



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Gay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Schandelmeier.

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the agenda. 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

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
Remarks - City Council
June 28, 2021 - 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Good evening and welcome to a busy day here in Annapolis. This morning we dedicated the Guardians of the First Amendment Memorial at the corner of Compromise Street and Newman Street in downtown to mark three years since the Capital Gazette mass shooting.

At this morning's dedication, we had more than 300 people in attendance, including the survivors and the families of the victims as well as local dignitaries. Together we remembered Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters.

I want to thank Carl Snowden and Juanita Cage Lewis for all of their work coming up with the idea for the memorial and finding appropriate funding from donors, the state, the County and of course your City of Annapolis.

Two years ago, the architect came to Annapolis with ten plans for a memorial. We found a location. We donated the land. We donated \$100,000. The Department of Public Works supervised and oversaw the project - during a pandemic no less.

For months, City staff prepared with weekly planning calls, setting forth the details for today's event. They planned the setup of the stage and chairs and tents, they figured out the road closures and police, fire and OEM staffing, created invitations and programs and banners, sent out media advisories and press releases, circulated information on social media, brought in the honor guard, brought in the cooling bus from Annapolis transit, provided cold water for everyone to drink and so much more.

I thank City staff for adding this to their daily duties and making it all look easy. I saw how much work and energy and love really went into it.

I want to thank authors David Simon and Laura Lippman for providing remarks and dedicating the memorial. It was a moving ceremony and is available on our City social media channels.

I hope that residents and visitors use the memorial site as a place to reflect on the importance of a free press.

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I was away on vacation with my family last week and I want to thank Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles of Ward 3 for stepping in as acting mayor.

I understand that you were plenty busy with ribbon cuttings and citation presentations and other mayoral duties, Alderwoman. Thank you for representing the City and her residents.

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On Friday, we'll kick off our Independence Day weekend. We will have the tall ships arrival and the fire boat out in the harbor. I hope to see people lining City Dock, on the Eastport Bridge, in Eastport - coming out from all over to welcome these beautiful ships as they sail into Annapolis.

Then we'll have concerts and events at Maryland Hall and Chambers Park. On Saturday morning our parade will go off at 10:30 and we are looking forward to saluting our front line workers who have done so much for us this past year.

Look for your City Council members on the City of Annapolis float in this year's parade.

We'll have events and activities throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, including neighborhood parades in Eastport and West Annapolis.

On Sunday night the City is putting on a fireworks display in the Annapolis harbor that will truly be a sign that we are back. I am looking forward to being in as many places as possible this weekend.

I thank all of our community partners: Visit Annapolis, Historic Annapolis, Art in Public Places, Greater Parole Community Association, Downtown Annapolis Partnership, National Park Service - Chesapeake, Annapolis Maritime Museum, Maryland Hall,

ArtFarm, Inner West Street Association and many many more for all their hard work to give residents and visitors a memorable experience this Fourth of July weekend!

For a complete calendar of events, use the keywords Independence Day at www.Annapolis.gov or visit the Annapolis visitor center on West Street to pick up a map and schedule of events.

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Finally, we cut the ribbon on the new Truxtun Tennis and Pickleball Courts over the weekend, and I know that both groups were out enjoying the refurbished courts. I thank everyone who made that event a success and especially our Recreation and Parks staff and Department of Public Works staff as well as Director Michael Johnson for getting that one across the finish line. The courts look -- and play -- great!

Let's get on with tonight's meeting!

B. Reports by Committee

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules and City Government Committee Meeting

July 6, 2021, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ Mayor John T Chamber, Jr. Council Chambers

Finance Committee Meeting

July 7, 2021, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ Mayor John T Chamber, Jr. Council Chambers

Transportation Committee Meeting

July 8, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ Mayor John T Chamber, Jr. Council Chambers

C. Comments by the General Public

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC - PUBLIC TESTIMONY WEB FORM – To view the actual comments, please visit www.annapolis.gov/publictestimony

LIVE: Testimony Requested – NONE

WRITTEN: Testimony Received – NONE

Appointments

[AP-82-19](#)

The Re-Appointment of Michael Hughes to the Recreation Advisory Board

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

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm the appointments as a group. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-130-19](#)

The Appointment of Patrick N. Sheridan to the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis Board

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-130-19. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-7-21](#)

The Appointment of Katrina Williams to the Recreation Advisory Board

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-7-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-15-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Chrissa Rich to the Arts in Public Places Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-15-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-19-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Bevin Buchheister to the Environmental Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-19-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-20-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Bill O’Leary to the Environmental Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-20-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-21-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Paul Murphy to the Environmental Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-21-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-22-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Scott Anderson to Port Wardens**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-22-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-23-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Dick Peterson to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-23-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-24-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Kia Baskerville to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-24-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-25-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Robert Hruby to the Building Board of Appeals**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-25-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-26-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Robert Worden to the Heritage Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-26-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-27-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Alma Cropper to the Heritage Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-27-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-28-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Kim Finch to the Historic Preservation Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-28-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-29-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Wilford Scott to the Historic Preservation Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-29-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-31-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Helen Leitch to the Human Relations Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-31-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[AP-32-21](#) **The Re-Appointment of Rosemary Katchmar to the Human Relations Commission**

Alderman Arnett moved to confirm AP-32-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Consent Calendar

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-41-21](#) **Planning and Zoning
Grant Fund - Housing & Urban Development
Revenue: Federal Grant Revenue (\$200.00) Expenditure: Federal Grant Expenses (\$200.00)**

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-41-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

End of Consent Calendar

Business and Miscellaneous

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-40-21](#) **Self-Insurance
Revenue: Available Fund Balance (\$250,000.00) Expenditure: Contractual Services (\$250,000.00)**

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-40-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Fund Transfers

[FT-11-21](#) **General Fund
Various
Transfer From: R&P Latchkey Salaries and Benefits (\$32,000.00)
Transfer To: R&P Stanton Center Salaries and Benefits (\$32,000.00)
Transfer From: Police Salaries and Benefits (\$94,000.00) Transfer To: Police Contractual Services (\$94,000.00)
Transfer From: City Manager Contractual Services (\$25,000.00); City Manager Special Projects (\$25,000.00); Fire Capital Outlay (\$20,000.00)
Transfer To: City Manager Salaries and Benefits (\$70,000.00)**

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve FT-11-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings

[O-8-21](#) **Dwellings above nonresidential uses in the PM District - For the purpose of creating standards for dwellings permitted above the ground floor of nonresidential uses in the PM zoning district; and matters generally relating to regulation of such dwellings.**

Sponsors: Paone, Schandelmeier, Gay and Tierney

LIVE: Testimony Requested – NONE

WRITTEN: Testimony Received – NONE

Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Planning Commission Findings dated June 3, 2021.

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-8-21 closed

[O-21-21](#) **Public Ethics - Statement of Compliance - For the purpose of repealing the requirement to file a Statement of Compliance for certain individuals.**

Sponsors: Buckley

LIVE: Testimony Requested – NONE

WRITTEN: Testimony Received – NONE

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-21-21 closed.

[O-23-21](#) **Annapolis Harbor Lines - 222 Severn Avenue - For the purpose of amending the configuration of the Annapolis harbor line outboard of 222 Severn Avenue on Spa Creek; and generally related to said harbor line.**

Sponsors: Arnett

LIVE: Testimony Requested –
Cardie Templeton, 222 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

WRITTEN: Testimony Received – NONE

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

Legislative Action

First Readers

[O-24-21](#) **Sewer Service Agreement - Lidl US Operations, LLC - For the purpose of authorizing a sewer service agreement providing for the extension of City sewer service to certain parcels on Bay Ridge Road located in Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to providing said sewer service outside the City limits.**

Sponsors: Savidge, Pindell Charles and Paone

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-24-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice

vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-24-21 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor added.

Alderman Paone - Cosponsor added.

[O-25-21](#)

Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts - Uses - For the purpose of requiring certain annual reporting on maritime and non-maritime uses, providing for certain waterfront access incentives for non-maritime uses, modifying the requirements for certain uses deemed conforming, modifying certain uses for Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts, allowing uses in certain districts subject to standards, modifying off-street parking requirements for certain uses, adding definitions, and generally relating to uses in Waterfront Maritime Zoning Districts.

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

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

Alderman Paone moved to adopt O-25-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-25-21 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Mayor Buckley referred O-25-21 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-25-21 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[R-19-21](#)

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2021 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2021.

Sponsors: Tierney

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-19-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-20-21](#)

Water Service Agreement - Lidl US Operations, LLC - For the purpose of authorizing a water service agreement providing for the extension of City water service to certain parcels on the Bay Ridge Road located in Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to providing said water service outside the City limits.

Sponsors: Savidge and Pindell Charles

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-20-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-20-21 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor added.

[R-21-21](#) **Medicare for All - For the purpose of expressing support for Medicare for All, including expansion of the Medicare for All Act of 2021, H.R. 1976, 117th Cong. (2021-2022); supporting comprehensive healthcare to all U.S. residents; and expressing support for the establishment of a Maryland Commission on Universal Health Care.**

Sponsors: Savidge, Gay, Pindell Charles and Finlayson

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-21-21 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor added.

Alderwoman Finlayson - Cosponsor added.

Second Readers

[O-50-20](#) **Moderately Priced Dwelling Units - 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 and Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-50-20 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-50-20 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 Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Gay

[O-15-21](#) **Elections - Independent Expenditure Report - For the purpose of requiring the filing of Independent Expenditure Reports; providing reporting procedures and requirements; adopting state provisions; providing certain definitions; providing penalties; and generally relating to Independent Expenditure Reports.**

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-15-21 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-15-21 on third 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

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor added.

Alderwoman Tierney - Cosponsor added

Alderman Arnett - Cosponsor added.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk**

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