



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Virtual Meeting

A virtual meeting is when people, regardless of their location, use video and audio to link up online. Virtual Meetings allow people to share information and data in real-time without being physically located together.

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Paone.

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) (14). This statement is included in these minutes:

A Closed Virtual Session of the City Council on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 10:07 a.m.

Council Members who voted to meet in the Closed Session:

Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Arnett.

Mayor Buckley left the closed session at 10:56 a.m.

Staff and Invitees attending the Closed Session:

Chief of Staff Smith, City Attorney Lyles, City Manager Jarrell, Assistant City Attorney Leonard, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, Procurement Officer Snyder, Finance Director Dickinson, City Council Associate Green, City of Annapolis TV Representatives Jacques and Hildebrand; and Consultant Eileen Fogarty.

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) (14), the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Hillman Parking Garage Replacement and the City Dock Revitalization Project.

There were NO votes taken in the closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed virtual session adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to approve the agenda as amended to add R-62-20 Racial Equity in Media on Second Reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-323-20](#)

City Council Citation - Beatrice Smith

LIVE: Testimony Received

Reverend Dr. Carletta Allen, 87 West Street, Annapolis Maryland 21401 representing Asbury United Methodist Church.

This Ceremonial Item was presented to Ms. Beatrice Smith.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
City Council Remarks
Virtual
December 21, 2020 – 7 p.m.

Good evening everyone. This is our last City Council meeting for the year! And what a year it has been. I think we will all be happy to see 2020 come to a close.

Last week, I was very happy that you got to see the outlines of the City's plan for Hillman Garage and City Dock as part of the predevelopment agreement.

This is an exciting development and I know everyone involved in selecting the team has worked very hard to get us to this point. As we get to the other side of Covid, this project, a public private partnership that doesn't tap taxpayers, will be a part of our revitalization efforts and how we get our economy back.

I want to thank all 100 of our City Dock Action Team volunteers for working to build consensus.

I want to thank our City manager David Jarrell, City attorney Mike Lyles, Assistant City Attorney Ashley Leonard and our City Procurement officer Brian Snyder for their work on figuring out the details and the contracts.

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I would like to direct everyone's attention to the City website's Come Back Annapolis page where we have connections for City, state and federal resources - so crucial in this time of the partial shutdown. I remind everyone to continue to shop local, stay local, visit your favorite pubs and restaurants for carryout. They need you now more than ever.

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People in our community have shown such generosity. We learned of some big tips over the past week that are really a lifeline to people who are hurting. If you have the means, continue with your generosity.
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I won't keep you all for very long with remarks this evening. As we wrap up this most difficult of years, my wife Jules and I, along with our two boys, want to extend our wishes to the Council, our residents and all of your families for a safe and healthy - and happy - holiday season.

To our City staff, thank you for your dedication to our residents and visitors. I know how hard you all have worked and I thank you. I am proud of all of you and I am very proud to be Mayor of this amazing city.

Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year to everyone. Let's get on with our meeting.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

1/5/21 Rules and City Government Committee Meeting

When:4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

1/6/21 Finance Committee Meeting

When:10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

WRITTEN: Testimony Received

Kurt Riegel, 307 A Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 - R-64-20.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WEB FORM – To view the actual comments, please visit www.annapolis.gov/publictestimony

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Journals of Proceedings

[CCM](#)

[11.9.2020](#)

Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

[CCM](#)
[11.23.2020](#)

Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

[CCM 12.15.20](#)

Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Appointments

[AP-48-20](#)

The Appointment of Comacell Brown to the Arts and Public Places Commission

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

[AP-49-20](#)

The Appointment of John Purnell to the Transportation Board

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

[AP-50-20](#)

The Appointment of Kati George, CIA to the Audit Committee

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

Business and Miscellaneous

Fund Transfers

[FT-4-21](#)

General Fund

Mayor, Fire, Police

Transfer From: Fire Salaries and Benefits (\$37,500.00); Police Salaries and Benefits (\$37,500.00) Transfer To: Mayor Supplies and Other (\$28,300.00); Mayor Contractual Services (\$46,700.00)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Finlayson to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Legislative Action

First Readers

[O-49-20](#) **Drug-Loitering Free Zones - Repeal - For the purpose of repealing certain provisions of the Annapolis City Code concerning loitering in Drug-Loitering Free Zones.**

Sponsors: Arnett, Gay, Buckley and Savidge

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-49-20 to the Public Safety Committee.

[O-50-20](#) **Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit - For the purpose of updating certain occupancy periods of Moderately Priced Dwelling Units; eliminating variations on defined terms; providing supplemental regulatory authority to the Director of Planning and Zoning; and generally relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.**

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-50-20 to the Planning Commission.

Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-50-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred O-50-20 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[O-51-20](#) **Emancipation Day - For the purpose of designating “Emancipation Day” as a City holiday to be observed on November 1st of each year.**

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, Buckley, Pindell Charles and Finlayson

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-51-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[R-65-20](#) **Drug-Loitering Free Zones - Repeal of Fines - For the purpose of repealing fines in the Fiscal Year 2021 Fines Schedule for violations concerning loitering in Drug-Loitering Free Zones.**

Sponsors: Arnett, Gay, Buckley and Savidge

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred R-65-20 to the Public Safety Committee.

[R-66-20](#)

Charter Revision Commission - For the purpose of appointing a Commission to make a comprehensive study of the government of the City; and all matters relating to said Commission.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

[R-67-20](#)

Maryland Emancipation Day - For the purpose of supporting the establishment of November 1st as Maryland Emancipation Day; and generally relating to Maryland Emancipation Day.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, Buckley, Pindell Charles, Finlayson and Tierney

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-19-19](#)

Adequate Public Facilities - Auto transportation facilities - For the purpose of clarifying the circumstances that would require a traffic impact analysis for a proposed project; clarifying the standards to be used to determine adequacy; and generally relating to the adequacy of auto transportation facilities.

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge and Gay

No one from the public submitted written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-19-19 closed.

[O-29-20](#)

Small Cell Systems - For the purpose of establishing requirements for small cell systems; adding small cell systems as a use subject to standards in all zoning districts; creating certain definitions; and generally relating to small cell systems.

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

WRITTEN: Testimony Received
Chris Comer, 253 Najoles Road, Millersville, Maryland 21108 Director of Government representing Comcast.

No one else from the public submitted written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated November 18, 2020, and Memoranda from Sally Nash, Director, to the Planning Commission dated August 18, 2020.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-29-20 closed.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred O-29-20 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[O-48-20](#)

Animal Control - Canine Leash Laws - For the purpose of prohibiting unrestrained dogs in public recreation areas, or at large; authorizing the Police Department to enforce the City's leash laws; and making technical and stylistic changes to the City's animal control laws.

Sponsors: Paone, Tierney and Schandelmeier

LIVE: Testimony Received

Kurt Riegel, 307 A Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

WRITTEN: Testimony Received

Joseph Shirley, 1010 Hyde Park Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Chris Ledoux, 215 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 - Mr. Ledoux will submit his full testimony for the record to the city clerk.

No one else from the public submitted written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-48-20 closed.

[R-61-20](#)

Short Term Rental Licenses - Moratorium - For the purpose of placing a moratorium on the issuance of new non-owner occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; placing a moratorium on the transfer of existing non-owner occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; providing for the application of the moratorium; and setting a date for termination of the moratorium.

Sponsors: Tierney, Savidge and Schandelmeier

LIVE: Testimony Received

Susan Margulies, 113 Conduit Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

WRITTEN: Testimony Received

Bruce Bereano, 191 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Liz Brinster, 90 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Erin Fitzgerald, 56 Cornhill Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Carl Larkin, 154 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Christine Schulstad, 707 Miller Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Megan Moore, 86 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Marty Etzel, 26 Randall Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jason Brand, 1521 Ritchie Highway, Unit#300, Arnold, Maryland 21012.

Kelly Bjornerud, 214 King George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Yarrow Yarrow, 102 Roosevelt Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

No one else from the public submitted written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the

resolution.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-61-20 closed.

R-62-20

Racial Equity in Media - For the purpose of encouraging racial equity in all forms of media.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Pindell Charles, Tierney, Gay, Savidge, Schandelmeier and Paone

WRITTEN: Testimony Received

Steven Waddy, 7968 Heather Mist Drive, Severn Maryland 21144.

Nas Afi, 210 Weymouth Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774 representing the Annapolis Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

No one else from the public submitted written testimony in favor of or in opposition to the resolution.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-62-20 closed.

Approval of the Agenda - Added:

Legislative Action - Second Reader

R-62-20

Racial Equity in Media - For the purpose of encouraging racial equity in all forms of media.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Pindell Charles, Tierney, Gay, Savidge, Schandelmeier and Paone

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-62-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Consent Calendar - Item Removed

Supplemental Appropriations

SA-20-21

Grant Fund - Police Department - Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Revenue: State Grant Revenue - Exploring Predictive Policing

(\$100,000.00) Expenditure: State Grant Expense - Exploring Predictive Policing (\$100,000.00)

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to approve SA-20-21. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 5 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

Legislative Actions - First Reader

[O-52-20](#)

Plastic Bag Reduction - For the purpose of defining certain terms; prohibiting dealers from supplying customers with plastic bags for use as checkout bags; requiring paper bags contain at least 40% recycled content; setting forth prohibited conduct by dealers; providing enforcement measures; requiring an annual report to the Mayor and City Council; providing an effective date; and generally relating to checkout bags.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to withdraw O-52-20 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-68-20](#)

Plastic Bag Reduction - Fines - For the purpose of imposing fines concerning the prohibition of certain checkout bags.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to withdraw R-68-20 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk