



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, June 3, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Closed Session Statement

Pursuant to the requirement of the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article§ 3-305 (b), (7) and (8). This statement is included in these minutes:

A closed session of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:04 p.m. in the Mayor John T. Chamber, Jr., City Council Chamber, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Members who voted to meet in the Close Session:

Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Persons Attending the Closed Session:

Mayor Buckley, Chief of Staff Smith, Acting City Attorney Berger, City Manager Sutherland, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge.

The members present took a roll call vote, and the session closed. The authority under which the session closed was the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article§ 3-305 (b) (7) and (8), the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the HACA Law Suit

No votes taken in the closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

Present: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended to allow time to discuss the budget process for the Monday, June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley City Council Meeting Remarks Council Chambers

Thank you everyone, for being here tonight.

We are a strong City. Our residents are resilient. But, we were put to the test a little less than a year ago when we suffered a mass shooting. Being a strong city doesn't stop our hearts from breaking for the people in Virginia Beach.

To the people of Virginia Beach, I say this. Annapolis stands with you. Please find strength in our unity of purpose to end gun violence.

To our Annapolis residents, for whom the murder of 12 people in their workplace, one state away, stirs painful memories - you are not alone in your grief and pain.

We need to find a way to put an end to this. As a society, we need it to stop.

I'd like for us to now take a moment of silence to be alone with our thoughts as we remember the 12 victims of the latest senseless mass shooting in Virginia Beach.

Although we're now nearly two weeks after commissioning, I'd like to congratulate the United States Naval Academy Class of 2019. It is always exciting to see those young men and women mature as they go from plebe to commissioned officer.

As part of our responsibility as the host City of the United States Naval Academy, it is our job to respond to emergencies big and small. During Commissioning Week, our City comes together to celebrate.

To prepare for the event, the Office of Emergency Management held a briefing so that Police, Fire and all Emergency responders would be ready should the need arise.

Even when there isn't an emergency on the day of graduation, we as a City are called into action throughout commissioning week. Annapolis Fire Department **Chief David Stokes** reported that a number of people were treated for heat exposure and we are lucky to have an emergency response team in place to provide medical assistance and emergency support where necessary. Thank you Annapolis Fire Department!

We also had staff from the City of Annapolis' Harbormaster office out to ensure that the Blue Angels demonstration flyover went smoothly. Thank you to **Beth Bellis** and **Tyler Northfield** for their work out on the water. Because of their prevention efforts, we had no maritime incidents.

Also in May, I was very pleased to attend, along with a number of you, the

swearing in of our new **Delegate Shaneka Henson**. I know she will do a great job and we are lucky to have her in the legislature.

Two events tied to the City Dock/Urban Land Institute work happened since our last convening. First was a visit from Charleston, SC **Mayor Joe Riley**. He gave a great talk at Maryland Hall. If you haven't seen it, go to the City's YouTube page to check it out. His talk was inspiring, especially to those working on the City Dock Action Group and Working Teams. They are busy doing the implementation work on the ULI study.

About half of the Working Teams gave their first reports to the Action Group last Thursday. I couldn't be more pleased to see the cooperation, collaboration and interest in this work. We all look forward to seeing it come together in a way that is actionable for the City of Annapolis, residents and visitors. I continue to be impressed by **Eileen Fogarty** and the scores of volunteers who are helping with this effort. Thank you!

Our Department of Public Works got a wonderful note from an Eastport resident who said:

“I wanted to compliment the woman who operates the street sweeping equipment here in Eastport. She does an excellent job. She obviously wants to get the street clean, not just make a quick pass by -- kudos to her for caring about the quality of her work.”

The person he is referring to is **LaShawn Brown**. She is an excellent employee of the City of Annapolis. Thank you for recognizing her work. And thank you Ms. Brown for being a standout employee for our City!

The City got a little beautification upgrade when Baltimore Gas and Electric worked with two youth outreach programs, **Black Wall Street Annapolis** and **Jovenes Artistas**, in Ward 5 to paint pad-mounted electrical equipment. My Office of Outreach and Community Service staff helped to make this a great event. **Will Rowel** and **Adriana Lee** got food and hosted a BBQ.

I was pleased to hear that **Alderman Marc Rodriguez** was on site to see the Art Improvement Pilot Project take place where students from middle and high school painted a Maryland flag, some black-eyed Susans and other iconic Maryland images. You know I love a mural.

If you want to have a look for yourself, this is in the Saltaire neighborhood, right off Hilltop.

Another couple of events the City hosted were “Bike to Work Day” at Market Space. We had a big turnout for that, reminding people to get out of their cars and choose a no-carbon-footprint transit alternative that is one of my favorite ways to get around town. A number of Department of Transportation employees came out to celebrate that event. Thanks to **Jon Korin** and the Bicycle Commission for organizing. You all will be seeing the bike share lane arrows or “sharrows” on City streets to help remind cars and cyclists to look out for each other.

Recreation and Parks hosted Kids to Park Day. There was a big turnout with baseball games, fishing clinic, paddleboard lessons, and a bicycle workshop. I encourage you to get out at any of our wonderful recreation and park locations as the weather gets warmer. In fact, Truxtun pool just reopened for the season and it's the last year of the old pool before demolition and reconstruction. My kids were there just the other day.

I had the opportunity to visit Morris Blum senior housing with **Alderman Fred Paone** where we met and talked with the resident council. I want to thank the residents for meeting with us.

The Mayor's Office of Community Engagement hosted the sixth Naptown Anti-Dope Movement Community Engagement Session at Morris Blum Senior Center aimed at raising awareness about the Opioid Epidemic in the African American community.

It is moving to hear the stories of recovery, but also to give people hope that the City has resources available to help people who are struggling through addiction.

I want to make sure that **Tola Ajayi** from my office, who has been working these events from planning to follow through in all Wards of the City, gets credit for all his hard work. Thank you Tola.

Coming up, the Mayor's office will participate in a softball tournament against the Drug Free All Stars at Pip Moyer Rec Center. That's 12 to 4 on June 22. Come cheer us on. I know our **City Manager Teresa Sutherland** has already been out to the batting cage and scouting reports are that she's a real slugger.

It's June and also Pride Month. Check our social media page for events and activities happening around the City, including the Annapolis Pride parade June 29 at noon.

Also at the end of the month, on June 27, we will be hosting a "Safe Cities Summit" where people from around the country will come and talk about mass shootings and prevention strategies. I look forward to sharing more details with you at the next council meeting.

Please set aside the date, June 28, as we commemorate one year since the Capital Gazette tragedy. We will remember the victims, families and Capital employees and celebrate freedom of the press. The Capital staff has received many recognitions and commendations in service of community journalism, including a Pulitzer Prize, which they picked up in New York last week.

In an effort to stem gun violence that was occurring in our community, we held a press conference to talk about how neighbors can help police.

On Friday, we hosted a community day with a cookout to bring residents of Harbour House and Robinwood together with police and resident councils. We want to put an end to gun violence in all parts of our City.

And continuing on this theme, Mom's Demand Action for Annapolis and Anne Arundel County is hosting "Wear Orange Day" summit this Saturday, June 8 at 1

p.m. Location is across from the Arundel Center on Calvert Street. Please join me. Tomorrow night will be an open house here in council chambers to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote. I invite you all to come out to acknowledge the accomplishments of women in elected office in our city. We'll have light food, displays, photographs. It's going to be great. Come on out. Tomorrow night. 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Now let's get to the rest of our meeting.

Presented.

B. Required Administrative Submittals - City Manager

[ID-506-19](#)

City Manager Budget Revisions

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

This Informational Item was presented.

C. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

6/3/19 Public Safety Committee

When:6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

6/5/19 Finance Committee

When:10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

D. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Art Savidge, 947 Shearwater Way, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

David Frankel, 929 King James Landing Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

DaJuan Gay, 409 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Jarrold Ferry, 96 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Lance Hendricks, 912 Sherrod Forest Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Brad Letour, 3468 Monitor Court, Davisonville, Maryland 21035.

Amy Idaconey, 2008 Quay Village Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Betsy Tezel, 342 Broadview Lane, Annapolis. Maryland 21401.

Paul Bollinger, 1109 Miami Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Michell Henschel, 10 Sunset Drive, Edgewater, Maryland 21037

Sara Parker Hughes, 1 Stewart Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jennifer Balducci, 31 Glen Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Paul Flack, 2594 Timber Cove, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Lisa Rut, 4 Chelsea Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Peter Holland, 914 Bay Ridge Rd #230, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Shamir Gladden, 1135 Madison Street, Apt S-2, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Scott Que, 8214 Delwood Court, Glenarden, Maryland 20706.

Mike Pantelides, 19 Enclave Court, 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 Arnett to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. The motion carried:unanimously

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

Appointments

AP-93-19 The Re-Appointment of Kathie Sulick to the Police and Fire Retirement Commission

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

AP-94-19 The Appointment of John Wardell to the Retirement Plan Commission

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

AP-103-19 The Appointment of Michael Giblin to the Environmental Commission

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

AP-104-19 The Appointment of Anne Stephenson to the Environmental Commission

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

First Readers

R-26-19 Rental Operating Licenses and Inspections of Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis Properties - For the purpose of requiring rental operating licenses and inspections of Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis properties.

Sponsors: Rodriguez, Finlayson, Tierney, Savidge, Pindell Charles and Paone

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

CA-2-19 City Manager - Powers and Duties - For the purpose of removing the Office of Environmental Policy from the supervision of the City Manager; and placing supervision of the Human Resources Office under the City Manager.

Sponsors: Buckley

Speaker:

Kurt Regiel, 307 Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

No one else from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-2-19 closed.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Opinion on CA-2-19 Recommended Amendments dated May 30, 2019 from Acting City Attorney Berger.

CA-3-19 Office of Law - For the purpose of establishing an Office of Law.

Sponsors: Buckley and Finlayson

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-3-19 closed.

[CA-4-19](#)

Economic Development Program - For the purpose of removing administration of the economic development program from the Planning and Zoning Department.

Sponsors: Buckley

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-4-19 closed.

[CA-5-19](#)

The Office of Emergency Management Department - For the purpose of establishing a department known as the Office of Emergency Management.

Sponsors: Buckley, Finlayson, Tierney, Pindell Charles, Rodriguez, Paone and Arnett

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-5-19 closed.

Aldерwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Rodriguez requested to be added as co-sponsors of CA-5-19.

[CA-6-19](#)

Department of the Environment - For the purpose of establishing a department known as the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the Department of the Environment.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett and Rodriguez

No one from the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the charter amendment.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing CA-6-19 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

O-2-19

Freestanding Signs - For the purpose of permitting free-standing signs and business community identification signs in certain zoning districts; removing the minimum lot width requirement for freestanding signs in certain zoning districts; amending the regulations for wall-mounted signs; and matters generally relating to updating and amending the sign code.

Sponsors: Rodriguez

Alderman Rodriguez moved to adopt O-2-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amended O-2-19 as follows: Amendment No.1 Rodriguez. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amend O-2-19 as follows: Amendment No.2 Rodriguez. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-2-19 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-2-19 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

R-22-19

2019 Special Election - Ward 6 - For the purpose of authorizing the City of Annapolis to contract with the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to administer the City of Annapolis Special Primary and General Elections that will take place on June 4, 2019 and July 2, 2019, respectively.

Sponsors: Buckley

Board of Supervisors of Elections Chair Myers was present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt R-22-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

R-23-19

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week - For the purpose of recognizing the third annual Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week from June 2-10, 2019; and urging Annapolis residents and guests to participate in the plethora of educational and environmental events, activities, and programs that are

designed to increase awareness of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay to the State, the region, and the United States.

Sponsors: Finlayson and Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-23-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

R-24-19

Community Celebration on June 28, 2019 - For the purpose of declaring that the Community Celebration at Maryland Hall on June 28, 2019, is a City sponsored event.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-24-19 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

R-25-19

City Ownership of Bembe BeachPort Williams Marina, support for Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating's Adaptive Boating Center - For the purpose of supporting the City's ownership of a marina on Back Creek off Bembe Beach Road, to be purchased as a City-County-State partnership utilizing Program Open Space monies, for use by the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating's (CRAB) Adaptive Boating Center.

Sponsors: Savidge, Tierney, Rodriguez and Arnett

City Manager Sutherland and Finance Director Dickerson were present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-25-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend R-25-19 as follows:

Correction to Marina Name - To delete " Bembe Beach Marina" and Insert "Port Williams Marina". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-25-19 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Henson

The order of the agenda was amended to allow for Item REMOVED from the Consent Calendar

First Readers

[O-25-19](#) **Watershed Restoration Fund - For the purpose of modifying the functions of the Watershed Restoration Fund.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-25-19 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Economic Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Finance Committee.

For the Good of the Order

Discussion on the Monday, June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting on the Budget.

This was free form

The next meeting of the Annapolis City Council will be held on June 10, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk