



City of Annapolis

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Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 13, 2026

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

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

Moment of Silence

Presented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Littmann.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

Present: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Littmann's 1st State of the City Address

Good evening, and thank you for being here.

For this, my first State of the City, I want to start by talking about both the residents we serve and the dedicated City staff who show up every day to keep this City moving forward.

Municipal government works best when it functions in the background of people's lives:

- the trash is collected on time,
- the ambulance shows up when a family member is in need, and
- safe, clean, and delicious water comes out of the tap when you turn on the faucet.

Nearly all of those things are powered by people.

Tonight, I am proud to introduce a budget that helps us work toward that goal.

The headline from this budget is clear: we have balanced the budget, and we

have done so without raising the property tax rate.

That is fiscal discipline in action, and links to a commitment I made during the

campaign to make sure that Annapolis Works.

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But as I've spent the past four months in office, I've continued to ask a question I

know many residents ask: Is Annapolis always working the way it should?

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I ask myself that question.

I ask it even though I know there isn't a simple yes-or-no answer. Within that question is the expectation that residents and businesses set for us.

They expect a city that works, not just when it's easy.

Not just occasionally.

But consistently.

That means when you call, someone responds.

When you apply for something, it moves.

When you need help, you get it.

It sounds basic.

But it matters.

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And it starts with people. PEOPLE are what bind us together as an Annapolis community, and recognizing the work that happens in this community is important

during a time of seeming division.

We may hear a lot about what divides us, but on the ground in Annapolis, let's

take time to talk about what unites us.

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I am pleased to announce that the State of the City of Annapolis is: working to **SERVE** our residents respectfully, transparently, and with consistency and purpose.

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Whether you are calling in with a question, applying for a permit, or interacting with one of our employees in the field, we expect City staff to recognize that every interaction matters.

If you are having a customer service challenge, I'm about to share an email address that will get you to our ombudsman, who can help you resolve it: Ombudsman@annapolis.gov.

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Over these past four months, we have worked to enhance the customer experience so that Annapolis City government shows up for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Tonight, I want to show you what that looks like in practice, because we aren't just a collection of departments; we are here to serve the community in a way that is fast and predictable, but also values-driven.

It starts with a culture of customer service.
During January's snow and ice storm, we saw that in real time.
It was a difficult storm. It slowed recovery across the region.
Here in Annapolis, our emergency operations call center handled 745 calls during that period.
But the number isn't the story.
One example stands out.

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An elderly resident couldn't leave home for a critical medical appointment because their driveway was blocked.
City staff didn't just log the issue.
They cleared the driveway. They got that resident to the appointment.
That's what good customer service looks like.
Not perfect. But responsive.
That doesn't make the 5 o'clock news or social media, but it is just one example of how, on the ground, we regularly serve residents on sunny days... and snowy days too.
And that same approach carries into our day-to-day operations.

In Planning and Zoning, permit turnaround times have reduced from about 15 business days to between five and ten.

We are also hearing directly from applicants that the process is working faster and

better than it has in the past.

That is a credit to the team doing the work.

But we are not where we need to be yet. Residents and businesses still experience delays.

The process is not always as clear or predictable as it could, and should, be. So we are going to keep improving it.

At a basic level, if someone wants to invest in Annapolis, the City should help them move forward, not slow them down.

==water break==

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The folks in our Office of Community Services have helped hundreds of residents with everything from housing support and rental assistance to utilities, case management, and access to resources.

We are also working to improve how we partner with community organizations.

That means making sure community grants are delivered on time so the people doing important work on the ground can do it effectively.

And it also means increasing accountability, taking a closer look at outcomes so

we understand what is working and what is not, and making sure taxpayer dollars are used in measurable, meaningful ways.

In the Mayor's office, we are expanding outreach and meeting residents where

they are: at town halls, with Office Hours and Ward Walks, and with community

events, so that residents don't have to show up here at City Council meetings to be heard.

Customer service also means understanding the challenges that staff have in serving the public.

We hit the ground in December with a series of staff roundtables where we learned what is working and what is not.

With Due East Partners as consultants, we learned that directors and staff are often saying the same thing. With the data we collected, we are now poised to

work on an implementation strategy to ensure the City government is truly working both for staff and for taxpayers.

Our Public Works team is striving to make sure infrastructure is functional, traffic signals are operational, snowplows are GIS-tracked in real time, and trash and recycling are picked up as promised. Striving toward perfection doesn't mean "always perfect" but we all know the goal.

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Nearly everything I have just listed comes down to people. People make all of that function, and people are the key to making it function WELL.

[APPLAUSE]

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As I've already mentioned, we are striving to enhance engagement. Another way we are doing that is through regular communication. In the Mayor's Office, that means communicating ahead of council meetings, explaining what to expect, and giving our residents a window into the process of legislative decision-making.

If you don't yet receive my newsletter, you can subscribe for free by going to the city website at annapolis.gov and, in the search bar, using the keywords "Mayor's Newsletter". Subscribe so that you can stay "in the know."

One recent example of listening to residents and translating that into action is our project at Carr's Elktonia Beach. Our Department of Recreation and Parks held listening sessions with residents about exactly what a revitalized beach could - and should - look like.

At a City Council work session a few weeks ago, landscape designers revealed a beautiful concept plan, interpreting that resident wish-list. They achieved the goal of honoring that critical piece of Annapolis African American history. I encourage you to check out that presentation on the City's YouTube channel.

That work won't happen overnight, but we will soon issue a call for bids on the design, which is the next phase of the process. In the coming years, we expect to deliver a beautiful public green space for all Annapolitans to enjoy.

[applause]

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And we are listening in neighborhoods. If you come out to a town hall or neighborhood/ward walk, you will see a team from my administration alongside department directors and chiefs in the City, LISTENING to residents.

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Any municipal government's public safety plan and process are best when prevention, response, and accountability are at the core. It is another area where people are central to how well it works for residents, often in the most vulnerable moments of their lives.

The Annapolis Fire Department continues to exceed national standards for response times and has added another year with no fire fatalities.

[applause]

Add to that our "Best in Class" ISO rating that saves homeowners money on individual home insurance policies, and you can see how your City government is working for you.

In that moment of need, our goal is always a fast, qualified response. To maintain or improve that level of service, this budget includes a peak medic unit with six new hires and a fifth ambulance coming into service for the busiest half of the day.

[applause]

We are also adding two medic units, funded by a one-million-dollar state grant, thanks to our state delegation.

Our facilities will also see investments, with an additional two million dollars allocated to planning for fire station upgrades.

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And we're looking to the next generation through our new "cadet" program and I was honored to attend their graduation ceremony last week. These initiatives, along with further training of Fire Department staff, ensure that we are investing in our future.

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The Annapolis Police Department has had a leadership change, and I recognize how difficult that has been for some in our community.

I want to thank Acting Chief Amy Miguez for stepping into the role and Deputy Chief Major Stanley Brandford for providing continuity of leadership within the department until we make a final appointment. We have also seen meaningful progress over the past year.

In just the last few weeks, the Annapolis Police cold case unit brought forward a 1989 murder for prosecution, demonstrating that there is no expiration date for good police work.

Of the four homicides in 2025, three have resulted in charges filed.

Motor vehicle crashes are down nine percent, reflecting a more proactive approach to traffic safety.

We have also rebuilt capacity within the department.

Over the past year, the City added 29 new employees, including 17 sworn officers,

plus a new K-9, Officer Delta.

That is a very good dog.

That progress matters.

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It brings the department closer to full staffing and strengthens our ability to respond and prevent crime.

Now, looking ahead, this year's budget continues to focus on safety.

We are responding directly to what residents have told us about speeding and dangerous driving.

This budget adds additional speed cameras and red light cameras at targeted locations across the City.

These are data-driven investments designed to reduce dangerous behavior and make our streets safer for everyone.

[APPLAUSE]

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We all know that Annapolis is a tight-knit community. Our role as City government isn't to change the spirit of those connections, but to enhance the sense of community so that every resident feels seen, heard, and supported.

We do that through outreach teams in the Mayor's office, Recreation and Parks events and activities that get people out of their homes to both move and socialize, and in the priority investments we make.

Earlier this year, I was proud of our African American outreach team's presentation of the "Rooted in Revolution" series during Black History Month. The program was hosted in partnership with the Busch Public Library. I thank them for that collaboration.

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Our team is currently working on summer resource fairs and the Robinwood Open House series, as well as the CEO academy, where we guide young entrepreneurs from a "great idea" to a successful launch.

Learn more at annapolis.gov using the keywords "CEO Academy."

We are also incredibly proud of the Naptown Anti-Dope Movement, which continues to provide outreach, education, and real support for residents dealing with substance use challenges.

For example, NAM's pre-New Year's Eve celebration and resource fair helped residents navigate a difficult time where the urge to "join the party" can destroy months, or even years, of sobriety. That work matters. And it is showing results.

I want to acknowledge the Office of Emergency Management, alongside the NAM team's efforts. Cross-departmental collaboration is a key to that success and tonight we can say that overdoses in Annapolis are down 55 percent, making 2025 the second-lowest year in the past ten years.

[APPLAUSE]

The Hispanic outreach team continues to build bridges across our City, celebrating young creativity with poetry books, connecting more than 200 residents to local support networks, coordinating visits from consulates, and creating opportunities through Latin Business breakfasts.

They have also supported families during a time of increased concern around federal immigration enforcement.

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The City of Annapolis, including Annapolis Police, does not receive information about ICE activity from the federal government. We often learn about it from residents who call in, and we thank members of our community for being our eyes and ears.

Sometimes, when officers arrive, the incident is already over. Other times, reported ICE activity turns out to be a false alarm or criminal warrant service.

I mentioned this before, but it bears repeating: being an undocumented immigrant is not a crime; it is a civil violation.

This is a difficult issue to navigate. We aren't the only municipality facing this challenge, but we also aren't alone in our desire to build a community of trust and belonging.

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We are also seeing strong engagement across the City.

Recreation and Parks is ensuring that events, activities, and well-equipped amenities are available for residents of all ages and abilities.

They have seen record-breaking attendance at events like Community Fun Day and the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Those events bring people together and strengthen the community.

The work of Recreation and Parks was recognized in 2025 when Racquet Sports Industry named the Truxtun Tennis and Pickleball Courts as "National Public Park of the Year."

Congratulations!

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And for residents who connect with us digitally, City communications have reached more than three and a half million views since December first.

That tells us people want to stay informed and be connected. We also know our website needs improvement. We are assembling a team to modernize it, making it easier to navigate and use. That will take time, but it is necessary.

In Annapolis, we nurture and build community both in person and online.

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Now let me shift to the future.

City Dock is one of the most important projects before us. It is not just about infrastructure. It is about protecting the economic and cultural center of Annapolis. We have secured significant funding, including a 35.5 million dollar FEMA grant and other federal funding, along with state and county support. This is a complex project. It will take time.

There will be challenges and disruptions. But it is necessary. City Dock is a critical part of our resilience strategy, but it is not the whole story.

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Across our City, we are seeing the impacts of flooding: in neighborhoods, on streets, and along Annapolis's twenty-two miles of shoreline. That means we have to think beyond one project. For some areas, the answer will be infrastructure — better stormwater systems, improved drainage, and investments that reduce flooding before it happens. In other places, the solutions are more difficult. Property owners may be facing choices about elevating structures, building barriers, or, in some cases, retreating. Those are not easy conversations.

But they are real.

Our role as a City is to provide guidance, to invest where it makes sense, and to work with residents and property owners so that we are making thoughtful, informed decisions about the future.

We are also planning for long-term resilience by advancing our Climate Action Plan, or CAP, through our Deputy City Manager's team, who are gathering input from City partners and the public. The CAP will guide the City's actions to reduce pollution, increase clean energy, protect property, and support residents and businesses in becoming a more energy-efficient and habitat-friendly city.

I want to mention our partners at the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, an idea that originated in this very room with the City Dock Action Committee back in 2019. The Resilience Authority has proven to be a true partner in our environmental and resilience work. I thank Director Matt Fleming and my former colleagues on the board for their active engagement in projects in Annapolis.

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We are securing millions in environmental grant funding and expanding energy efficiency and sustainability initiatives across all City departments and operations.

- In Transportation and Central Services, that's using solar, electrifying the fleet, and installing the infrastructure to keep it all running smoothly.
- In Recreation and Parks, that may include how we maintain our parks by limiting harmful herbicides and pesticides and converting equipment from gas to battery-powered, just like we asked residents and businesses to do.
- In Planning and Zoning, that's inspecting building sites to make sure that infill development solves stormwater runoff problems that weren't addressed in original development plans.

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There is an Iroquois philosophy that says, "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

That is a call to stewardship and a reminder that, while we inherited this nearly 400-year-old City, we are only her temporary caretakers.

As we look ahead and plan investments, we also need to stay grounded in what makes Annapolis special.

That includes working collaboratively, once again, with Historic Annapolis to preserve the character and charm that define this City.

At the same time, we need to make sure Annapolis is accessible and livable for more people.

That means working closely with the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis to

modernize communities, improve housing conditions, and, with other zoning changes, make more of Annapolis accessible and enjoyable for more residents.

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That includes coordination around broader redevelopment efforts, including work

that can help connect housing, infrastructure, public space, and opportunity in a way that better serves families and neighborhoods.

We also need to recognize the importance of our maritime culture and working waterfront.

Annapolis is not just a place to look at the water.

It is a place where people make a living on the water, through boating, marine

trades, charter operations, and small businesses that support them.

With projects like City Dock, we are creating an environment where the maritime

economy can thrive and preserving it as a core part of who we are as a City.

Yet,
there is more to be done.

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As we think about our future, we also need to plan for where and how to efficiently deliver government operations. For example, our lease at 145 Gorman Street, which houses Planning & Zoning, Public Works, and Human Resources, is coming to an end. It's expensive because we don't own it.

Meanwhile, we maintain a portfolio of old buildings that are increasingly expensive to maintain - we had four buildings that lost AC last summer - yet we own land on Spa Road that could be redeveloped.

I would like this Council to weigh the pros and cons of a consolidated Government Center to save taxpayer money and improve public access to City operations.

It isn't in this year's budget, but by next year, we need to reach a consensus vision, with public input, on how to move forward.

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On quality of life issues, let me share some of the work funded in this budget across our wards:

- Ward One - of course, City Dock, but also critical water and sewer infrastructure replacement on East Street, King George Street, and College Avenue, with some of those lines more than a century old.
- Ward Two - Work on Robert Eades Park is continuing, but this public park on College Creek has been delayed by winter storms and soft spots in the soil, which require additional stabilization. This park will not only provide public water access, it will also be a site of memory for a beloved community member. We are also looking forward to upgrades at Stanton Center. This budget adds \$500,000 to the existing \$6 million dollars previously allocated because we are honoring a commitment to invest in communities that have historically been overlooked.
- Ward Three - major sidewalk and drainage improvements, connecting gaps in pedestrian infrastructure and improving accessibility across multiple streets.
- Ward Four - Annapolis Walk, a community in Bywater, will soon see resurfaced multisport courts and additional parking to better support that community.
- Ward Five - sidewalk improvements along Spa Road, helping better connect the Forest Drive corridor to downtown.

- Ward Six - We are repairing traffic and pedestrian infrastructure on Bay Ridge Avenue and Barbud Lane to improve safety and stormwater drainage, while cooperating with the Housing Authority with its Choice Neighborhood Initiative, a program to reimagine Eastport Terrace and Harbour House into a mixed-use, mixed-income community.
- Ward Seven - Carr's Beach will not only be a publicly-accessible beach, but also a place to honor African American history and the two enterprising

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women who turned the ugliness of Jim Crow into a beautiful Chesapeake Bay destination for families on the Western Shore.

We're investing in speed cameras and sidewalks along Edgewood Road, as requested by residents.

- Ward Eight - Flooding at street-end parks in Eastport is a big challenge, where tidal backflow at the Maritime Museum, Second Street, and other street-ends regularly creates inundations. We will move some of these from design to construction in this year's capital budget.

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The City Code requires a balanced budget, and I have delivered that tonight. Before I became Mayor, I ran a business. I managed that budget and knew where every dollar came from and where every dollar went.

A municipal government budget is on a different scale, but I approached the work with our budget team using the same philosophy because managing taxpayer dollars is fundamental to the job of being Mayor.

Unlike cities in most states, Annapolis doesn't receive a share of sales tax revenue, and our revenue from tourism-related taxes is fairly limited.

So maintaining City services, making investments, and moving this City forward within the constraints of the City's tax base is a challenge. We have approached this budget by prioritizing expenditures and being disciplined in not only taming our wish list, but cutting expenses that don't align with our top priorities.

In our Capital projects budget, we remain under our debt limit, which will help us continue to maintain our high bond rating.

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I'm excited to share that we used pay-as-you-go money (essentially, cash-on-hand), rather than borrowed money, for sidewalks, and this proposed budget does not raise property tax rates. That is intentional.

[applause]

In my proposal, while we were not able to fund a Cost of Living Allowance, or COLA, this year for City staff, we fully funded merit increases for all staff who meet or exceed performance standards.

That said, union negotiations are ongoing. If the City secures a different outcome during negotiations, then I, or any alderperson, would need to introduce an amendment to match those terms. That would either mean cutting services elsewhere, raising taxes, or using PayGo money. I am sure we will have a lively debate.

As members of the City Council begin to dive into the numbers over the next few weeks, I want them to remember the incredible amount of work done by a team that is largely behind the scenes.

Please join me in thanking our budget team, led by Acting City Manager Vickie Buckland, Acting Finance Director Joel Pallikal, and Deputy Finance Director Karen Ajayi, which includes Budget Analyst Kapri Turner and budget team members Darren Johnson and Suzanne Flaherty.

[applause]

We appreciate all the time and energy that goes into getting the numbers right and the difficult conversations with department directors to push back on expenses.

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Work on the budget is a year-long process with a hard deadline that closed earlier today. Thank you!

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Now I know that I just mentioned Vickie Buckland, but I'd like to give her a second shout-out. She stepped into the role of Acting City Manager last May. On Friday, we announced nominees for City Manager, Yolanda Lewis, and City Attorney, Tony Kupersmith. They will go before this council for confirmation tonight.

Vickie has held down the fort and I have seen over the past four months not

only
how hard she works, and the time and dedication she puts into the role, but
how
thoughtful she is about solving problems. She will continue to be an
important
asset to City Manager Lewis.

Thank you Vickie!

And before I get to thanking our local and regional partners, I want to take a
moment to acknowledge the engagement of this Council. Half of us are new
and
we have had to tackle a vast array of subject matters in a short period of
time.

I know you'll be seeking justification for spending in this budget, and I hope
we
can work collaboratively in the spirit of representing the entire City
effectively.

Outside of the budget, each of you have already shown that collaborative
spirit in
town halls, ward walks, and on legislative matters. We've had frequent
check-ins
and we've shared advice and counsel over these past four months. Thank
you.

I look forward to continued collaboration over the next four years. When we
go
over the budget at the work session on Thursday, Acting Finance Director
Pallikal
has kindly prepared information for what we have been able to include in
each
aldermanic ward in this year's spending plan.

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City government does not do this work alone.
Our community groups, nonprofits, neighborhood organizations, and our faith
community play a critical role in supporting residents and strengthening this
City.
From meeting basic needs to building connections and trust, their work
matters
every day.
And we are better because of them.
And I also want to recognize the assistance we get from other government
institutions.

County Executive Steuart Pittman and his team are helping fund the
Welcome
Center at City Dock and numerous other projects.

City residents benefit every day from Anne Arundel County's stellar service

delivery, from mutual aid for police and fire to schools, the health department, and assistance for our seniors through the Department of Aging and Disabilities.

Our federal partners have really come through for us! Sen. Chris Van Hollen, Sen. Angela Alsobrooks, and Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth are always champions of Maryland's capital city.

And, in the state, Governor Moore, Senator Shaneka Henson, and Delegates Dana

Jones and Dylan Behler have delivered to Annapolis:

- Almost one million dollars for Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOT, to offset our costs for delivering city services to state properties
- \$950,000 for two Medic Units
- \$550,000 for repairs to the Annapolis Police Department headquarters

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- \$100,000 for a fully confined explosive storage vessel for the Annapolis Bomb Squad, and
- \$500,000 for capital improvement projects on HACA properties

[applause]

To deliver on these priorities, leadership matters.

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In closing, four months isn't a long time. In the 377-year history of Annapolis, it's

the blink of an eye.

But it is enough time to set a direction.

We are building a City that works:

- for the people who live here,
- for the people who work here,
- for the people who invest here, and
- for the people who want to feel safe here.

A City that is responsive.

A City that is predictable.

A City that earns your trust.

There is more work ahead. There always will be.

But the direction is clear.

And we are doing the work every single day to make sure this City delivers for you.

Because at the end of the day, this is your City.

And Annapolis should WORK for you.

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Thank you.

Approval of Agenda

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

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10:30 AM.
Public Safety Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2026 4:30 PM
Environmental Matters Committee Meeting - Thursday, April 16, 2026 3:00 PM>
Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 8:30 PM.
Housing and Human Welfare Committee - Tuesday, April 21, 2026 4:45 PM.
Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 22, 2026 8:30 AM.
Finance Committee Meeting - thursday, April 23, 2026 8:30 AM.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Chris (last name) 2 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
(Lady) 137 Stilley Way, Parkside Preserve, Annapolis, Maryland (ZIP)

Public Information Officer Stevenson was present and answered questions from the council.

Mayor Littmann declared comments from the general public closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Charter Amendment

[CA-1-26](#)

Updating Requirements for Publication of the Charter and Code of the City of Annapolis

For the purpose of removing outdated provisions of the City's Charter; rewriting requirements for compiling and publishing the Charter and Code of the City of Annapolis; allowing for publishing paper or electronic versions of the Charter and Code of the City of Annapolis; and generally related to the codification of charter amendments and ordinances.

Sponsors: Littmann

Mayor Littmann declared the public hearing on CA-1-26 closed.

Ordinances

[O-6-26](#)**Oversight of the City's Firing Range**

For the purpose of allowing the Police Chief, along with the Mayor, to approve who uses the City's police firing range located within the Annapolis Police Department.

Sponsors: Littmann

Mayor Littmann declare the public hearing on O-6-26 closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Journals of Proceedings[CCM 3.9.26](#)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve CCM 3.9.26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[CCM 3.23.26](#)

Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve. CCM 3.23.26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Fund Transfers[FT-7-26](#)**Transfer - Enterprise Funds**

Transferring \$25,000 from Stormwater, Sewer, and Water Funds to the Standard Specs and Construction Detail project.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve FT-7-26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

Council Acceptance[ID-70-26](#)**Fiscal Year 2026 City of Annapolis Audit**

Auditor's report on reviews of the city's financial statements to ensure they follow laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to receive ID-70-26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Item ~REMOVED ~ from the Consent Calendar

[FT-10-26](#)

Debt Services - Nonallocated/Mayor - Salaries and Benefits \$36,300: This budget revision transfers \$36,300 of appropriations from the Nonallocated Debt Service account to the Mayor's Office Salaries and Benefits account.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve FT-10-26 Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

FY 2027 Budget

[O-8-26](#)

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, 2027, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, June 30, 2030, June 30, 2031, and June 30, 2032; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt O-8-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred O-8-26 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Littmann referred O-8-26 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Littmann referred O-8-26 to the Planning Commission.

Alderwoman O'Neill requested that she be provided with a budget book.

[R-10-26](#)**FY 2027 Annual Fees Schedule**

For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2027; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Huntley moved to adopt R-10-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred R-10-26 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Littmann referred R-10-26 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[R-11-26](#)**FY 2027 Fines Schedule**

For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2027; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Huntley moved to adopt R-11-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred R-11-26 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Littmann referred R-11-26 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

[R-12-26](#)**FY 2027 Position Classifications and Pay Plan**

For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2027 annual position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt R-12-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred R-12-26 to the Finance Committee.

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Resolutions[R-8-26](#)**Fee Waivers for City Supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2027**

For the purpose of identifying City Supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2027 and waiving certain related City fees for those events.

Sponsors: Huntley

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt R-8-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred R-8-26 to the Finance Committee.

[R-9-26](#)**Filing of Grant Application with the Transit Administration**

For the purpose of authorizing to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Section 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 grant(s) under the Federal Transit Act for a total amount of \$3,025,613, consisting of \$2,010,825 for fixed route transit operations; \$269,958 for ADA complementary paratransit services; and \$744,830 capital grant for transit vehicle maintenance.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Smith-Brown moved to adopt r-8-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Huntley 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-9-26 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

[R-13-26](#)**Compensation of Acting City Manager Victoria Buckland**

For the purpose of expressly consenting to compensate an acting city manager when the position remains vacant for six months, and setting an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt R-13-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson moved to adopt r-13-26 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

[R-14-26](#)**Confirmation of Anthony Kupersmith as City Attorney**

For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Anthony Kupersmith as City Attorney; consenting to compensate the City Attorney; and setting an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-14-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Alderman Smith-Brown moved to adopt R-14-26 on second reader. **Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

R-15-26

Confirmation of Yolanda L. Lewis as City Manager

For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Yolanda L. Lewis as City Manager; consenting to compensate the City Manager; and setting an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Smith-Brown moved to adopt R-15-26 on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

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 Smith-Brown moved to adopt R-15-26 on second reader. **Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

O-1-26

Property Tax - Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes, and Large Family Child Care Homes

For the purpose of creating real property tax credits for child care providers who own the property where they operate a state-licensed or registered child care center, family child care home, or large family child care home; allowing businesses of a certain size that own their property and have on-site child care facilities to participate in the tax credit program; setting the real property tax credit at a maximum of \$10,000; and generally related to tax credits for child care providers.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier and O'Neill

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt on second reader. **Seconded.**

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-1-26 AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment #1:

On page 1, in lines 7 and 26, and page 3, in line 16, strike "10,000" and, after the dollar sign, insert "4,000". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Thorp moved to amend O-1-26 as follows:

Amendment #2:

On page 4, in line 12, insert a new subsection E as follows:

"E. Reporting Requirement.

The City Manager will report annually to the City Council the number of child care facilities requesting and receiving this tax credit, the amount approved, an assessment of the effectiveness of the program, and recommendations for improvements to the program, if any, by February 28th of the year following the calendar year of the program." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Smith-Brown moved to amend O-1-26 as follows:

Amendment #3:

1) On page 1, in lines 5 and 24, after "large family child care home;" insert "extending tax credits to property owners who lease their property to a state-licensed or registered child care operator;"

2) On page 2, in lines 11 through 14, strike "property owners who operate a state-licensed child care center, a state-registered family child care home, or a state-registered large family child care home in accordance with Education Article, Title 9.5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland" and after "this section" insert "real property used for a state-licensed child care center, a state-registered family child care home, or a state-registered large family child care home in accordance with Education Article, Title 9.5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, whether the child care facility is operated by the property owner or by a tenant pursuant to a lease with the property owner,"

3) On page 2, strike lines 24 and 27 and insert the following:

"i. Provide a real property tax credit to property owners who operate a child care facility on their property, or lease their property to a state-licensed or registered child care provider who operates a child care facility on the property; and

ii. Apply the tax credit to the portion of the real property used exclusively for the child care facility, including any improvements made to the property for that purpose, whether such improvements were made by the property owner or by a tenant pursuant to a lease." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-1-26 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-1-26 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

Alderman Smith-Brown - Cosponsor Added.

O-3-26

Annapolis Harbor Lines at Hawkins Cove

For the purpose of changing the City of Annapolis harbor line at Hawkins Cove to allow for the implementation of the Hawkins Cove Restoration project; and matters generally related to harbor lines.

Sponsors: Thorp, Littmann, Savidge, Contee and Smith-Brown

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt O-3-26 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Thorp moved to amend. O-3-26 as follows:

Amendment #1:

Pursuant to Page 4, Section 1, "Exhibit A" to O-3-26 is hereby replaced by "Exhibit A as Amended". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-3-26 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt O-3-26 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk