



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, July 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

Mayro Buckley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Schandelmeier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman O'Neill.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Gay moved to approve the agenda as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Citations

[ID-114-24](#)

Annapolis Pride

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-115-24](#)

Annapolis Police Department Scholarship Recipients

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-116-24](#)

Safeway Fall Festival

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-117-24](#)

The Late Mr. Arnold Smith, former Chairman of the City's Board of Elections

Aldерwoman Pindell Charles stated Mr. Smith's son was not in attendance and that the citation should be postponed.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

I hope everyone had a happy and celebratory Fourth of July weekend. We were a little concerned about stormy weather affecting our parade and fireworks, but apart from a rain shower, the weather was kind and everything went smoothly.

I want to thank everyone on the City staff who makes our Independence Day celebrations, and all of our parades and celebrations, a success, from our Special Projects coordinator to the Office of Emergency Management to the Harbormaster, police and fire, transportation staff, and of course public works team who clean up quickly after all our visitors go home.

On behalf of the council, department directors, and the public who count on the City to celebrate in a big way, we say a big thank you!

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Next Monday, I am pleased to announce a new feature for Annapolis Transit. It is an on-demand service that will replace two existing bus lines - the orange route and the purple route. Called "Go Time," this service will replace our two least-utilized routes.

Go Time is a pilot program that will get folks from point A to point B a little faster and definitely more directly, while still being great value at \$2 a ride, \$1 for seniors.

The service is a unique marriage between a public bus service and on-demand transit - think Lyft or Uber. It's a shared ride, so the bus may - or may not - pick up multiple riders along the route.

On average, the purple route takes 31 riders a day. But imagine getting on at Safeway and needing to get to your job at the hospital. Currently, you'd need to ride the entire route: Safeway to Robinwood, Bay Ridge shopping center, past Pip Moyer, up Spa Road, down West Street, and finally to Anne Arundel Medical Center.

With on-demand, you can potentially go directly from your pickup location, to your destination. The routes are organized through the Transigo App, which is available on Apple or Android - or you can directly phone transportation dispatch to get picked up.

To make sure we get everyone used to the new service, we will run both the current bus route and the on-demand service simultaneously for a few weeks so that our regular riders can get used to how it might change - and shorten -

commuting times.

Many municipal transit services have migrated to an on-demand model to great success. We hope to join them in bringing that success to our residents!

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Tomorrow night, we will have our second Public Water Access meeting at Pip Moyer Recreation Center. This in-person gathering will supplement an online comment period focused on the draft Public Water Access Plan.

The plan is an off-shoot of our Maritime Task Force findings and I want to thank our chief of comprehensive planning, Eric Leshinsky for his work on this document that was created in partnership with the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways program and the US Department of Transportation Volpe Center.

Again that meeting is tomorrow, July 9 at Pip Moyer and begins at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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Coming up July 14, we will host the second annual Gun Violence Awareness Wellness Fair at Pip Moyer Recreation Center, from 3 to 6 p.m., this free event is presented by our No Harm team and will include resources, sports clinics, free food, arts and crafts and stop the bleed training. Wear Orange and come out to stop hurting and start healing!

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On July 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Chambers Park on Dorsey Road, our Naptown AntiDope Movement, or NAM team will host a Community Engagement Listening Session to empower the community through connections and resources. Our NAM team works to prevent Substance Use Disorder and the Listening Session will include overdose response training with Annapolis Fire, community services, and free food and refreshments. We encourage young people to come out for planned activities and family resources! That's Wednesday, July 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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This Thursday we will begin the first of our summer Community Resource 'Pop-up Fairs'. This was a series we began last year where we join with the Office of Community Services, Annapolis Fire, OEM, APD, County Health and many community partners to bring information, services and programs directly to the community. There will also be refreshments and fun activities for kids at each event.

This Thursday we will be in Bywater from 3-6pm and will be visiting other areas of the City each week after that. Check the City website and social media for more details.

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A quick reminder that the July 22 meeting of the City Council will be our last until September. City standing committee and council meetings are suspended in August, per City Code. I'll make another reminder on July 22, but wanted to make sure everyone knows in advance.

While this council doesn't meet during that time, all aspects of City business go on as usual. Your trash will be picked up, police and fire are on duty,

transit runs, our camps will be ongoing, Pip Moyer and Stanton Center are open - and maybe most important on a hot August day - the municipal swimming pool is ready for your enjoyment!

Now let's get on with our meeting.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Environmental Matters Committee & Rules and City Government JOINT MEETING

July 11, 2024, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Rules and City Government Special Meeting

July 12, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Housing & Human Welfare Committee Regular Meeting

July 15, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee Regular Meeting

July 17, 2024, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Economic Matters Committee Regular Meeting

July 17, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Comments by the General Public

Speaker(s):

Barbara Belier, 7 Spa Creek Landing, unit A-2, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Godfrey Phelps, 701 Glenwood Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Rev Jerry Colbert, 6120 Second 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 Gay to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM 6.3.24](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Gay moved to approve CCM 6.3.24 Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[CCM 6.10.24](#)

Alderman Gay moved to approve CCM 6.10.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

[CCM 6.17.24](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Gay moved to approve CCM 6.17.24. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

End of Consent Calendar

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

Fund Transfers

[FT-1-25](#)

Parking and Transportation - Department of Transportation - Parking Operations/Administration

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve FT-1-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances

[O-6-24](#)

City-wide Prohibition on New Drive-through Windows - For the purpose of prohibiting new drive-through window facilities that allow people to remain in vehicles while receiving products or services; eliminating City Code references to drive-through windows and facilities; and generally related to drive-through facilities in Annapolis.

Sponsors: Savidge, Schandelmeier and Buckley

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone the public Hearing on O-6-24 until Monday, September 9, 2024 and to refer O-6-24 back to the planning Commission. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-12-24](#)

Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund - For the purpose of establishing a Maritime Industry Economic Development Fund is to promote, stabilize, and protect the maritime industry in the City of Annapolis; and generally dealing with maritime development in the City.

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone the public Hearing on O-12-24 until Monday, September 9, 2024 and to refer O-12-24 back to the planning Commission and the Maritime Advisory Commission. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Ordinances

O-11-24

Tenant Displacement Fund - For the purpose of establishing a fund for providing assistance to tenants who are displaced when rental units are deemed unfit for human habitation by the City; basing funding for tenants on specific criteria; and generally related to emergency housing needs in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-11-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles asked that the record reflect her recusal from the vote on R-11-24 on First Reader.

Mayor Buckley referred O-11-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-11-24 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

O-15-24

Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation

Notes - For the purpose of authorizing and empowering the City of Annapolis (the “City”) to issue and sell, upon its full faith and credit, (i) one or more series of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$44,079,109 (the “Bonds”), pursuant to Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and Article VII, Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Annapolis, as amended (the “Charter”), (ii) one or more series of its general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (the “Notes”), pursuant to Sections 19-211 through 19-221, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended and the Charter and (iii) one or more series of its general obligation bonds to refund specified bonds previously issued by the City in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the principal amount of bonds to be refunded (the “Refunding Bonds”), pursuant to Section 19-207 and Sections 19-301 through 19-309, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the Charter; providing that the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold for the public purpose of financing and refinancing certain capital projects of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, Notes and Refunding Bonds; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, Notes and Refunding

Bonds.

Sponsors: Buckley

Aldерwoman Tierney moved to adopt O-15-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-24 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-24 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Resolutions

[R-1-24](#)

Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group - For the purpose of creating an Eastport and Maritime Operations Work Group to analyze the impact of Ordinance 25-21 on maritime operations and properties in the Waterfront Maritime Eastport (WME) zoning district, and to recommend how the City Council can support such operations and properties.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to withdraw R-1-24 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-31-24](#)

FY 2025 Position Classifications and Pay Plan for the Annapolis Police Department - For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2025 annual position classifications and pay plan for the Annapolis Police Department; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-31-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aldерwoman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-31-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Aldерwoman Tierney, Aldерwoman O'Neill, Aldерwoman Pindell Charles, Aldерwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[R-32-24](#)

City of Annapolis Police and Fire Retirement Plan -- 2024 Amendment and Restatement - For the purpose of amending and restating the Police and Fire Retirement plan; and matters generally relating to the plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-32-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

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

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-32-24 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

R-34-24

Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - 2024 - For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2024.

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-34-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-35-24

Scheduling Conflicts Between City Council Meetings and Committee, Board, and Commission Meetings - For the purpose of eliminating conflicts when the City Council and its standing committees are scheduled to meet; and generally relating to meeting schedules of City committees, boards, and commissions.

Sponsors: O'Neill, Arnett, Finlayson, Pindell Charles and Tierney

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-35-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-39-24

Fiscal Year 2025 Sewer Fees Update - For the purpose of updating City of Annapolis sewer fees as recommended by the City's rate consultant; and generally dealing with the FY 2025 fees schedule.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-39-24 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-39-4 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

[O-26-23](#)

Forest Conservation Plan Appeals - For the purpose of closing a loophole in the Forest Conservation Plan provisions of the City Code concerning forest clearing; changing the Forest Conservation Plan appeals body from the Building Board of Appeals to the Board of Appeals; and generally related to the Maryland Forest Conservation Act and Planned Unit Development regulations.

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Savidge moved to refer O-26-23 to the Environmental Matters Committee. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Resolutions

[R-4-24](#)

2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan - For the purpose of adopting a new comprehensive plan for the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-4-24 on second reader. Seconded.

Chief of Comprehensive Planning Leshinsky was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Gay moved amendments #1 and #2 together to amend the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Amendments #1:

General Updates

1. To address overall readability:

a. Review and edit all Goals and Performance Measures to reduce instances of wordiness and technical jargon.

See Attached Document, Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures, and the Summary Chart of Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures.

b. Review and double-check all cross references between the text and the referenced tables and exhibits.

c. Overall editing.

Page 2

2. To address Small Area Planning:

a. In Executive Summary of Action Plan and Chapter 1: Introduction of full Plan, add Ward maps and profiles which generally describe main recommended actions

by Ward.

To be provided in a forthcoming separate document.

b. In Executive Summary of Action Plan and Chapter 11: Development Regulations

of full Plan, add clarifying text which describes what is meant by small area planning and small area plans, and the role and benefit of small area planning.

On page 366 in the full plan and page 40 in the Action Plan, add the following text:

“Although this Plan represents a citywide vision, very few of its recommended actions will be broadly implemented citywide. The city is a patchwork of neighborhoods of varying needs and conditions, and in most cases, implementation will be very neighborhood and location specific, relying on small area planning for guidance. Within the practice of city planning, small area planning is a common approach to addressing community needs at a scale which is tailored to the community. Areas of the city are selected for attention based on need and defining features relevant to the need, and the outcome of the small area planning is a small area plan. The small area plans supplement the Comprehensive Plan by providing detailed direction for the development of city at the scale of the block, roadway corridor, neighborhood, creek shed or ward. By focusing planning efforts at this scale, small area planning allows residents and other stakeholders to be more engaged in determining strategic priorities for their communities and helping to proactively shape their surroundings.”

3. To address information for and about the 65+ population:

a. Add a new section describing “The Growing Senior Population” as a demographic trend.

See proposed text under Chapter 2: Demographic Trends below

b. Add new sections in Chapter 6: Transportation and Chapter 7: Community Facilities addressing the needs of the 65+ population.

See proposed text below in the respective chapter sections

4. Add an index to both the Action Plan and full Plan.

Chapter 1: Introduction

1. Include “Public Safety” as a Plan Priority

On Page 33 of the full Plan and on Page 39 of the Action Plan, add a new Plan Priority

under the Functional City section which reads:

“Public Safety: Reduce violence and crime throughout the city using a variety of community-based approaches.”

2. Add text to clarify the expectations for providing equitable service and opportunities to residents, relating to such things as access to quality housing, mobility, education,

health care, and food. Explore adding similar text to relevant topic-specific chapters.

On page 14 of the full Plan and page 12 of the Action Plan, add the following text at the

end of the Equity section:

“These opportunities and resources range from housing options to transportation options, to parks, community facilities, access to nature and the waterfront, and many other facets of life in Annapolis.”

Chapter 2: Demographic Trends

1. Add a new section describing “The Growing Senior Population” as a demographic trend

After page 39 in the full Plan and page 23 in the Action Plan, add a new section entitled

“The Growing Senior Population” and under this section add the following text with

accompanying images related to housing, transportation, and community facilities, and

move the current text from page 48 (“Rising Population Groups: 65 and Older Population”) to be under this new section:

“Since 2010, the growth of the 65 and older population has far outpaced any other age demographic in the city and the needs of this group warrant specific attention in this Plan.

This population is generally more socially vulnerable and less resilient to change than

other age cohorts which means that the recommendations for several of the key elements

of this Plan— namely housing, transportation, and community facilities— have a more

direct bearing on this group’s health than other populations. Given this Plan’s focus on

addressing equity, health, and resilience for all Annapolis residents, efforts to address

these needs for the 65 and older population will have benefits to the larger population.

Common challenges faced by the 65 and older population generally relate to accessibility

and inclusion. As individuals age, they gradually lose physical and mental acuity which

in turn limits mobility and activity levels, which then can contribute to social isolation

and worsen a person’s physical and mental health. Thus, providing access to options for

recreation, transportation to key destinations, social connections and gathering,

participation in meaningful activities and programs such as the City’s many volunteer

Boards and Commissions, and ways to age in place near friends and family can have

substantial positive impacts on the health and well-being of this population.

The Plan provides specific recommendations for the 65 and older population

in the
Chapter 5: Housing, Chapter 6: Transportation, and Chapter 7: Community Facilities.”
Chapter 3: Municipal Growth
No proposed changes yet
Chapter 4: Land Use
1. To address Form-Based Code:
a. Replace all mentions of “Form-Based Code” with “Form-Based Zoning” Done.
b. In the Executive Summary of the Action Plan, and in Chapter 4: Land Use and Chapter 11: Development Regulations of the full Plan, add clarifying text that Form-Based Zoning would be utilized as just one of several potential tools to address community concerns about preserving neighborhood character. On page 370 of the full Plan and page 58 of the Action Plan, replace the sentence which reads “As described in Chapter 4: Land Use, the Plan’s primary approach to improving the city’s zoning is through the use of form-based codes which provide a more effective means of generating context sensitive development.” with the following text:
“As described in Chapter 4: Land Use, one of the effective tools for improving the city’s zoning standards is form-based zoning. It offers a means of guiding development that is sensitive to existing neighborhood character and supports the small planning approach discussed in this Plan.”
c. In the Executive Summary of the Action Plan, and in Chapter 4: Land Use and Chapter 11: Development Regulations of the full Plan, add clarifying text which explains that Form-Based Zoning to some degree already exists in Annapolis in several locations.

On page 373 of the full Plan and page 61 of the Action Plan, replace the current images with new images of locations in Eastport, Downtown, and Inner West Street, where the standards for Form-Based Zoning already exist. To accompany these images, add the following text:
“Elements of Form-Based Zoning already exist in parts of Annapolis including in Downtown, Eastport, and portions of the West Street. The zoning standards in these locations are specific to the look and style of new buildings and their sites, and have been instrumental in guiding new development that is consistent with neighborhood development patterns and character.”
d. In Chapter 11: Development Regulations, add clarifying text about how any future zoning reform would be implemented, specifically that it would be based on small area planning and not applied citywide.

On page 372 of the full Plan and page 60 of the Action Plan, add a new section entitled "Zoning Process". Add the following text as an overview to the new section:

Incorporating form based approaches into the City's current zoning ordinance will be achieved gradually over time, allowing the City to benefit from practical experience gained, lessons learned, and the engagement of communities in small area planning. Areas of the city will primarily be selected for zoning attention based on need and in light of development pressures."

Under this new section, include the current sections entitled "Districts", Design Standards", and Planned Development Standards" as sub-sections.

2. Add text about the importance of environmental enhancement to the recommendations for Large Infill Sites which currently have large surface parking areas such as the Bay Forest Shopping Center, Hillsmere Shopping Center, West 2 Shopping Center, Clock Tower Place, and the Eastport Shopping Center.

On page 106 of the full Plan, in the first paragraph, replace the sentence that reads "This Plan envisions all of these sites becoming exemplary models of mixed use redevelopment including a residential component and generous public realm investment." with the following sentence:

"This Plan envisions all of these sites becoming exemplary models of mixed use redevelopment including a residential component, a generous public realm investment, and corresponding environmental enhancements to address stormwater management, urban tree canopy, and other goals of this plan."

On pages 108, 109, and 110, under the specific recommendations for all shopping center sites, add the following new recommendation:

"Include high performing environmental features to ensure a substantial improvement in the environmental quality of the surrounding area."

3. Add text to clarify how City staff and others will implement the Greenway Plan including next steps.

On page 120 of the full Plan and page 50 of the Action Plan, add the following text as a second paragraph:

"To effectively act on the vision of the Greenway Map, staff from the Department of Planning & Zoning will need to develop an action plan for implementation in coordination with the Annapolis Conservancy Board, and the Departments of Recreation & Parks and Public Works. The plan will clarify the key criteria for

conservation;
develop a database of existing and potential conservation properties with information on corresponding features; provide an updated map showing specific greenway corridors to connect; and develop a prioritization of specific parcels for both new conservation and existing conservation areas in need of restoration or other improvement to link the greenways.”

4. Add text to clarify Greenway Plan that improvements are needed to properties already protected in addition to new conservation areas.

On page 120 of the full Plan and page 50 of the Action Plan, replace the sentence that

reads “A primary means of doing this is through a formalized Greenway Map that

depicts all land parcels worthy of conservation.” with the following text:

“A primary means of doing this is through a formalized Greenway Map that depicts both existing properties already in conservation and all other land parcels worthy of conservation.”

Chapter 5: Housing

1. Add a new section addressing the needs of the 65+ population.

On page 152 of the full Plan, add a new section entitled “The Benefits of Aging in Place”

and add the following text:

“With the continued growth of the 65 and older population in Annapolis, finding strategies that allow these residents to age in place, within a supportive community, needs to be a component of the city’s housing policy. When aging residents are forced to relocate because of housing costs or other factors, their mental and physical health often declines more rapidly. By contrast, when these individuals live near friends and family, close to important services and amenities, and have access to recreation and other ways of staying active, they have a much better chance of staying healthy. Two specific

policies in this plan will support aging in place: facilitating the construction of more

accessory dwelling units, often referred to as “granny flats”, will enable aging residents

to live close to family and in smaller, more manageable, dwellings; and the advancement

of housing options within new mixed use development will allow aging residents to be

closer to conveniences and community amenities.”

Chapter 6: Transportation

2. Add additional text to emphasize the importance of leveraging

micro-mobility options to achieve mobility goals.

On page 175 of the full Plan, add a new sub-section entitled “The Importance of Mobility

Options” and under this title add the following text:

“In the coming years, improved mobility will rely on not only an improved street

network but also having access to more mobility options, particularly for short trips. In

2022, with a substantial reduction in parking due to the reconstruction of the Hillman

Garage, the City embraced micro-mobility and micro-transit to facilitate access to from

downtown. These options included an improved circulator bus, on-demand shuttles, and

an e-bike/e-scooter share program, and all proved successful in reducing automobile

dependency which in turn reduced traffic congestion and polluting emissions.

To create a

transportation system that truly serves all residents and visitors equitably, and limits

adverse impacts on the environment, Annapolis will need to build on the success of these

mobility options and better coordinate them citywide.

3. Add additional text to clarify the public transit investments needed to achieve better service.

On page 202 of the full Plan, after the second paragraph add the following text:

“When scaled to the citywide transit system, these investments may include the

following:

- ☐ purchasing high performance electric buses and the related charging infrastructure

- ☐ more frequent and/or on-demand service

- ☐ real-time service information

- ☐ fare reductions

- ☐ bus stop enhancements for comfort, safety, and visibility

- ☐ improved connections beyond the city and coordination with both Anne Arundel

County transit and MTA service

- ☐ Planning for route changes to better serve all residents and visitors

- ☐ Comprehensive rider ship data to improve performance

4. Add a dedicated Goal for bicycle mobility and combine with existing Performance

Measures and Recommended Actions related to bicycle mobility from Transportation

Goals T1, T2, T3, and T4.

After page 214 of the full Plan, add the following new goal, performance measure, and

actions:

Goal T3: Build a bicycle infrastructure network that allows cycling to become

a viable
transportation option for all residents and visitors regardless of age or
comfort level.”

Performance Measure 1: The city’s separated bikeway network increases
from 5 miles

to 10 miles by 2030 and to 15 miles by 2040.

T3.1 Complete the Bike network improvements identified in the 2011 Bike
Master

Plan and this Plan, and regularly track progress on all proposed
improvements.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T1)

T3.2 Ensure that all approved bike facility recommendations are budgeted
and

implemented with CIP roadway improvements.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T1)

T3.3 Prioritize the design and construction of the West East Express (WEE)
bike

corridor as the spine of the City’s bike network.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T1)

T3.4 Adopt standards for implementing bicycle facility infrastructure that
improve

safety for cyclists and are tailored to Annapolis.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T2)

T3.5 Prioritize bike and pedestrian facility improvements to the City’s major
thoroughfares, where the highest number of traffic fatalities and injuries
currently

happen, as means of improving safety, minimizing conflicts between modes
of

travel, and lessening congestion.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T2)

T3.6 Prioritize improved bike and pedestrian connections to schools,
particularly along

Cedar Park Road, Forest Drive, and Spa Road.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T2)

T3.7 Become a Silver-level bike-friendly and Bronze-level walk-friendly
community,

designated by the League of American Bicyclists and Walk Friendly
Communities, respectively.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T3)

T3.8 Work with MDOT/SHA, NSA-Annapolis, and Anne Arundel County to
implement the planned MD 450 Bicycle Retrofit project which will provide a
safe

bike connection from the B&A Trail into Annapolis.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T4)

T3.9 Partner with St. John’s College, St. Anne’s Parish and HACA to design
and

implement the planned College Creek Connector trail between King George
Street and Calvert Street.

(CURRENTLY LISTED UNDER GOAL T4)

5. Add text to clarify that meeting Vision Zero goals will rely
disproportionately on

improved roadway standards.

On page 185, after the final paragraph, add the following text in bold:

“Among these six areas of emphasis, Engineering (road design, in particular) will be most consequential in reducing roadway crashes and fatalities over the next 20 years.

Crashes are most apt to occur where road design is not balanced with the function of the road. There is an interrelated set of road design related factors that can lead to crashes

including wide vehicle travel lanes that facilitate speeding in otherwise congested areas;

uncoordinated driveways and traffic patterns that encourage excessive lane changing,

stopping and speed changes; and inadequate protection for and separation of pedestrians

and bicyclists from vehicles. This Plan recommends that the City prepare and adopt road

design standards for new roads that fit the intended function of the roads and the

neighborhoods they serve. Figure 6-12, Vehicle Crash Map (2015-2021) shows that

vehicle crashes are concentrated on West Street and Forest Drive. These roads carry the

heaviest volumes which is the primary reason for the high incidence of crashes, but also

and essentially important, these roads extend through areas that have substantially

changed since the roads were first built, inevitably leading to an imbalance between

roadway design and actual function. In recognition of this, this Plan recommends that

where necessary, existing roads should be redesigned to, among other things, slow

vehicle speeds and protect pedestrians and bicyclists.”

6. Add a new section addressing the needs of the 65+ population.

On page 176 of the full Plan, in the existing section entitled “Aging Population”, replace

the last sentence with the following:

“Providing multiple safe and convenient ways of traveling to destinations is a critical

need for the 65 and older population. This includes streets purposefully designed for

walking with adequate shade with ample places to sit; public transit that is convenient,

affordable, comfortable, and reliable; a more connected bikeway network fully protected

from vehicular traffic to provide maximum safety; and parking considerations beyond

standard ADA requirements.”

Chapter 7: Community Facilities

1. Add a new section addressing the needs of the 65+ population.

On page 240 of the full Plan, add a new section entitled “Benefits of Active Living” and

add the following text:

“Although the City and its partners offer recreation programs for a wide spectrum of residents, the city’s fastest growing age demographic is the 65 and older population. More than other age groups, the health of this population depends heavily on staying active because mental and physical acuity decline more rapidly when people become sedentary. Accessible recreation opportunities therefore become one of the most cost effective ways of maintaining and improving the health of persons aged 65 and older. Support for this population can come through recreational programs and events designed specifically for them, accessible and well-maintained recreation facilities, and safe and connected trails that encourage walking and biking. For example, in recent years, the city has supported the 65 and older population through investments in new tennis, pickleball, and swimming facilities at Truxtun Park which are easily accessible by car, on foot, or by bike.”

Chapter 8: Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation

No proposed changes yet

Chapter 9: Environmental Sustainability

1. Add a Goal dedicated to air quality with associated Performance Measures and

Recommended Actions. Explore pulling some actions from existing related goals.

See attached Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures

(Goal ES6 “Shrink the City’s carbon footprint” is revised to read “Improve air quality by reducing the City’s carbon emissions”)

Chapter 10: Water Resources

1. Edit Performance Measures and Recommended Actions of WR4 and WR5 to read as less

technical and more straightforward.

See attached Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures

2. Add text to WR4 Performance Measures or Recommended Actions to ensure aquifers

remain safe from pollution and of sufficient capacity to service the city.

Add the following recommended action WR4.4:

“Continue to perform annual assessments of the City’s aquifers to ensure they remain

safe from contamination and of adequate supply for projected growth.”

Chapter 11: Development Regulations

1. Add text to encourage consistency between the City’s Strategic Plan and Comprehensive

Plan to aid in implementation.

On page 368 of the full Plan, add a new section entitled “Consistency with City Strategic

Plan” and add the following text:

“The City maintains and regularly updates a Strategic Plan which is intended to help guide governmental functions and coordination of goals across departments. Although this Strategic Plan has not been updated since 2012, it is imperative that it is updated in the near future to be consistent with the goals and vision of this Comprehensive Plan. Consistency between the plans will ensure that City priorities are addressed, particularly in how the City delivers core services and budgets for these services.”

Chapter 12: Areas of Critical State Concern

No proposed changes yet

Chapter 13: Recommended Action Matrix

1. To address overall readability:

a. Review and edit all Goals and Performance Measures to reduce instances of wordiness and technical jargon.

See Attached Document, Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures,

and the Summary Chart of Proposed Edits to Goals and Performance Measures. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved amendments #1 and #2 together the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Amendment #2:

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Goals and Performance Measures - Clarifying Edits

MUNICIPAL GROWTH

MG1 - Grow in a way that assures public facilities and infrastructure\, including both hard infrastructure such as roadways and city services such as police, are adequately sized and equipped to deliver exceptional service to existing residents, institutions, and businesses.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The levels of service of public facilities documented in this Plan

are not reduced over time but instead kept the same or improved.

MG2 - Promote exceptional development within the designated growth area that

addresses the City's planning goals as goals and, in particular, contributes to affordable

housing options, the creation of good paying jobs, and the fiscal strength of the city.as

described in this Comprehensive Plan.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Any redevelopment plans for properties annexed into the City

will be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and be found consistent with this

Comprehensive Plan

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 12: Each annexation approved by the City will be

found to make a net positive fiscal impact to the City. when comparing the cost of servicing the annexed property to the potential for tax revenue from the property.

MG3 - Growth in the number of households will prioritize increasing workforce and affordable housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The workforce and affordable housing performance measures included in the goals of Chapter 5: Housing will be achieved.

MG4 - Encourage and incentivize rRevitalization and redevelopment that best connects

residents to retail, services, natural resources, and other amenities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The percent of land area in the City zoned for mixed use

increases from 8% to 20% by 2030

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LAND USE

LU1 - Simplify the zoning code to support so that it is easier to develop infill development projects that complement the neighborhoods and creek sheds where they are located.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: All new zoning districts are defined by zoning standards which support neighborhood character, mobility, and environmental goals. New zoning standards are adopted for a set of new mixed use place types which help to consolidate and simplify the City's zoning districts.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: All small area planning through 2040 will include creek shed impacts as a primary criteria for land use decisions. By 2030, the City has an established

framework for using creek sheds to guide land use planning

LU2 - Promote the improvement and re-investment in vacant or underutilized parcels.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: By 2040, the aggregate assessed value of property designated as vacant or underutilized will have increased at a rate at least twice that of the City's overall assessable base

LU3 - Expand housing options for workforce and moderate income residents through

zoning adjustments to the city's residential districts. Identify zoning language adjustments to the residential districts that will help to bring about more housing options

for workforce and middle-income residents.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The number of housing units per acre will increase commensurate with the quality of their community design and provided public services and facilities are available.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 12: The share of total housing units in Annapolis in housing types with two, three and four units will grow from 6% to 15% by 2030 and to 30% by 2040.

LU4 - Support, sustain, and expand the number of businesses in the city, particularly in the creative, maritime, and tourism industries. Support and sustain the expansion of businesses and private sector employment, and the revitalization of the tourism sector (including restaurants, retail, and lodging) which was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The number of jobs within the city's light industrial sector will increase each year through 2040. Between 2020 and 2040, the number of jobs within the City's light industrial sector will increase.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The economic impact of creative, maritime, and tourism businesses will increase each year through 2040. By 2025 the restaurant and tourism sector will have surpassed its economic productivity levels recorded at the beginning of 2019, before the shut-downs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LU5 - Protect and secure the historic resource values of downtown Annapolis while promoting both its economic vitality and its role as the central civic gathering place for the City's residents

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The estimated number of downtown visitors (and hotel occupancy rates) remain at or exceed levels set prior to COVID-19 pandemic through 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The square footage of leased commercial floor area remains at or exceeds levels set prior to COVID-19 pandemic through 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 13: The population of full time residents within the Historic District will increase each year through 2040. Between 2020 and 2040, the population of full time residents within the Historic District will increase

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 24: The number of apartments above retail in the Historic District will increase each year through 2040.

LU6 - Link the city together with a network formed by the city's existing remaining natural areas, new conservation areas, improved open spaces, and parks, and institutional uses.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The Greenway Map is updated annually

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Establish at least one contiguous greenway within each of the City's creek watersheds by 2030

(NEW) PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3: Acreage of conserved land increases annually through 2040 by development review and other initiatives..

HOUSING

H1 - Produce a supply of affordable rental and ownership housing in order to meet current and projected needs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The percent of total renter households that are “severely cost burdened” is reduced each year through to 10% by 2040 with the aim of reaching 10%.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The percent of total home-owner households that are “severely cost burdened” by 2040 is reduced each year through 2040 with the aim of reaching to 6.5%

H2 - Preserve the supply of quality housing for low and moderate income households.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Achieve no net loss in the supply of housing meeting the needs of low and moderate income households

H3 - Plan for changing housing needs over time in relation to both the production of new housing and preservation of existing units.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Annual reporting on the status of housing Affordability in the city coupled with expert recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for improvement

H4 - Increase the supply, variety, and quality of housing types throughout the city to meet the needs of a diverse population in regard to income, age, household size, disability, and other factors.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The percentage of housing units in housing types with two, three and four units will grow from 6% to 15% of the total by 2030, and to 25% by 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The number of accessory dwelling units will increase by 500 units by 2040

TRANSPORTATION

T1 - Shift the mix of mobility investments towards public transit, micro-mobility / ridesharing, and active transportation to reduce dependency on personal automobiles, and support for telework options to double the usage of these modes by 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Capital investments in transportation for public transit, walking, biking, and Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) will increase from 7% to 15% of General Fund expenditures by Fiscal Year 2025 and 25% by 2030

T2 - EstablishBuild a transportation policy environment in Annapolis that is modeneutral, equitable, oriented to safety, and prioritizes connectivity of the

city's streets,
sidewalks, and trails.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The annual number of injuries and/or fatalities is reduced to zero for bicyclists and pedestrians by 2030 and by 2040 for drivers of personal automobiles.

Crash rate is lower than rate of population and employment increase by 2030;
Reduce serious injuries from car crashes to 3.0 per million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Allow no new full-movement driveways on major arterials (and reduce the total number of existing driveway cuts).

NEW T3 - Build a bicycle infrastructure network for the city that allows cycling to become a viable transportation option for all residents and visitors regardless of age or comfort level.

NEW PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The city's separated bikeway network increases from 5 miles to 10 miles by 2030 and to 15 miles by 2040.

T43 - Transportation policies will take a leadership role in creating a greener and healthier Annapolis to sustain the economic, environmental, and social quality of the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Triple the mileage of walking and biking facilities from 2020 to 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Increase bike and walk mode share to 15% by 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 13: Expand the number of publicly accessible EV charging stations tenfold by 2025.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The number of street trees planted annually will increase each year through 2040.

T54 - Expand partnerships with key public and private stakeholders to improve mobility, safety, and connectivity for residents and visitors alike.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: At least one transportation related capital project in conjunction with Anne Arundel County, and one project with SHA, each year through 2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: By 2028, the B&A Trail will be connected to downtown Annapolis through current project partnerships with MDOT/SHA, Anne Arundel County, St.

John's College, HACA, and St. Anne's Parish.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

CF1 - Merge Annapolis' parks and recreation system with its evolving network of

conservation areas and trails to create a comprehensive greenway system.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The Greenway Map is updated annually.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The Annapolis Conservancy Board assists the Department of

Recreation and Parks with at least one conservation project every two years.

CF2 - Expand parks facilities strategically, and the connections to them, to achieve

equitable access for all.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: All residents are within a 10-minute walk of a park space

maintained by the City of Annapolis Department of Recreation and Parks.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The citywide Recreation and Parks Master Plan is updated by

2025 and regularly updated every 10 years.

CF3 - Prioritize equitable public water access by investing in new and improved public

open spaces along the waterfront, and the connections to them.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The linear feet of publicly accessible waterfront is doubled by

2040 from approximately 10,000 LF to 20,000 LF.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Funding for ongoing improvements to existing water access

infrastructure is a line item in the annual Capital Improvement Program.

CF4 - Ensure that Recreational program offerings are accessible to all City residents,

particularly under-represented populations.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Recreational program funding per capita is competitive with

other cities similar in size to Annapolis.

CF5 - ExpandLeverage opportunities for expanded recreational use of Waterworks Park.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Initiate a plan to restore and program the historic pump house

for new uses by 2025.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Complete all approved bike and pedestrian connections to

Waterworks Park by 2030.

CF6 - Improve public safety throughout the city by targeting public and private

investment to areas of persistent poverty, crime, and historic disinvestment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Improvements to the streets capes and/or recreational spaces

in communities of persistent violence at each of the City's public housing communities are

included in the annual Capital Improvement Program.

CF7 - Partner with Anne Arundel County to expand program opportunities and resources

for Annapolis residents at public schools, libraries, and health facilities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Each public school within the City limits will have a Safe Routes

to School plan in place by 2030

ARTS, CULTURE, & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ACHP1 - Practice an approach to Historic and cultural preservation efforts are citywide,

that is inclusive, and equitable, and fully acknowledges the diversity of cultures that have

created the Annapolis of today.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Add at least two (2) historic sites outside of the downtown

Historic District to the City of Annapolis Local Landmark program and at least one (1)

application for National Register status every five years

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Submit at least one grant application to the State of Maryland's

African-American Heritage Preservation Program every two years.

ACHP2 - Expand the reach of the Annapolis Arts & Entertainment District and growth of

the creative economy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The proposed expansion of the Arts & Entertainment District is approved.

ACHP3 - Expand the capacity of the City to initiate and manage formalized arts and

cultural programs, public realm enhancements, and support for the city's creative

economy.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: A dedicated grant program for local artists is established that

provides small grants to at least two local artists each year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: A full time dedicated position to arts programming is

established within the City government.

ACHP4 - Enhance the sustainability of the Historic District through a multi-faceted

approach to district-wide improvements.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The number of full time residents in the Historic District

increases each year between 2020 and 2040.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ES1 - Practice a comprehensive and equitable approach to Resilience efforts are

comprehensive, equitable, and that is relevant to all residents.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: A Resilience Plan is adopted by the City by 2025 with annual

updates on implementation.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: The CIP includes resilience-related projects in all Wards.

ES2 - Expand the City's tree canopy particularly within heat islands and along riparian

corridors.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: No net loss of tree canopy by 2028.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Increase the City's tree canopy to 50% of its total land area by

2040.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 3: Establish a consistent annual budget line is introduced in the

City's capital budget for tree planting and proactive tree maintenance that allows the City to

meet its tree canopy goals.

ES3 - Reinforce vulnerable shoreline areas through nature-based solutions.by

addressing the root causes of soil erosion and natural landscape degradation.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: A comprehensive erosion control and slope stabilization plan is

commenced at Truxtun Park by 2025 and completed by 2028.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: At least two living shoreline, stream restoration, or oyster bed

restoration projects are implemented by the City or local partners every year.

ES4 - Promote a coordinated approach to food access that ensures all residents have

access to high quality and locally harvested foods.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Elimination of food deserts by 2030.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: At least four (4) pop-up events focused on local and/or healthy

food organized annually within the City.

ES5 - Increase the City's biodiversity particularly in areas that currently have limited

ecological value.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: All new and improved parks and open spaces in the City

include plantings or other natural features that will increase biodiversity.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: No net increase in impervious coverage

ES6 - Improve air quality by reducing the City's carbon emissions. Shrink the City's

carbon footprint through a comprehensive approach that includes coordinated policies

and investment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Achieve a 60% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions citywide

by 2031, and net zero emissions by 2045, which is consistent with the State of Maryland's

Climate Solutions Now Act, enacted in 2022.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: A city government greenhouse gas emissions inventory is

completed by 2024, and a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory is completed by

2025.

ES7 - Reduce the amount of waste produced in the city by an expansion of existing

programs and implementation of new programs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The amount of solid waste by ton produced by the City

decreases each year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Single-use plastic bags within the City are eliminated by

2024, and all single-use plastics are phased out by 2030.

WATER RESOURCES

WR1 - Reinforce an ethic of proactive watershed stewardship through all sectors of the

city, including residents, businesses, and institutions.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: The number of residential and commercial properties utilizing

the stormwater fee incentive policy is doubled by 2030.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Single-use plastic bags within the City are

eliminated by 2024

and all single-use plastics are phased out by 2030.

WR2 - Reduce the volume of pollution entering the city's waterways City's volume of

stormwater runoff to , using a wide array of means to do so.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Meet the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) goal of a 20%

reduction based on the EPA's Chesapeake Bay pollution diet.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: All stormwater best management practice (bmp) infrastructure

is assessed tri annually and in good working condition.

WR3 - Restore the City's watersheds Practice a comprehensive approach toward

watershed restoration that to benefit reinforces the both the ecological and cultural value

of Annapolis' waterways.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: By 2030, all of the City's major creeks will meet water quality

standards for fishing and swimming, and by 2040 all of the City's major creeks will meet the

same standards after a major rain event.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: No net increase in impervious coverage

WR4 - Provide high quality, safe drinking water to all customers.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Field data gathering strategies for input into the City's water

distribution system asset condition assessment model are fully implemented by 2024. Linear

feet of water mains scanned for leaks as a percent of all water mains meet annual Department

of Public Works benchmarks.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Identified water distribution system replacement projects as

informed by the updated condition assessment and consequence of failure models are

completed by 2035.

WR5 - Manage the City's wastewater infrastructure proactively to mitigate instances of

failure, backups, and overflows.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 1: Complete the baseline inspection of all City sewers per Industry

National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO) standards by 2032.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 2: Linear feet of sewer mains inspected as a percent of all sewer

mains meet annual Department of Public Works benchmarks.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 32: Identified sewer replacement or relining projects as informed

by the updated condition assessment and consequence of failure models are completed within

2 years of identification. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to amend the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Amendment #3 - Paragraphs 1,3,4 and 6:

1. In the Key Terminology section at the beginning of the Draft Plan, add “Community Fabric” as a new term with the following definition: “the unique composition of physical and social elements that give a community its distinct character.”

3. In the Appendices, add the attached “We the People...” letter as Appendix A and reference the letter on page 1 of the Draft Plan at the end of the section entitled “Equity” with the following new text:

“See Appendix A for a personal testimony that underscores the importance of equity to this Plan.”

4. In Chapter 2: Demographic Trends, add additional census data with descriptive text for the African-American population within the section titled "Rising Population Groups".

6. In Chapter 7: Community Facilities, add the following text to the section entitled “Park and Trail Maintenance”:

“[There may also be opportunities for existing maintenance staff to develop new skills and responsibility through a professional development program] which can increase both morale and the livelihoods of an important segment of the city’s workforce population. African-Americans comprise a large percentage of the City’s maintenance crews in both the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Public Works but have historically had few opportunities for growth or advancement. By providing new professional development opportunities for this population, the City can improve services as well as reverse longstanding inequities which have limited the potential of the city’s African-American population. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Mayor Buckley and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Nay: 7 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O’Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Gay moved to amend the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Chief of Comprehensive Planning Leshinsky was present and answered

questions from the council.

Amendment #3 - Paragraphs 2 and 5:

2. Replace the terms “community character” and “neighborhood character” in the Draft Plan with the term “community fabric”.

5. In Chapter 6: Transportation, add the following text to the section entitled “Employment”:

“Even as Annapolis works to expand employment opportunities for all residents, particularly those who have been historically marginalized, the city remains part of a regional economy and its residents will continue to commute to other opportunities beyond the city limits. Until there is more effective regional transit, most regional commuters will continue to rely on the personal automobile.” Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote

Alderman Savidge moved to amend the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Amendment #4:

1. In Chapter 9: Environmental Sustainability, under Goal ES2 (“Expand the City’s Tree Canopy...”), change Performance Measure #2 from “Increase the City’s tree canopy to 50% of its total land area by 2040” to the following:

“Increase the City’s tree canopy to 50% of its total land area by 2050”

2. In Chapter 9: Environmental Sustainability, under Goal ES2 (“Expand the City’s Tree Canopy...”), change Recommended Action ES2.6 from “Create an online

dashboard for tracking the City’s tree canopy year by year to ensure the goal of 50% coverage is met by 2040.” to the following:

“Create an online dashboard for tracking the City’s tree canopy year by year to ensure the goal of 50% coverage is met by 2050.”

3. In Chapter 9: Environmental Sustainability, in the section entitled “Tree Canopy

Expansion”, change the sentence “Given that the city is currently challenged to simply maintain its existing tree canopy, let alone expand it, this Plan sets performance measures

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of canopy preservation in the short term with canopy expansion to 50% coverage by 2040.” to the following:

“Given that the city is currently challenged to simply maintain its existing

tree canopy, let alone expand it, this Plan sets performance measures of canopy preservation in the short term with canopy expansion to 50% coverage by 2050. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend the 2024 City of Annapolis Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Amendment # 5:

PERFORMANCE MEASURE 12:

Each annexation approved by the City will be found to make a net positive fiscal impact to the City be in compliance with our Comprehensive Plan and City Code. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-4-24 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

R-19-24

Eastport Choice Neighborhood Initiative Transformation - For the purpose of adopting the Eastport Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Transformation Plan, which was recently approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and approving the use of the former City of Annapolis Public Works Property on Spa Road to meet the Plan's goals.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-19-24 until Monday, July 22, 2024. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett referred R-19-24 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred R-19-24 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

R-28-24

City-supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2025 - For the purpose of adding the Annapolis Family Day Festival to annual City events and City-supported events; and waiving certain fees for the Annapolis Family Day Festival in in Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone R-28-24 until Monday, July 22, 2024. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to approve R-28-24. Seconded.

Alderman Gay moved to amend R-28-24 as follows:

"with this event being temporarily added to annual list of City Supported

Events pursuant to City Code Chapter 14.18.020". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-28-24 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Alderman Savidge requested that the City Manager look at the purposes and goals of the special events process to make sure applicants are in good standing. Alderman Savidge also asked that Assistant City Attorney Leonard and Special Events Coordinator Nolan attend the Monday, July 22, 2024 Special City Council Meeting to answer questions from the council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk