel and Tourism month alongside Maryland Commerce Secretary Kevin Anderson, County Executive Steuart Pittman, Kristen Pironis of Visit Annapolis and others as well as individuals from around the state who were recognized for their contributions to creating inviting events, festivals and tours to attract tourists and travels to Maryland and Annapolis.

The Annapolis economy depends on tourism dollars. Today was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the people in our community who do the heavy lifting so that Annapolis can be an attractive destination.

Speaking of big events that bring tourists, I want to congratulate our students from St John's who will be graduating on May 14 and our midshipmen who will be commissioned later this month.

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As you all know, Commissioning Week in Annapolis is a big deal. The Blue

Angels come to town, families are here to celebrate and on Friday the 26th, the young men and women will be commissioned as Naval and Marine officers. Congratulations to all!

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Coming up this Saturday at Pip Moyer Rec Center is the annual springtime community rummage sale where you can make someone else's trash your treasure. The fun starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at Pip Moyer Rec Center on Hilltop Lane.

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Last week we had some great events and celebrations that I'd like to mention:

- On Tuesday, we celebrated the grand opening of CRAB, or Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating on Bembe Beach Road in Ward 7.
- On Friday, we celebrated the opening of the new Department of Public Works building on Hudson Street in Ward 3 with a ribbon cutting.
- On Saturday, we conducted a community cleanup behind Towne Courts apartments on West Street. I want to thank Alderwoman Pindell Charles and all our volunteers for rolling up their sleeves to help with that beautification effort; and
- Also on Saturday, the City worked with nonprofits and vendors and Maryland Hall to host TacoFest, which was a huge success with hundreds and hundreds turning out and some of the best tacos around. I got to be a taste-tester and I have to say it is definitely one of the perks of the job!

I want to thank all involved for their efforts to celebrate and beautify our City.

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Last month, Annapolis Police Chief Jackson announced the Anne Arundel States Attorney's Office held an award ceremony and luncheon in recognition of National Crime Victim's Rights Week where Annapolis Detective Aaron Stein was presented with the 22nd Annual Warren B. Duckett, Jr. Memorial "Commitment to Justice" award.

I thank Detective Stein for his work on behalf of the residents of Annapolis and I am so pleased that our team is being recognized for their outstanding work.

Let's give Detective Stein a round of applause.

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Lastly, I want to give a big shout out to all the mums out there - Mother's Day is Sunday and I hope you all enjoy beautiful celebrations with your families.

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Now let's get on with tonight's meeting. Appeal a Citation

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

May 17, 2023, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting
May 17, 2023, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

[ID-95-23](#)

Finance Committee Recommendations pursuant to City Code Sec. 6.16.030

Alderman Tierney presented the Finance Committee Report.

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

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

Tara Stout, 118 August Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Pieter Friedrich, 100 West Gate Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Stephen Frank, 3085 Tudor Hall Road, Riva, Maryland 21403.

Nacde Gress, 1115 Madison Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared Comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

A. Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM 4.10.23](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

[CCM 4.24.23](#) Special Meeting Minutes

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

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

B. Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000

[SA-27-23](#) Grant- APD -State of Maryland - Governor's Community Grant Program Fund -This

supplemental allocation appropriates \$28,600 from the State of Maryland for "The Other Side of the Curb - Photography/Writing Program". The grant was not included in the FY2023 budget. No match is required.

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier 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

[SA-28-23](#)

General - Fire - Various Checks from Outside Agencies: This supplemental allocation appropriates \$6,468 to the Fire Department allowing the department to spend miscellaneous revenue received during the fiscal year. The revenue reimbursed the Fire Department for CPR/First Aid/AED Training to various outside organizations.

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier 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

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & More

[SA-29-23](#)

Grant Fund - Planning and Zoning - HACA Sub Grant - This supplemental allocation appropriates \$100,000 from a HACA sub grant. HACA is required to make certain improvements on the CNI eligible properties as "Early Action Initiatives" and HACA has asked the City to provide these improvements.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-29-23. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED

[O-14-23](#)

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, 2024, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-14-23 left open.

PUBLIC HEARINGS[O-17-23](#)

Administration - Requiring the City Manager to Provide Staffing Impact Statements on Pending Legislation - For the purpose of requiring staffing reports on charter amendments, ordinances, and resolutions that include the impact of the legislation on staffing levels and duties; changing when staff reports regarding legislation must be submitted to the Council; making clarifying changes to the impacted subsections; and generally related to City Council procedure.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-17-23 closed.

[R-21-23](#)

FY 2024 Fees Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2024; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-21-23 closed.

[R-22-23](#)

FY 2024 Fines Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2024; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-22-23 closed.

[R-23-23](#)

FY 2024 Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2024 annual position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-23-23 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**A. First Readers****1. Charter Amendment**[CA-2-23](#)

Management Information Technology office name change - For the purpose of changing the name of the City of Annapolis “Management Information Technology” (MIT) office to “Office of Integrated Technology Solutions” (OITS); and generally related to the City Manager’s duties.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt CA-2-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred CA-2-23 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

2. Ordinances

[O-18-23](#)

Management Information Technology office name change - For the purpose of changing the name of the City of Annapolis “Management Information Technology” (MIT) office to “Office of Integrated Technology Solutions” (OITS); and generally related to the Management Information Technology office.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-18-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-18-23 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[O-19-23](#)

Property tax credits for 9-1-1 Specialists and Public Safety Officers - For the purpose of granting property tax credits and property tax relief allowed by Maryland state law for the City of Annapolis 9-1-1 specialists and public safety officers in the Annapolis Fire Department and Police Department; and generally related to city tax credits.

Sponsors: Gay, Alderwoman Tierney and Mayor Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-19-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-19-23 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-19-23 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-19-23 to the Public Safety Committee.

[O-20-23](#)

Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, LLC, Lease - For the purpose of authorizing a City of Annapolis pilot lease with Chesapeake Nautical Cruises, LLC, for docking space at City Dock; and generally related to City Dock boat slips and boardwalk.

Sponsors: Alderman Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-20-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Deputy City Manager: Resilience & Sustainability Guild was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Savidge requested a presentation from the harbor master on dock rentals and lease recommendations.

Alderman Savidge referred O-20-23 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Mayor Buckley referred O-20-23 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-20-23 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

3. Resolution(s)

[R-28-23](#)

Reclassifying the Deputy Director of Emergency Management - For the purpose of approving the reclassification of the Deputy Director of Emergency

Management to a Grade 18; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Finlayson, Savidge and Gay

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-28-23 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk