



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, October 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Tierney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

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

BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

[ID-245-22](#)

A PROPOSED CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Section, 3-305 (b) (7). Discussion Topic: Office of Law Briefing

Alderman Savidge moved pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305 (b) (7), to go into closed session. 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 Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

The council enter closed session at 6:10 pm.

The council exited out of closed session at 7:09 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to amend the agenda to Postpone: Council Citation ID-288-22 Welcome the New Officer in charge at U.S. Coast Guard Station Annapolis to the City, ID-238-22 Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis HACA” Quarterly Report and R-41-22 Military

Bowl Parade, Football Game on second reader until Monday, November 14, 2022, and; to postpone indefinitely O-9-22 Off-Street Parking requirements - Food Establishments. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-205-22](#)

Maritime Republic of Eastport Declaration of War for the Annual Tug of War across Spa Creek

Mayor Gavin Buckley:

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Know that there is a present and grave danger posed by these seditionists who have crossed Spa Creek to express their desire to secede from our fair city.

I say NEVER!

At my command, as Mayor of this maritime port, chartered some three centuries ago by none other than the Queen of England, I hereby ask the good residents of Annapolis to yoke thine oxen and ready thine flint and sharpen thine steel for REVOLUTION!

You will never triumph in your efforts to break away! Never!

In a fortnight, we will don our breeches and petticoats and gather to defeat the neer-do-wells who fancy themselves independent. They will use a show of force to separate themselves from our rule and they will NOT succeed!

We say NEVER!

While this estrangement may be short-lived - until your defeat at the Tug of War - the penalty for your insolence will be long-lasting and I will make it known to all that your request to secede is DENIED!

NEVER give up the ship!

[ID-228-22](#)

Welcome the new officer in charge at U.S. Coast Guard Station Annapolis to the City

Mayor Buckley postponed ID-228-22 until the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

[ID-238-22](#)

Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis “HACA” Quarterly Report

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone ID-238-22 until the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley City Council Remarks 24 October 2022 - 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

I'd like to start out by introducing someone who will soon become a familiar face to all of us, City Council Associate Kalyn Jackson. It is her first day on the job.

Kalyn was, until very recently, a first-grade teacher in Washington DC Public Schools. I look forward to her experience in calm reasoning as she deals with all of us at City Hall. Welcome Kalyn, we are very happy to have you.

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Huge thanks to Rodney Barnes who generously sponsored the Haunted Hilltop event at Pip Moyer on Sunday. What a great event for Annapolis families! The Recreation Center was decked out and kids had so much fun. The partnership we have with Rodney is invaluable and we couldn't be more grateful for the ways he has used his Hollywood success to lift residents here in his hometown.

Thank you Rodney and thanks to Adetola Ajayi from my office for his management and oversight of this very successful event.

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This Saturday, Laura Gutierrez and her team are planning the fifth annual "Day of the Dead" festival with face painting, food and drink, music and dancing, crafts and more. That's Oct. 29 from 4 to 9 p.m. on the front lawn of Maryland Hall.

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Last week, the Annapolis Police Department held their promotion ceremonies and I would like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our men and women in blue. First, the chief elevated four individuals to command status, the gold badge. They are: Capt. Lamar Howard, Lt. Andrew Ascione, Lt. Hil O'Hirlihy and Lt. Joseph Mann. Three sergeants, Brian Criss, Jimmy McGriff and Prince Wang, three corporals, William Joel, Jr., Travis McQueen, and Danielle Smikle. In addition to six officer promotions, this is the biggest promotions event according to Chief Jackson. Congratulations!

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In a milestone achievement for the work of the APD, Annapolis Fire, OEM and the Office of the Mayor, September was the best month we have had - since we started keeping track in 2015 - in terms of overdoses with four total and zero fatalities in September. For the year, the City of Annapolis is down 32 percent overall.

I thank all in our Opioid Intervention Teams for their work to achieve this significant reduction. I know the families and loved ones of those with substance use disorder thank you too.

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On Wednesday this week, the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Resilience Board will host its first meeting at the Arundel Center. The idea for this board came from our Reimagining City Dock working group back in 2019 and when we took the idea to Stuart Pittman, he ran with it.

Senator Sarah Elfreth sponsored legislation in the Maryland General Assembly in 2020 and got it across the line. As a refresher, the Resilience Finance Authority is like a stadium authority, in that it can issue bonds to finance resilience projects.

Annapolis has not used the finance authority for our work at City Dock, but I look forward to their support for future infrastructure projects.

I thank the council and the County Executive, our colleagues in the Maryland General Assembly, and all those who have volunteered to serve this forward-thinking initiative that will help us solve the challenges brought about by climate change and sea level rise.

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Next Tuesday, the 1st of November, we have the Port Marker unveiling ceremony at 11 a.m. The port marker designates Annapolis City Dock as one of the “Sites of Memory” of the Middle Passages international slave route.

This UNESCO program endeavors to improve the understanding of the human tragedy of the slave trade by educating the public and facilitating national reconciliation.

Annapolis joins the following designated sites of memory in Maryland: Oxford on the Eastern Shore, Historic London Town in Edgewater, Historic Sotterley in St. Mary’s County, and Fells Point in Baltimore.

I want to acknowledge the work of Janice Hayes Williams and our partnership with the County on this important project.

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This Thursday, October 27, is the first day of early voting in Maryland. The Annapolis early voting location is the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, but you can also vote early at any of the nine Early Voting centers in the county.

The deadline for requesting your mail-in ballot is November 1. You can drop your completed mail-in ballot at the drop box at either Pip Moyer Rec Center or Bates Middle School.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, you have until 8 p.m. to cast your ballot at your precinct. Your vote is your voice - make it count!

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Earlier this month, the City of Annapolis hosted the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s public hearing. I want to thank everyone who contributed to making that event meaningful and memorable.

I have abridged correspondence from Dr. David Fakunle, the chair of the commission, who wrote to thank Alderwoman Tierney. He said:

Thank you for providing testimony. Your presence, participation and insight were significant contributors to what was a tremendous success and an impactful moment. It is important to telling the story of each victim while revealing all factual evidence of the systems that allowed for racial terrorism and the shielding of those responsible for it. We have received enthusiastic feedback from many in attendance, stating they are forever changed by the testimonies and the experience we collectively shared.

May we continue to fight for a state that fully accepts its history and strive to be a place all Marylanders are proud to call their home.

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Lastly, City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veteran’s Day.

In 1918, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, hostilities in World War I - the ‘war to end all wars’ - ceased. Known then as Armistice Day, bells rang and cheering people poured into the street because they knew their loved ones were coming home.

Armistice Day was changed to Veteran's Day in 1954. In Annapolis, Veteran's Day is marked each year with a ceremony at City Dock sponsored by Fleet Reserve, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Naval Academy and the US Coast Guard. Other local support comes from the American Legion Post 141 and the Annapolis High ROTC unit.

I want to thank everyone for recognizing the contributions of veterans. I will be at the event at 11 a.m. on 11/11 wearing a poppy on my lapel, in remembrance of those who did not make it home. I know we all join together in thanking veterans and their families for their service, contributions, and sacrifice.

Let's get on with the meeting.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Housing and Human Welfare Committee Meeting

October 17, 2022, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting

October 19, 2022, 10:30 AM - 12:30

C. Comments by the General Public

Mayor Buckley declared comments by the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 or Less

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

[SA-15-23](#)

**SA-15-23 Fund: Grant Fund Department: Office of Emergency Management
Department Source of Surplus Funds: United States Department of Homeland
Security Revenue: Federal Grant Revenue (FY22 EMPG) \$575.00
Expenditure: Federal Grant Expense (FY22 EMPG) \$575.00**

Explanation: This supplemental allocation appropriates an additional \$575.00 to the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The grant amount included in the FY2023 Adopted Budget was \$85,000. The EMPG program provides resources to local government emergency management agencies, an all-hazards approach to emergency response, including the development of a comprehensive program of planning, training, and exercises, as well as staffing/EOC upgrades. This grant program requires a 100% local match which is obtained through the Office of Emergency Management personnel salary.

A motion was made by Alderman Arnett 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-31-22](#) **Revenue and Finance - Budget - Annapolis Community Grant Program - For the purpose of requiring that all recipients of City community grant funds have proof of non-profit status; clarifying definitions; adding acceptable proof; expanding requirements for grantees; and generally dealing with community grant allocations.**

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Gay and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-31-22 closed.

[O-39-22](#) **Administration - Mayor - Harbormaster - For the purpose of the City of Annapolis Harbormaster reporting to the Deputy City Manager for Resiliency and Sustainability rather than the Director of Recreation and Parks; and generally related to Harbormaster duties.**

Sponsors: Alderwoman Tierney

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-39-22 closed.

[O-41-22](#) **Administration - Rules of Procedure - Reading, amendment and passage of ordinances, etc. - Staff Reports - For the purpose of requiring staff reports on charter amendments, ordinances, and resolutions.**

Sponsors: Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-41-22 closed.

[O-46-22](#) **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 \$26,000,000 (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") and (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; providing that the Bonds and Notes shall be issued and sold to finance and refinance certain public purposes of the City as provided in this Ordinance; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bonds and Notes; providing for the method of sale of the Bonds and Notes and other matters relating to the issuance and sale thereof; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of the Bonds and Notes; covenanting to levy and collect all taxes necessary to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and Notes; and generally providing for and determining various matters relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and Notes.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-46-22 closed.

O-49-22

Planning and Zoning - Parking and Loading Regulations - Parking fee-in-lieu of meeting off-street parking requirements. - For the purpose of authorizing a parking fee-in-lieu for certain businesses required to provide parking spaces; and generally relating to off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Savidge

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-49-22 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

First Readers

R-30-22

Restaurant Parking Lot Usage Pilot Program Extension for Outdoor Dining - For the purpose of directing the City Manager to extend the Annapolis Outdoor Dining Pilot Program, allowing restaurants to use privately-owned parking lots for outdoor dining, for an additional six months.

Sponsors: Alderman Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-30-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-30-22 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Alderwoman Tierney

[R-57-22](#)

Correction in Fiscal Year 2023 Fees Schedule - For the purpose of correcting the FY 2023 Fees Schedule by reinserting a line mistakenly omitted; and generally relating to City fees.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-57-22 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-57-22 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-57-22 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Second Readers

[O-9-22](#)

Off-Street Parking Requirements - Food Establishments - For the purpose of eliminating off-street parking requirements for bars, taverns, delicatessens, restaurants, and social clubs; and generally relating to off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors: Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderwoman O'Neill

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to postpone O-9-22 on second reader indefinitely (90 days - Monday, January 23, 2023). Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-41-22](#)

Military Bowl Parade and Football Game - For the purpose of identifying the Military Bowl Parade and Football Game that will be held on December 28, 2022, as a Major Special Event; and waiving charges for certain City of Annapolis costs related to city services for that event.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone R-41-22 on second reader until Monday, November 14, 2022. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-50-22](#)

Rocky Gorge Development Emergency Action for the purpose of addressing the Rocky Gorge Development's "Aris T. Allen Boulevard" project, a 23-acre site platted for 48 single-family housing units; calling for an immediate stop work order on site development, and requiring a report on the project.

Sponsors: Alderwoman Finlayson

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to postpone R-50-22 on second reader indefinitely (90 days - Monday, January 23, 2023). Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[R-51-22](#)

Director of Transportation - Markus G. Moore - For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Markus G. Moore as the Director of Transportation; and consenting to compensate the Director.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-51-22 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

R-54-22

Non-maritime Use Fee on Waterfront Property per City Zoning Code - For the purpose of establishing a fee for non-maritime use of waterfront property in the City of Annapolis per § 21.46.010 (E); and generally related to maritime zoning in the City.

Sponsors: Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-54-22 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend R-54-22 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 1 line 36 and on page 2 line 3 strike "2022" and insert "2023".

Amendment #2:

On page 1 in lines 2 and 20 strike "on Waterfront Property" and insert "Related to Water Access Incentives" and on page 1 in lines 3, 22, and 36 strike "of waterfront property" and insert "related to water access incentives.

On page 1 in line 36 strike "1 (one) dollar per" and insert "1.00/". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-54-22 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

R-56-22

City Dock Holiday Market and Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District - For the purpose of authorizing a non-recurring major City Dock event; and authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with the Annapolis City Dock Holiday Market event.

Sponsors: Mayor Buckley

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt R-56-22 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

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk