



City of Annapolis

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Special Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, January 27, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Paone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Gay.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Good evening everyone. Before we get started tonight, I want to take a moment to recognize two people who are leaving City government after tonight's meeting.

The first, from my office, is Adriana Lee. She has been the Hispanic Community Services Specialist. Adriana has done an amazing job, reaching deep into the Hispanic community and bringing new voices into City government. She has organized events like the Day of the Dead and the Flowers Festival, both of which highlighted the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Hispanic people.

She has also worked with every department in the City to ensure that City services are delivered equitably.

Adriana is going to the Comptroller's office to continue her work on Hispanic outreach, this time in the state.

We will miss her and I know that she will do a great job for people in the state of Maryland.

Thank you Adriana!

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Tonight is also the last meeting and the last day on the job for City Manager Teresa Sutherland.

Teresa has done an amazing job of wrangling City finances to get us on the right track. She has ensured that each department is professionally run. She has worked long hours, countless hours.

I am sure that HR would say that she has worked here two years, but honestly, she has put in so many hours that if we were clocking her time based on a forty-hour workweek, she has probably served the City for a decade or something.

In any event, Teresa has ensured that we are on a strong footing moving forward. You all know that I have a lot of ideas and things I want to accomplish in my time as Mayor.

In order to do those things, we needed to get our financials straight. That includes leaving us with a strong Finance Director. Much of that work has only been possible because Teresa has been dogged in guiding the process. Under her stewardship, we have a number of things coming online. We have RFQ and RFP for Hillman, contracts in place for the new DPW building, the resiliency planning underway, a plan for City Dock, and more.

Today was her last day in the office and of course, this morning everyone in City government got an email from Teresa. We were able to turn the City Health Insurance Fund from a deficit position to a healthy financial one with a surplus fund balance. That is no small feat and it means that, for all City employees who make a health care contribution, they are getting a little vacation from premiums for the next seven pay periods.

That doesn't tell the whole story of how Teresa's stewardship of city dollars and departments have benefited city residents and employees, but it is an example of her expertise, work ethic and heart that on her last day, she's delivering real dividends to City workers.

Now Teresa, if the CPA in private practice gig does not work out, I have heard you sing and I know you have a lot of musical talent.

As you know, I do know some people around town who own venues where you could play. I think you've got a great second career in the waiting if the bean counter thing goes south.

Best of luck to you Teresa and thank you!

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On Thursday, we have our Community Engagement Session. Learn about City programs, City priorities and one Annapolis initiatives. There will be food and beverages served. It will be right here in City Council chambers from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. It is open to the public. Come out and engage!

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We got word last week that Eric Borchers from the Department of Planning and

Zoning applied for and receive a \$19,000 grant from the State of Maryland for Census outreach. This is important for all of us that we get an accurate count. It means representation for City residents and resources for City and State government operations.

Speaking of Census 2020, there is a hiring event, the first of many that will happen around the City and County.

This one is at 11 and noon at Pip Moyer Recreation Center. The Census pays well and offers job flexibility. These jobs aren't permanent, but they will go for a good part of the year. And these jobs are not just enumerators or Census takers -- they need office managers and data folks. It is a huge hiring effort. They are looking for bilingual workers too, so don't let language be a barrier.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. and noon at Pip Moyer.

If you want to know more, please come out on Wednesday or contact Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation.

That is it!

Thank you everyone for coming tonight.

Mayor Buckley presented his biweekly update.

B. Required Administrative Submittals-City Manager

Presented by City Manager Sutherland.

[CM-6-20](#)

Harbormaster

Presented by City Manager Sutherland.

[CM-7-20](#)

Planning and Zoning

Presented by City Manager Sutherland.

[CM-8-20](#)

Public Works

Presented by City Manager Sutherland.

[CM-9-20](#)

Office of Law

Presented by City Manager Sutherland.

C. Reports by Committee

Standing Committe Dates:
2/3/20 Public Safety Committee

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
2/5/20 Finance Committee
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

D. Comments by the General Public - Shall be 3 Minutes

Speakers:

Steve Rodgers, 515 4th Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Jim Wiley, 403 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Chris Buchheister, 5 Wagner 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 Arnett to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

Appointments

[AP-132-19](#) **The Appointment of Robert A. Dews Jr. to the Board of Appeals**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-1-20](#) **The Appointement of Karen Theimer Brown to the Heritage Commission**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-2-20](#) **The Re-Appointment of Timothy P. Leahy to the Historic Preservation Commission**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-3-20](#) **The Re-Appointment of Carl Corse to the Building Board of Appeals**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-4-20](#) **The Re-Appointment of John Jay Schwarz to the Building Board of Appeals**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-5-20](#) **The Re-Appointment of James Praley III to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[AP-6-20](#) **The Re-Appointment of Lawrence Harris to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

Legislative Action

First Readers

[O-3-20](#) **Fire Prevention Code - For the purpose of encouraging property owners to solicit bids from licensed minority business enterprises; identifying loan eligibility requirements under the sprinkler assistance revolving fund; clarifying costs that may be funded; establishing a loan amount; identifying loan repayment criteria; setting a date for sprinkler installation compliance; identifying the responsibility of applicable property owners; identifying the appropriate body for appeals; providing that certain catchlines or captions are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this Ordinance; requiring the publisher of the Code of the City of Annapolis, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the City of Annapolis Office of Law, to correct any cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this ordinance and to describe any corrections made in an editor’s note following the section affected; making certain stylistic changed; and generally related to the Fire Prevention Code.**

Sponsors: Tierney and Pindell Charles

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

Mayor Buckley referred O-3-20 to the Economic Matters Committee.

Second Readers

[R-3-20](#) **Transit Safety Plan - For the purpose of approving the City of Annapolis Transit Safety Plan.**

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[R-4-20](#) **Eastport and Forest Drive Communities and Governmental Agencies Task Force - For the purpose of extending the term of the temporary advisory Task Force commissioned to provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum to study and prepare reports about the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study.**

Sponsors: Savidge, Pindell Charles and Gay

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings Continued - 1.13.20

[O-39-19](#) **Accessory Dwelling Units - For the purpose of allowing accessory dwelling units in all zoning districts that allow single-family detached dwellings; establishing use requirements for accessory dwelling units; adding certain definitions; making stylistic changes; and generally related to accessory dwelling units.**

Sponsors: Gay, Rodriguez and Savidge

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

Speakers:

Steven Rogers, 515 4th Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mary Biro, 280 Hilltop Lane, Annapolis, Unit J, Maryland 21403.

John Hammond, 141 Monticello Ave, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to postpone the public hearing until after the council has received the Planning Commissions Findings on O-39-19 Accessory Dwelling Units. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings

O-38-19

Housing and Community Development Committee - For the purpose of renaming the Housing and Community Development Committee; clarifying certain powers and functions; and making stylistic changes.

Sponsors: Rodriguez and Gay

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-38-19 closed.

O-1-20

Exempt Service - For the purpose of correcting certain exempt service position titles.

Sponsors: Buckley

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-1-20 closed.

O-2-20

Youth Development Commission - For the purpose of establishing a Youth Development Commission; creating certain definitions; identifying the responsibilities and composition of the Commission; and generally relating to the Youth Development Commission.

Sponsors: Gay and Rodriguez

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-2-19 closed.

Legislative Action

First Readers

R-6-20

Director of Planning and Zoning - Sally Nash, Ph.D., AICP - For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Dr. Nash as the

Director of Planning and Zoning; and consenting to compensate the Director.

Sponsors: Buckley

City Manager Sutherland was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Paone moved to adopt R-6-19 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-5-20](#)

University of Maryland, Baltimore - Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise - For the purpose of expressing the Annapolis City Council's support of Maryland Senate Bill 184 and House Bill 310.

Sponsors: Tierney, Savidge, Arnett and Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-5-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Tierney moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay requested his name be added as a Co-Sponsor of R-5-20.

Second Readers

[O-20-19](#)

Dwellings above the ground floor of nonresidential uses in the B1, Convenience Shopping District, and B2, Community Shopping District - For the purpose of creating standards for dwellings permitted above nonresidential uses in certain commercial districts; and matters generally relating to regulation of such dwellings.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw O-20-19. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-28-19](#)

Tattoo Parlor- For the purpose of including the use Tattoo Parlor to the Tables of Permitted Uses for certain zoning districts.

Sponsors: Tierney

Acting Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-28-19 on second reader until the council has received the Planning Commission Findings. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-34-19](#)

Planning and Zoning - Appeal Procedures - For the purpose of clarifying the procedures governing an appeal of a decision of the Planning and Zoning Director; making stylistic changes; and generally related to appeal procedures.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-34-19 until Monday, April 13, 2020. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

Referral to the Planning Commission

[O-40-19](#)

Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program - Maintenance Facilities - For the purpose of amending the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program by modifying the project description for the Maintenance Facilities capital project.

Sponsors: Buckley, Pindell Charles and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to refer O-40-19 to the Planning Commission. Seconded.
CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk