



# City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

## Regular Minutes - Draft

### City Council

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Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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#### Call to Order

Acting Mayor Pindell Charles called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Pindell Charles

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Acting Mayor Pindell Charles

#### Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

**Present:** 7 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay  
**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderman Rodriguez

#### Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended to add O-9-20 Comprehensive Bag Reduction on first reader, R-12-12 Comprehensive Bag Reduction – Fines on first reader and R-11-10 World Migratory Bird Day Resolution on first reader. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

### Petitions, Reports and Communications

#### A. Update from the Mayor

Good evening everyone. Thank you for coming tonight to participate in your government.

I want to remind you that City offices will be closed next Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day. Pip Moyer will remain open and your refuse pickup schedule will remain the same.

Over the past few weeks, I have had the honor of serving as acting mayor of our City, and while that responsibility has been temporary, it has been very rewarding. On Friday, I got to swear in six of our new firefighters at a ceremony here in council chambers. As they move into their careers as sworn civil servants of our

city, it was wonderful to see members of their family and their new family, the Annapolis Fire Department celebrate the start of their careers.

I want to acknowledge something that we all got to see at that swearing in. We got to see a public safety TEAM. Not only was AFD's command staff present, but also Police Chief Jackson and the Office of Emergency Management stepped forward to show their support. Public safety is a priority for this City, and I am so happy to see that the team that Mayor Buckley appointed and we as council members confirmed are working together for the people of our beautiful city.

I have also been able to attend ribbon cuttings, including one for a new business on Dock Street, Bitty and Beau's, that employs individuals with developmental disabilities. I wish them much success. It was an amazing turnout on Saturday, and that shows me our City has a big heart. It was so good to see business entrusting their future to Annapolis, but it was also good to see Annapolis showing up to embrace a model for business that is all about inclusivity.

it's Black History Month and I hope that you are all tuning in to our social media pages to see a little information each day about people and events from our timeline of black history right here in our city.

This Thursday, at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church on Bestgate Road, former Sen. Gerald Winegrad will be presenting a program, "Searching for the Soul of Annapolis," a program on growing up in a segregated Annapolis of the 1940s to 1960s. As Sen. Winegrad says about his program, "hear how soul music helped soothe the wounded soul of Annapolis and break down racial barriers."

Toward the end of the month, we will be dedicating the police station on Taylor Avenue to our first African American Police Chief Joseph S. Johnson. Chief Johnson grew up in Annapolis and began his career with the Baltimore Police Department in 1968, working his way up through the ranks to Colonel. He retired from BPD in 1991 to come to Annapolis. In 1994, he became the first African American Chief of Police for the Annapolis Police Department. During his tenure, he increased the number of women and minority officers in the APD. He brought stability and professionalism to the department and oversaw upgrades to the communications of patrol officers, among other achievements.

There will be a reception on Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Banneker Douglass Museum. If you would like to attend, please contact the Mayor's office to RSVP by Feb. 14.

For the final piece of tonight's remarks, I'd like to read a letter from an 11-year-old Annapolis resident who took the time to let us know his thoughts on Truxtun Park:

Dear Mayor Buckley,

It has come to my concern that the Truxtun Park skate park isn't that great. I'm Owen Bieler an eleven-year-old skateboarder who lives in Annapolis and uses the park frequently. I think that the park is way too small. Why is this problem?

Well, when people use it, it gets crowded really fast. So when someone does a trick people are all around and you and/or others could get really hurt. I understand that you will probably get hurt skating in general, but it increases the chance. Also, due to the size the people who made it couldn't fit much in the park.

There are two ramps, a back-to-back bank, a box, and a transition piece. Compared to other parks that is not much.

Another thing, is that people that live in Annapolis usually travel as far as Baltimore to get to a decent skate park. There are parks such as: Lansdowne, Walker Mill, Bowie, Laurel, Charm City Skate, Hampden, and many more! The point of this E-mail is to ask if the city of Annapolis could possibly either put in a new park along with Truxtun, or add to Truxtun.

Making a new park will get many people to come because of the fact that it's new. If you add to Truxtun their will be more space and more people at a time can go in. Take a look at the skate parks I named to base the expansion or addition on.

The skate community including me would really appreciate if you could plan on getting a new park or expanding on Truxtun. I speak for my voice and many others.

P.S. In your spare time (If you get some) watch me skate on Youtube. @SomeBoards.

P.P.S. I would be willing to help with the plans such as where to build and what to build.

Your concerned skater, Owen Bieler

Thank you Owen. We are here to listen to our constituents, even 11-year-old ones.

As a final note, I'd like for us to take a moment of silence for Tonya Downs, who worked in Finance for the City of Annapolis. She passed away suddenly week before last. Her service last week at Mt. Olive was well attended by her friends, family and colleagues.

Tonya always had a big smile and she made a difference in the lives of the people all around her. She was a light. I know that her friends, family and coworkers are going to miss her greatly, especially her sister and her son Bryan. Rest in Peace

Tonya.

[moment of silence]

Also tonight, I would like for us to take a moment for Mayor Buckley's mother Pauline Brosnan, who passed away last week after a battle with cancer. Mayor Buckley is overseas in Australia preparing for her memorial, which is tomorrow in Fremantle.

Pauline came to Annapolis and many of us got to meet her during the inaugural. I know this is a very difficult time for Gavin, Julie, Dash and Miles as well as Pauline's husband, sister and other family members.

Please hold them in your thoughts.

There is a registry book in the lobby of City Hall and if you would like to offer your condolences, I know that would mean a lot to the family and to Gavin.

Let's take a moment to pray for Pauline and to wish safe travels for the Mayor, who will be back later this week.

[moment of silence]

Thank you everyone. Now let's get on with tonight's meeting.

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles presented Mayor Buckley's City Council Remarks for Monday, Feb. 10, 2020.**

## **B. Reports by Committee**

### **Standing Committee Dates:**

**2/11/20 Rules and City Government Committee**

**When: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**2/18/20 Special Meeting of the Housing and Human Welfare Committee**

**When: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**2/19/20 Finance Committee**

**When: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**2/19/20 Environmental Matters Committee**

**When: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

## **C. Comments by the General Public**

### Speakers:

Paul Bollinger, 1109 Miami Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

Chris Cole, 55 East Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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

Janet MacCallum, 116 Granada Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Tracy Tischer, 504 Riverview Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Joseph Stern, 919 Wells Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Lauren Wishart, 32 Monroe Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Bryan Mong, 124 Smith Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Will Small, 702 Melrose Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Ashley Love, 14 Hill Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Nushi Carrera, 909 Wells Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.  
Ursula Kuehn, 1515 Ritchie Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.  
Julia Clarke, 1289 Virginia Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.  
Paul Foer, 921 Boucher Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.  
Jennifer Balducci, 31 Glen Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.  
Bruce Bereano, 191 Duke of Gloucester street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.  
Sina Potter, 567 Francis Nickolson Way, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles 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

### **Approval of Journal of Proceedings**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[CCM12720](#) Special Meeting Minutes

**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

## **Legislative Actions**

### **First Readers**

[O-6-20](#)

**Planned Developments - Public Housing Bulk Standards** - For the purpose of allowing a height adjustment for certain eligible public housing development.

**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

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-6-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-6-20 to the Planning Commission.**

[R-7-20](#)

**Position Classifications - Amendment** - For the purpose of approving an amendment to the FY 2020 position classifications.

**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

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred R-7-20 to the Finance Committee.**

[R-8-20](#)

**Pride of Baltimore II - Docking Fee Waiver** - For the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the *Pride of Baltimore II* at the Annapolis City Dock on certain dates during the months of March and April in 2020.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred R-8-20 to the Finance Committee.**

[R-9-20](#)

**Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2020** - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2020.

**Sponsors:** Tierney

**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

#### 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

**Speakers:**

Vicky Pritchett, 514 Progress Drive, Suite A, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090.  
Josh Shapiro, 1101 Hampton Park Blvd #200, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743  
representing Reliable Sprinkler Company.  
Sher Grogg, 38906 Point Drive, Selbyville, Delaware 19975.  
Gregory Lawrence, 8607 Woods End Drive, Laurel, Maryland 20723.  
Will Small, 702 Melrose Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles declared the public hearing on O-3-20 closed.**

### Legislative Actions

#### Second Reader

#### 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 Jarrell, Human Resources Manager Hopkins and Acting Planning and Zoning Director Nash were present and answered questions from council.

**Alderman Paone moved to adopt R-6-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

**Nay:** 1 - Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderman Rodriguez

[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

**Alderwoman Tierney moved to withdraw O-28-19 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**First Reader**

[O-9-20](#)

**Comprehensive 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 recycled content; providing for the applicability of the Chapter; imposing a surcharge on certain checkout bags; imposing interest and certain civil penalties on dealers who fail to make timely remittances of the surcharge; 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:** Savidge, Tierney, Arnett, Gay and Rodriguez

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-9-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-9-20 to the Environmental Matters Committee.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-9-20 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.**

**Alderwoman Finlayson referred O-9-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

[R-12-20](#)

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

**Sponsors:** Savidge, Tierney, Arnett, Gay and Rodriguez

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-12-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred R-12-20 to the Environmental Matters Committee.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred R-12-20 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.**



**Alderman Finlayson referred R-12-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

**R-11-20**

**World Migratory Bird Day Resolution** - For the purpose of encouraging the City of Annapolis to implement sound bird-conservation practices by offering education to the public about the interactions between birds and people and about the contributions birds make to a healthy community.

**Sponsors:** Buckley

Chief of Staff Smith was present and answered questions from council.

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-11-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Savidge requested his name be added as a Cosponsor of R-11-20.**

**Items REMOVED from the Consent Calendar**

**Legislative Actions - First Readres**

**O-7-20**

**Designated Loading Zones** - For the purpose of authorizing designated loading zones in the City of Annapolis; creating certain definitions; and generally related to designated loading zones.

**Sponsors:** Gay

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-7-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-7-20 to the Public Safety Committee.**

**Alderman Arnett referred O-7-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.**

**Acting Mayor Pindell Charles referred O-7-20 to the Transportation Committee.**

**R-10-20**

**Moratorium on the Issuance of Short Term Rental Licenses** - For the purpose of placing a moratorium on the issuance of short term rental licenses; and setting a date for termination of the moratorium.

**Sponsors:** Savidge

**Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-10-20 on first reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Alderman Paone, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Gay

**Nay:** 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

**Out of Room:** 1 - Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderman Rodriguez

**Second Readers**[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 second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

**Absent:** 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderman Rodriguez

## Adjournment

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.**

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