City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 11, 2022 | **7:00 PM** | **Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr. City Council Chambers**

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

Alderman Gay arrived at 7:19 pm.

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 Schandelmeier moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

Ceremonial Items

City Council Citation - Annapolis Film Festival

Mayor Buckley invited Alderwoman Finlayson to present the City Council Citation to Ms. White and Ms. Anderson.

City Council Citation - Chief of Staff Ms. Susy Smith

Mayor Buckley presented the City Council Citation to Ms. Smith on behalf of the City Council.

State of the City Address

Mayor Gavin Buckley's Fifth
State of the City Address
City Council Chamber
April 11, 2022, 7 PM

Good evening. Thank you for being here.

This is the first in-person State o f the City address since 2019. So much has happened and our lives have changed so much in that time.

I would like to start out tonight's remarks by taking a moment of silence for the 104 people we have lost to COVID in Annapolis, the more than 10,000 residents sickened by the virus and for the gruesome war atrocities inflicted on the Ukrainian people by Russian forces.

[Moment of silence]

I want to also thank residents for the way you have conducted yourselves throughout this time, your generosity of heart and the spirit of giving.

This city has fared better than others have. We worked proactively to ensure that our businesses could be successful and our residents supported that effort in a way that has helped us thrive. Our residents deserve thanks too.

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Now, my thoughts on the "State of our City," a story of serving our Annapolis residents.

Annapolis is a strong and resilient city and our residents are fighting to make it stronger. We do not always agree, but we ALL care deeply. We strive to protect what is unique to Annapolis while continuing to dream big to reach our potential.

Let us start out by talking about City finances. As required by code, I have submitted a balanced budget. There is no tax increase.

Over the past four years, our team has worked to solidify financial processes. Ratings agencies took note and Moody's and Fitch rewarded that stewardship with a bump in our bond rating. I must acknowledge Finance Director Jodee Dickinson. She makes sure City finances are well managed.

Director Dickinson, City Manager David Jarrell, and Katie Connolly worked to ensure that federal COVID dollars, American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, were available as a bridge for us this fiscal year, helping plug budget holes while supporting our most vulnerable residents.

For FY 2022, Annapolis will not have to use those ARPA funds because general fund revenues are expected to exceed forecasts by $5M. At the same time, our departments were frugal, allowing expenses to come in under budget by around $2.7M.

In addition, a robust recovery has seen growth in recurring revenue, occupancy tax revenue, property tax revenue and state tax revenue.

For FY23 that begins July 1, the good news is that we can continue to be sparing in our use of rescue funds to close shortfalls, leaving us funding to smooth post-pandemic recovery needs.

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As you know, there are two parts to our budget: operating and capital. The operating budget covers day-to-day items that residents found especially crucial during the pandemic:

- Trash was picked up on time.
- Construction projects could go on because of the planning department.
- When people got sick or were injured, an EMT showed up, then stayed with them in the ambulance until there was a bed at the hospital.
- Parks and open spaces were tidy and ready for a walk or hike or bike ride during the height of the lockdown, and throughout variant surges.
- Public works continued to repair sidewalks, remove snow and maintain traffic signals throughout these difficult past few years.

This all happens in the background of our lives. We expect - but don't take the time to acknowledge - the critical nature of these government services.

In fact, people often notice only when things are NOT working. Throughout the pandemic, we had very few complaints about the skill and professionalism of City staff who could NOT phone it in. In a few minutes, I will highlight specifics for each department. I want you to know that staff salaries and department funding is the way we continue to do what we do: serve our Annapolis residents.

The second part is the Capital budget. Capital infrastructure projects not only upgrade and update the amenities we offer, they also create local jobs.

- At Wells Cove, we will upgrade the path and create an inviting space at the water's edge
- We will spend $20,000 on pop-up camps for young people in our community this summer
- We will complete the rebuild of the Department of Public Works building on Hudson Street
- We will continue flood mitigation work; and
- We will continue to provide funding for things like Christmas lights and the Juneteenth parade and flowers.

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Now, I would like to take some time to talk about the accomplishments of each of our departments.

Annapolis Fire Chief Douglas Remaley has proven himself a standout in the leadership of the Annapolis Fire Department and we continued our streak of zero fire fatalities in the City since 2010.

Over the past two years, even with waves and spikes of COVID, the Annapolis Fire Department maintained consistent staffing to ensure there was no negative impact on residents. In addition, AFD medical personnel were called in to help with vaccine clinics throughout the year.

At Taylor Avenue, Annapolis Fire was able to put a new paramedic unit into service. It is equipped with enhanced decontamination abilities for COVID as well as other

contagious hazards.

Five new recruits graduated from the Fire Academy, and all were previously trained as Paramedics. In addition, AFD hired five lateral firefighter/EMTs. By hiring smart, we save on training costs.

Speaking of savings, through the smart use of grant funding and private donations, AFD purchased cardiac monitors and defibrillators, got a sprinkler and alarm system installed at the Eastport Fire Station, and retired our City K9 Layla and replaced her with K9 Maddie.

The fire department helped with sprinkler legislation and a sprinkler demonstration. They helped more than 750 families in the Santa Run.

Lastly, after the Annapolis tornado touched down, our firefighters were on the scene to assist residents without interruption in those critical first 24 hours.

I thank Chief Remaley and our entire Annapolis Fire Department for their work in helping our residents.

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Under the leadership of Annapolis Police Chief Edward Jackson, we have the City's most diverse and dynamic command staff.

In the last year, APD has exceeded stated goals in reducing overall incidents of crime in the City - an eight percent reduction.

In 2021, all homicides, 100 percent, were solved. In addition, the chief and his team worked tirelessly to solve other violent crime incidents, including a 40 percent closure rate of robberies and shootings, making Annapolis a leader in our region.

In 2021, APD reduced robberies by 31 percent and shootings by 29 percent.

APD is also proactive in helping formerly incarcerated or other at-risk individuals. Their reentry program had 30 graduates. Of those, 75 percent are currently employed and no program participant has reoffended.

APD also pursues funding outside of taxpayer dollars. They got $1.6 million in state and federal grants to assist with crime and community initiatives including technology improvements and equipment.

Speaking of state and federal help, our Annapolis police force has been greatly aided by strengthened collaboration. A significant benefit of these relationships include minimizing sales of illegal narcotics in Annapolis, with large seizures of drugs and monies. We especially want to thank our federal law enforcement partners in this effort.

Chief Jackson also had to navigate a series of new state laws and we are working with the county to ensure that Annapolis has a seat at the table for our local Police Accountability Board and that we are in compliance with training, oversight and other aspects of the law, some of which went into effect last October and others in effect this July.

Like many communities, Annapolis Police face challenges in hiring. Thankfully, the Chief has made strides in recruitment, hiring eight officers and two civilians over the past year as well as maximizing limited resources in our recruitment effort.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge one of the many committed APD officers.

Officer Edwin Glenn, who could not be with us tonight, but I'd like to share the story:

- Back in February, Officer Glenn was driving in the 200 block of West Street when he saw a couple on the sidewalk. At first, there did not seem to be any reason to take note, but as Officer Glenn passed by, the woman waved at him. While initially thinking it was a friendly "hello" wave, something did not sit right. As a police veteran, he trusted his instincts and returned to investigate. When Officer Glenn approached, the man took off. The woman told Officer Glenn that the man had a gun and had just discharged the weapon in the area of Murray Avenue. A police call was broadcast and APD quickly established a perimeter, gave chase and apprehended the man. Along his path, APD recovered a Beretta 9mm handgun. The gun, which did not come back as stolen, was linked to a County homicide in 2020. While he remains held without bond, he has been charged with drug possession and gun crimes. Tonight, in recognition of his quick thinking, trusting his instincts and getting the bad guy, I'd like to thank Officer Edwin Glenn.

[Pause for applause]

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Rounding out our public safety team, the Office of Emergency Management, under the leadership of Director Kevin Simmons, continued to support testing and vaccine clinics. They also had a few events that tested the City's readiness.

We started with our Independence Day parade and festivities around the City with OEM's public safety focus and support and that effort continued through the fall.

In September, the team had to quickly mobilize to deal with the Annapolis tornado. As you all know, an EF2 tornado touched down, cutting a path of destruction from Forest Drive, through Parole and into Annapolis Gardens. We had no loss of life, but it caused millions in property damage.

While Annapolis was NOT declared a federal disaster area, OEM worked tirelessly to get support from the Governor's office and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. That came with its own set of administrative hurdles to get direct relief. At first DHCD and the Small Business Administration only wanted to offer loans.

OEM worked to help residents with applications and to coordinate resources, including work with constituent services in the Mayor's office.

Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles and OEM continued to press the state for resources. Eventually, DHCD loans were converted to direct grants, helping residents with no strings attached disbursements to complete necessary repairs that insurance and other resources did not cover.

Of course, OEM also coordinated flooding and weather events, including an historic flooding event in early Fall. They continue their work to combat the opioid overdose crisis with one-on-one substance use disorder interventions and through collaborative work with police, fire, community services and the Mayor's office. I thank Director Kevin Simmons for his professional approach to helping City staff as well as City

residents and businesses.

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The Department of Public Works under the leadership of director Michael Johnson has taken on any number of challenges.

Before I talk about those, I would like to recognize a member of our DPW team.

- Next, I'd like to recognize **Asbury Parker,** who is with us. Many of our residents know him on a first-name basis because he works directly with customers and plumbers to ensure that any jobs conducted are done right the first time. Asbury started as a maintenance worker and in the two decades that he has been with the City, he has worked his way up to Utilities Supervisor. He takes his job seriously and provides outstanding customer service. Asbury, thank you for all that you do! [pause for applause].

Director Johnson noted that DPW remained operational throughout the COVID Delta and Omicron variants.

Public Works has a wide-reaching portfolio and I could not be more pleased that they are finally getting a new headquarters on Hudson Street. The anticipated move-in is early 2023, but I imagine they have felt a little unloved after their Spa Road facility was partially decommissioned some years ago.

I know it has taken us a while to get here, but when we open the doors to that new facility, it will be one-stop shopping for parts and equipment. I thank the entire team for their patience.

Their work over the past year has included completing the tennis and pickle ball courts, getting bids for the work on the Maynard Burgess House and creating the Green Gravel along Poplar Avenue. They installed traffic calming on Melvin. They resurfaced and repaired miles of roadways and sidewalks and maintained water and sewer mains. They are busy!

They maintain our vehicle fleet and complete work orders for items large and small and in every department. They plow our streets in wintery weather and they make arrangements for residents to have sandbags when flooding events occur.

I thank Director Johnson, Asbury, and the hundreds of workers who make things happen.

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Next up, Planning & Zoning. We are getting a new Planning and Zoning director next month. Michael LaPlace is coming in from Princeton, New Jersey. I thank the council for meeting and quickly moving his appointment forward at our last meeting.

I'd like to acknowledge Michael Mallinoff, who has been in the role since Dr. Sally Nash departed.

Of course, we are all familiar with the day-to-day work and success of our planning department, helping our residents with permits and inspections.

After the Council passed a bill for Accessory Dwelling Units, they quickly interpreted the language of that legislation and were able to serve residents immediately seeking to create an ADU.

Right now they are hard at work to finalize the draft of our Comprehensive Plan, "Annapolis Ahead 2040." Every jurisdiction in Maryland is required to develop and update these plans every ten years. They typically deal with issues related to the appropriate use of land.

Over the past two years, we have asked neighbors, business owners and those active in their communities to help the City with a vision for the future. Annapolis Ahead 2040 will affirm this vision. The draft version is close to being released for public comment.

It will look different from the 2009 plan because the issues of equity, health, and resilience are central themes and are the foundation for the Plan's goals, performance metrics, and recommended actions.

Even before we release the draft, Planning and Zoning is already advancing key initiatives, including:

- Adopting the first update in 37 years to Maritime Zones following recommendations from the Maritime Task Force;
- Kicking off the City's first Public Water Access Plan, another Maritime Task Force recommendation. We thank the National Park Service for providing funding and partnership.
- Addressing climate change vulnerabilities and strategies through the Military Installation Resilience Response Study. This plan is funded by a major grant from the Department of Defense and we are collaborating with the Navy, Anne Arundel County, the State of MD, and other local partners.
- And finally, we are advancing Form-Based Code, a land use zoning reform aimed at helping commercial and office properties transition from automobile-focused development to more walkable mixed-use. This is how we extend the character we have in downtown, Inner West, Eastport and other areas of the City and what residents and businesses have been asking for.

We will soon announce the release of the Annapolis Ahead 2040 draft and will accept public comment.

In other planning news, the state of Maryland awarded $400,000 towards updating College Creek Park on Clay Street, renamed Robert Eades Park. The city will demolish the existing park and rebuild with plantings, benches and an accessible path to the water and a memorial to Mr. Eades.

The board of Public Works approved CRAB Boating Facility in 2020, but over the past year, they have worked with the planning commission to get approval. In February, a demo permit was issued. We look forward to the new facility rising up in Ward 7. I thank Alderman Rob Savidge and I look forward to the ribbon cutting and grand opening in spring of 2023.

In the Arts District, we received funding to assist Circle Creatives revive a long unused artist space.

We applied for - and got - two significant grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

- The first is a $300,000 grant to be distributed among 12 organizations that

provide services to low- and moderate-income residents. Examples include providing home repairs for low-income senior citizens and providing operating costs to the Lighthouse Shelter.

- The second is a $400,000 planning grant between the City and the Housing Authority to create a community-driven plan to revitalize Eastport Terrace and Harbour House. That effort recently kicked off with a meeting between HACA, HUD and the City and will be a two-year process. At the end, we may be eligible to tap into upwards of $30 million to implement the revitalization plan - whatever residents and community decide that looks like.

Our economic development team spent the last year helping area businesses.

In all, 24 businesses expanded or relocated within the City, equating to 277 jobs. In addition, 39 new businesses opened in the City, creating 242 jobs.

One of the ways Economic Development was called into service was after the tornado and historic flooding on Dock Street.

Tonight we have Walter Vasquez of the International Market on West Street. Walter's grocery store was in the hardest hit path of the tornado. A few days after the storm, he walked County Executive Pittman, Governor Hogan, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, me and other dignitaries through the devastation.

Walter, it was shocking - you did not have a roof. The twister peeled the roof off that building as if it was a tin of fish. Thankfully everyone inside was alive and we all are so grateful that there was no loss of life, even though the experience sounded harrowing for your staff.

The economic development team helped Walter get the money he needed and he will soon reopen.

[Pause for applause]

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Over at Recreation and Parks - our residents frequently interact with this division by visiting a City park, going to the pool, enrolling in a class, dropping kids at a Stanton Center camp or enjoying a workout at Pip Moyer.

In our parks division, they work to ensure that all of our parks and hiking trails, including Truxtun Park, street-end parks and Waterworks Park, are tidy and ready for residents.

The parks division also helps in other areas. They assist DPW in cut and toss efforts, including in the aftermath of the Annapolis Tornado and the winter storm that dropped tree branches into the street and complicated plowing work.

Over at Stanton Center, they are helping young people with woodworking, cooking classes and art instruction.

At Pip Moyer Rec Center, a youth basketball skills clinic ran with more than 100 children and the 18 teams in the youth basketball league had more than 170 children. They provided space for testing clinics and vaccinations. They run camps and classes

and they host community meetings and events including Pass Pick and Play and Greenscape.

Part of the Rec and Parks portfolio includes the Harbormaster and her team. With our miles of shoreline, our residents get to enjoy the beauty of the Bay.

The Harbormaster not only directs the daily operations of the harbor, they work to protect all our creeks and tributaries.

Here are a few additional highlights from the past year:

- They actively pursue grant funding and they received $250,000 waterway improvement grant to install a floating dock at 6th Street; They also used grant funds for a new bulkhead and floating dock on Cheston Avenue; and got $5,000 for redecking five street end park docks;
- They serviced numerous unique maritime events, including the first Tall Ships Festival on Independence Day weekend and a 267-foot American-flagged cruise ship

I thank the harbormaster and her team for their work year-round.

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The Transportation Department, with acting director Kwaku Agyemang-Duah has also been aggressive in pursuing grants. In FY 22, they managed a total of $4.3 million to cover capital expenses like new buses and equipment, and operations including paratransit service.

They stepped in after the tornado to provide special buses to bring residents to the Recovery Resource Center and - this one was big for our families with schoolchildren - stepped in with drivers when the county school district was struggling to staff school buses.

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I'd like to acknowledge City Manager David Jarrell and Eileen Fogarty for their tireless work over the past year to hammer out the concession agreement and get started on the rebuild of Hillman Garage.

One of the things about the new garage that sometimes is overlooked is that the current garage has no Stormwater controls.

When it rains, water pours off the roof. We will bring that up to 125 percent capture. With solar panels and EV Chargers, as well as more parking spaces and a garage that does not look like it will collapse at any moment, the new garage will be an amazing asset for downtown. The old garage is being prepped to be torn down and I look forward to the new one going up.

In our resilience and environmental efforts, Deputy City Manager Jackie Guild has helped us get a number of items across the finish line, including:

- EPA approval of our No Discharge Zone petition
- A number of stream and shoreline restoration projects in coordination with local nonprofits
- A pilot composting program
- Installation of Electric Vehicles charging stations

- A plan for the restoration of Hawkins Cove, including $130K in grant funding to get started
- Spearheading a climate change coalition of local government resilience officers; and
- A plan to incorporate resilience efforts into the comprehensive plan and make progress on the City's community rating with FEMA - an initiative that could have a big impact on flood insurance rates for homeowners.
- And, putting an environmental equity lens on all efforts to build a stronger, safer, more resilient Annapolis.

Big changes in our environmental policies and resilience efforts require new investments. The City has moved forward with an ambitious plan to forge a partnership with Anne Arundel County to fund resilience infrastructure. None of this happens quickly, but in September, the Resilience Authority of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County, an initiative that was started here in Annapolis, was created and we expect to have a Director in place this year.

We have other resilience partnerships and they have never been stronger - with the United States Naval Academy and Naval Installation, the National Park Service, through the State of Maryland and more. We are building and strengthening these partnerships because they enhance the quality of life for our residents. I thank City Manager Jarrell and Deputy City Manager Guild for helping to lead our City in these efforts.

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We have worked these past five years to put an equity lens on the work coming out of the Mayor's office. Our Hispanic community outreach specialist, Laura Gutierrez, was recently in Atlanta to talk at a conference organized by the CDC about Take Care Annapolis and health equity - putting Annapolis on a national stage for a Mayor's office initiative that helped drive down COVID and drive up vaccination rates in our most vulnerable populations.

Along with fun events from our One Annapolis team, including the Dr. Martin Luther King parade, Juneteenth, Annapolis Pride, Day of the Dead, as well as minority business breakfasts and roundtables, we are working to ensure that all of Annapolis is seen and heard. We continue efforts through our resource centers and community services, LEAD, No Harm, and Naptown Anti-dope to provide assistance to residents.

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Aside from City taxpayer-funded efforts, we have also been aggressive in seeking state and federal government funding. We spearheaded and received funding from Governor Hogan and the state for $6.5M to acquire property in Ward 7 on Edgewood Road to create a heritage park on part of the site that was once Carr's Beach. The state also committed $10 million for City Dock and that is *in addition* to Burtis House and docks. Appraised at more than $1M, the Burtis property is worth even more to the City as the keystone parcel in reimagining City Dock.

We are also tapping into federal resources, with HUD grant funding for Choice

Neighborhoods and additional resilience dollars for City Dock, which, together with Hillman will make it the largest-ever municipal infrastructure project in the City's history.

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Now, I've been able to say some pretty amazing things about our beautiful City tonight. That is one of the nice things about being mayor - getting to brag on the accomplishments of staff and residents.

But we also got kudos from outside, including some "Best City" designations in 2021, for example:

- Travel + Leisure magazine named Annapolis one of the 25 best cities to visit at Christmas
- Conde Nast Traveler named Annapolis one of the Most Beautiful Towns in America
- Southern Living magazine named Annapolis to their list of the 16 most romantic getaways

I love Annapolis. I love being your mayor. We have done a lot and I hope we will all continue on this wonderful journey of public service together.

Now we have some slides from events and activities over the past year. Enjoy the show!

Petitions, Reports and Communications

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Transportation Committee Meeting
April 13, 2022, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Special City Council Work Session
April 14, 2022, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Special Finance Committee Meeting
April 18, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Housing and Human Welfare Committee Meeting
April 18, 2022, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Special Finance Committee Meeting
April 19, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Finance Committee Meeting
April 20, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Economic Matters Committee Meeting
April 20, 2022, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Special Finance Committee Meeting
April 21, 2022, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

C. Comments by the General Public

Gary Wieboldt, 706 Tyler Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.
Tobias Sullivan, 743 Warren Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403.
Gay Reich, 742 Warren Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Jennifer Smock, 814 Tyler Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.
Bill Reichhardt, 717 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.
Natalie Benincasa Powell, 312 Severn Avenue, #W 309, Annapolis. MD 21403.
Jim Conoly, 413 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Appointments

AP-16-22 The Appointment of Jim Martin to the Arts in Public Places Commission

Alderman Savidge moved to confirm AP-16-22. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay was out of the room during the confirmation by voice vote of AP-16-22.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

CCM 3.14.2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

CCM 3.28.2022 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

CCM 3.28.2022 CS Special Meeting Minutes - CS

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

CCM 3.31.2022 CS — Special Meeting Minutes - CS

A motion was made by Alderman Schandelmeier to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

O-13-22 — **Sidewalk Café - Defined -** For the purpose of modifying the definition of sidewalk cafe.

Sponsors: Tierney

No one from the general public spoke on the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-13-22 closed.

Alderman Arnett - Cosponsor Added.

O-14-22 — **Debit Card and Credit Card Payments - Convenience Fees -** For the purpose of modifying the procedure for assessing convenience fees for payment of City services by debit card or credit card; and generally relating to processing convenience fees.

Sponsors: Buckley

No one from the general public spoke on the ordinance.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-14-22 closed.

Legislative Action

First Readers

O-15-22 — **Annual Budget and Appropriation and Property Tax Levy -** For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the

City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

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Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt O-15-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-22 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-22 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-15-22 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

R-23-22 **Fiscal Year 2023 Fees Schedule** - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2023; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Brooks Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-23-22 on first reader. Seconded.CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-23-22 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-23-22 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

R-24-22 **Fiscal Year 2023 Fines Schedule** - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2023; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-24-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-24-22 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-24-22 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

R-25-22 **Bates Middle School - HVAC Renovation Project - Waiver of Permitting Fees** - For the purpose of waiving City permitting fees for the Bates Middle School HVAC renovation project.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-25-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge requested a Fiscal Impact Note for R-25-22.

R-27-22 **Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival - Fee Waiver -** For the purpose of waiving certain City fees for the docking of tall ships the *Pride of Baltimore II and Lynx* at the Annapolis City Dock; and expressing the support of the City Council for the First Annual Special Event

"Annapolis UpRigging: Maritime and Heritage Festival".

Sponsors: Buckley and Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-27-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay abstained from the first reader voice vote on R-27-22.

Alderwoman Tierney requested a Fiscal Impact Note for R-27-22.

R-18-22 **Director of Planning and Zoning - Michael La Place, AICP, PP -** For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Michael La Place as the Director of Planning and Zoning; and consenting to compensate the Director.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to reconsider R-18-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-18-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to suspend the rules to allow the passage of the resolution at the meeting on its introduction. 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 Arnett moved to adopt R-18-22 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

R-15-22 **Anne Arundel County Coalition for Police Accountability Recommendations -** For the purpose of expressing support for the recommendations of the Anne Arundel County Coalition for Police Accountability; and urging the County Executive and County Council to adopt those recommendations as amendments to HB 16-22 in establishing a Police Accountability Board.

Sponsors: Savidge and Gay

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

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt R-15-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

R-22-22 **Pilot Program to Study Commercial Outdoor Dining in Privately Owned Parking Lots -** For the purpose of approving a Pilot Program to study the use of private parking lots by restaurants after the end of the period of the City's Emergency Declaration.

Sponsors: Arnett and O'Neill

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-22-22 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-22-22 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 2 after line 19 insert:

"AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that, upon the date of passage of this Resolution, the Director of Planning and Zoning shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the following initiative: a fee-in-lieu of reduced or zero parking requirements if an Applicant makes such a request, throughout the duration of the study period." . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-22-22 as follows:

Amendment #2:
On page 2, in line 18, delete "12 months" and insert "60 days". Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Gay

Nay: 4 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-22-22 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

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Virtual Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk