



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Pantelides called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Finlayson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Pantelides.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

Present: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

State of the City Address

What a great opportunity it has been to serve as the Mayor of Annapolis for the past three years!

We took a financially distressed city three years ago... made some tough decisions ... and made sure we put our city back on solid financial footing. Our efforts resulted in two upgrades to our city's bond rating in just the past three years.

I saw a real need to stop the financial hemorrhaging and get us back on track, so we could recoup the money we were losing to poor choices and bad policies.

There was a better way to run the city, so we came up with better choices and stronger policies.

With bipartisan support, we got rid of the excess, reorganized city government, and got comfortable with doing more with less.

I give my department directors a great deal of credit when it comes to doing more with less due largely to their commitment to our residents. Would you please stand and be recognized.

Tonight I am submitting a \$107.5 million budget, a \$4.2 million increase over last year's budget... and I am here to tell you the state of the city is strong.

This budget includes:

- A tax rate cut
- New hires in the police department
- Reintroducing a 1% COLA for employees, subject to collective bargaining
- More money for sidewalks and repaving projects
- A decrease in the solid waste fee

More on those items and more in just a few minutes... But before we look ahead, let's take a moment and look back at what we have accomplished. Three years ago I promised to spend within our means... and we have done that. We were even able to:

1. Lower solid waste fees each year for a total of a 31.25% decrease over three years
2. We maintained the city's AA+ rating from the Fitch and Standard & Poor's Rating Agencies with Moody's Investors Service giving Annapolis an upgrade because of our city's strong financial management
3. Balanced three budgets resulting in a surplus each year, and
4. We passed three budgets with no increase to the real property tax rate

With the help of City Council, we have accomplished much in the past three years, and we did it in a largely bipartisan manner.

I want to thank the City Council for their ongoing dedication to our residents and for helping me to promote my priorities as the mayor, which includes:

- Financial Stability
- Public Safety
- Environmental Sustainability
- Economic Development,
- and Putting Annapolitans First!

More about Financial Stability of our city

1. One of the fiscal priorities was to replenish the fund balance to a healthy level. Once we accomplished that, I looked for innovative ways to secure new funding sources:

- At my request, the Fire Department secured a SAFER grant, which allowed us to hire 12 new firefighters
- Last year I secured \$1 million from Governor Larry Hogan for flood mitigation, which will pay for the preliminary design phase of our project to address nuisance flooding at City Dock.
- We received \$345,000 for Capital Safe Streets funding, which is double our average annual allocation
- I recently asked the Governor for additional PILOT funding, as we are still in great need of funding to meet the public safety and basic public works obligations as the Capital of Maryland. We are still working with the Governor and General Assembly and I am hopeful we will see funding through the Governor's supplemental budget.

I pledge that the city will continue to be fiscally responsible and our programs and policies will continue to address the needs of our residents!

Public Safety - At my inauguration in 2013 I made a pledge to focus on

solutions to drug abuse and crime.

- I have listened to the needs of our community and over the past three years have made sure public safety is adequately funded and the programs are in place to ensure success.
- I made a pledge to find solutions to the heroin epidemic and related drug abuse in Annapolis. The city has been, and continues to work with Governor Larry Hogan and County Executive Steve Schuh to make this one of the top priorities for our law enforcement teams.
- Meanwhile.... members of the Annapolis Police Department and I remain active on the County Executive's Heroin Task Force and are committed to keeping our children and citizens safe from these dangerous drugs and the terrible consequences that affect all families...with the goal to get these criminals out of our neighborhoods and out of our city!

- I am also working with our State's Attorney, Wes Adams, to better coordinate our officer's presence in the courtroom, so we can keep our officers on the street, protecting our citizens.
- Most recently I made a change at the Annapolis Police Department because while I saw the criminals being arrested, I wanted to see aggressive steps to prevent the crimes from occurring.
- We received 72 applications for the new Chief of Police, formed a Blue Ribbon Panel to interview 10 candidates, and in turn, recommending 4 finalists to me and the City Manager.
 1. Meanwhile:
 - a. I secured the most money ever granted from the state for our Safe Streets Program, with the funds going directly to our neighborhood policing efforts
 - b. I requested the transfer of \$125,000 to go directly to additional security cameras around HACA properties
 - c. I requested and City Council recently approved a transfer of \$1.25 million for additional police officers and additional security cameras around the city this year.
 - d. While funding sources are secured... I want to report that the APD seized a record number of handguns this year and we implemented a police body-worn camera pilot program and just recently selected Taser as the provider firm, with delivery in early May and deploying body worn cameras in mid-May.

We know that more police and cameras by themselves will not solve the problem...so we made changes to HACA by nominating new commissioners. Under this new leadership, HACA has a new banning policy, and a stronger cooperation with the community.

Allowing the criminals to sell drugs and frequent the community is no longer acceptable... and we will work diligently to make every community in Annapolis safe, no matter what the street address is.

Environmental Sustainability – I understand the need for environmental guidance and the importance of making environmental sustainability a focus for future generations. That's why:

1. City Council passed a Forest Conservation Ordinance supported by local environmentalists
2. We implemented Annapolis' first conservation easement since 2003, adding the 2.5 acre conservation easement on the Bay Village Assisted Living

property

3. We created a Watershed Improvement Plan to meet federal requirements... and

4. Working with the South River Federation, the Spa Creek Conservancy, the Chesapeake Conservancy, and the Department of Natural resources we have started numerous stream restoration projects,

Economic Development - as Mayor I am trying to offer new ways to breathe life into our downtown area:

1. The old Fawcett building has started construction and Mission BBQ moved into the historic Stevens building

All of this was taking place, while vibrant changes were also occurring in West Annapolis, Eastport and Upper West Street.

Other economic development highlights in the city:

1. We have opened or expanded 403 businesses in the past three years
2. Reorganized government to streamline development review, inspections and the permitting process
3. Reaffirming our commitment to the maritime industry.
4. Right-sized government's role in economic development by sharing resources with the county and creating an Economic Development Manager to represent Annapolis
5. We launched an Economic Strategic Action Plan which contains a roadmap for Annapolis' economic development efforts.
6. The city dock bulkhead rehabilitation work was done on time and under budget.

Meanwhile....finding a place to park quickly and efficiently is part of that experience. That's why last year I signed a contract with SP+ to comprehensively manage all city parking services and offer modern options to parking.

Recently, SP+ has:

- Installed multi-space meter equipment downtown, enabling a more efficient payment and enforcement system, using the license plate as the credential.
- Implemented mobile payments for On-Street parking at metered spaces throughout the city. This feature affords users more choices and an easy parking experience.
- Added a second vehicle and upgraded License Plate Recognition technology for a more accurate reading of license plates on vehicles that have been parked illegally in residential permit parking districts.
- Implemented an online parking permit program allowing Annapolis residents to purchase annual parking permits online. There are no changes to permit prices and all major credit cards are accepted. An upgraded system and process will be introduced for Residential Permit renewals in June 2017.

Putting Annapolitans First means putting the needs of our residents in the forefront and we can only achieve that through listening. Some of the recent items that have a direct impact on residents include:

- 1 Passing a school Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance that helps to eliminate overcrowding

1. Hiring an African-American Liaison and a Hispanic Community Services Specialist to ensure that all voices are represented in government
2. Creating the first Hispanic bilingual television program that is aired on both City TV and our website
3. Working with Maryland Live! Casino to bring 150 immediate jobs to Annapolis residents and worked to get Annapolis residents to the jobs at the facility – Important to note that 20 people were hired on the spot during the interview process
4. Working with Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell-Charles to host the second annual Annapolis Job Fair at Pip Moyer Recreation Center
5. Insisting that all public housing units were inspected to ensure that all the rental properties across the city are held to the same standards– offering the same quality of life for all our residents
6. Nominating new members to the HACA Board of Commissioners which now represent the needs of the board, including a strong legal presence, someone with a vast professional business focus, a financial expert, and an independent thinker, who is a skilled community leader

What our residents don't always see... is the work being accomplished to keep the city moving forward and successful:

1. We have contracted with AECOM to develop three flood mitigation design concepts. These designs will address nuisance flooding downtown due to tidal fluctuations, conduct community outreach to downtown residents and business owners impacted by the flooding, and complete a Final Engineering
2. Recently, I walked door to door talking to each business along Dock Street to request data that is needed to submit a FEMA Grant that we applied for. The submission package amounted to 157 pages and included 16 appendices, in addition to a 40 slide PowerPoint presentation. This grant, if approved by FEMA, could provide the City with \$3M of the \$10 million we need, to implement the critical equipment that will minimize nuisance flooding in the historic downtown area.
2. In the next few months we will have a demonstration that has been used successfully in Baton Rouge and New York City to provide for flood protection.
3. We are ready to start construction of the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park after the County and Board of Education voted unanimously to purchase power from the city

The energy park at the old landfill is environmentally, financially and economically rewarding and will:

- Bring jobs to the area while supporting local businesses - We anticipate the Annapolis Renewable Energy Park will generate more than \$5 million in revenue to the city over the course of the 20-year lease term
- Also important... this will become the new standard for others to follow as Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County Schools, and the City of Annapolis advance compliance with State mandatory renewable energy goals for local governments.
- You will soon see the first of the 54,000 solar panels being installed on the old landfill.

This project, when completed, will be the largest solar project identified by the Environmental Protection Agency exclusively installed on a closed landfill in the United States.

So what new items will you see in the budget? You will see:

- A. A 1/2 cent tax rate cut
- B. 10 new police officers
- C. You will see \$1 million for stormwater and stream restoration projects
- D. There is a 1% COLA for all employees, subject to collective bargaining, effective January 1, 2018 along with a provision for health and pension benefits
- E. I added money to repair sidewalks through a one-time use of FY16 surplus funds
- F. And ... I am reducing the solid waste fee another 22% for a grand total of 46.3% over four years. In dollars and cents, this means the average solid waste bill will be reduced over the course of the last four years from \$380 to \$204, per household-per year.

In conclusion, this budget is fair and allows us to move into the future without losing our historic appeal as we continue to build on our successes. Some of those include:

- Opening the new water plant this year. The water production and the “Start-up Tests” phase of the project are underway, and it is expected this phase will be completed by the end of April. The current progress schedule shows the contractor completing the remaining work in late August or early September of 2017
- We will begin the reconstruction of Main Street including re-bricking
- We will be building a new pool with the proceeds from the Eisenhower Golf Course sale
- We will be spending \$2 million to repaving City streets
- We will be updating the bathroom facilities in the Harbormaster building
- And we will be rehabbing the Truxtun Park tennis courts

This is a budget that takes into consideration the needs of our city as well as the priorities that I have defined as mayor.

I am proud to say that we have made great strides during the past three years to ensure we remain financially strong, economically resilient, and environmentally sustainable, while making sure that we address the needs of all Annapolitans.

This year I will continue to rely on our residents input, through my open door sessions, by calling or writing to me, or by attending City Council meetings and expressing your opinions during the Public Comment segment or during public hearings.

I will work diligently to fulfill our obligations to the environment, while promoting a friendly businesses climate and promote smart land use.

And above all, the city will continue to offer quality services to our residents, no matter what their street address is, and endorse public safety initiatives that will ensure every Annapolitan is safe in our city limits.

Thank you for sharing this evening with me and I look forward to working with the Council to pass this budget and bring you the programs and services you deserve.

Michael J. Pantelides, Mayor, City of Annapolis

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Littmann moved to approve the agenda as amended To ADD a City Council Citation to the ANNAPOLIS FILM FESTIVAL,
To ADD the Swearing In of Police Officers: Jacob C. Horner and Richard C. Farquharson;
To ADD the RECONSIDERATION of O-12-17 the Compensation of the Mayor, Aldermen/Alderwomen and City Manager . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Council Citations to the Annapolis Film Festival

Alderman Littmann requested the City Council Citation to the Annapolis Film Festival be postponed until the Monday, April 24, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Swearing in of Police Officers

Pursuant to Article IX - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, Sec. 1. - Oath of office. Mayor Pantelides administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers: Jacob C. Horner and Richard C. Farquharson.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Tue Apr. 4

Finance Committee

Mon Apr. 10

Public Safety Committee (Rescheduled from April 17th)

Mon Apr. 10

Economic Matters Committee (Rescheduled from April 17th)

Tue Apr. 11

Rules & City Government Committee

Tue Apr. 18

Finance Committee

Tue Apr. 18

Transportation Committee

Tue Apr. 18

Housing and Human Welfare Committee

Thu Apr. 20

Environmental Matters Committee

B. Comments by the General Public

No speakers.

Mayor Pantelides declared comments from the general public closed.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

[CCM030617](#) Special Meeting Minutes - Closed Session

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

[CCM031317](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Consent calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

[ID-105-17](#) **Confirmation of Patricia A. Hopkins, Human Resources Manager**

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

First Readers

[O-20-17](#) **Transportation Network Service Companies** - For the purpose of removing from Section 7.48.610 of the Code of the City of Annapolis the expiration date for imposing an assessment on Transportation Network Service Companies for trips that originate in the City of Annapolis; relocating reference to the fee associated with such trips from Section 7.48.610 to the Fees Schedule; and matters generally relating to imposing said assessment.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred O-20-17 to the Economic Matters Committee.

Mayor Pantelides referred O-20-17 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Pantelides referred O-20-17 to the Transportation Committee.

[O-21-17](#) **Annual Operating Budget: Fiscal Year 2018** - For the purposes of adopting an operating budget for the City of Annapolis for Fiscal Year 2018; appropriating funds for expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018; defraying all expenses

and liabilities of the City of Annapolis and levying same for the purposes specified; specifying certain duties of the Director of Finance; and specifying a rate of interest to be charged upon overdue-property taxes.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred O-21-17 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred O-21-17 to the Finance Committee.

O-22-17

Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2018 - For the purpose of adopting a capital budget for Fiscal Year 2018; and appropriating funds for expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2018 capital budget.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred O-22-17 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred O-22-17 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred O-22-17 to the Finance Committee.

R-15-17

Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the FY 2018 position classification and pay plan effective July 1, 2017.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred R-15-17 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Pantelides referred R-15-17 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

R-16-17

Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2018 - 2023 - For the purpose of adopting a capital improvement program for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2023).

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred R-16-17 to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred R-16-17 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred R-16-17 to the Finance Committee.

[R-17-17](#) **FY 2018 Fees Schedule Effective July 1, 2017** - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for FY 2018.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred R-17-17 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred R-17-17 to the Finance Committee.

[R-18-17](#) **FY 2018 Fines Schedule Effective July 1, 2017** - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for FY 2018.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Mayor Pantelides referred R-18-17 to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Mayor Pantelides referred R-18-17 to the Finance Committee.

Second Readers

[R-6-17](#) **Naming the Parking Lot at Newman and Compromise Streets** - For the purpose of declaring that the City-owned Parking Lot at the intersection of Newman and Compromise Streets shall be named the "Basil Lot".

Sponsors: Budge

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

[R-8-17](#) **Filing of Grant Application with the Maryland Transit Administration** - For the purpose of authorizing the filing of an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Sections 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, and/or 5317 grant(s) under the Federal Transit Act for a total amount of \$2,661,028 (\$1,870,162 for fixed route transit operations; \$247,776 for ADA complementary paratransit services; \$315,000 capital grant for transit vehicle maintenance; \$12,878 capital grant for maintenance equipment, and \$215,212 capital assistance for transit vehicle replacement).

Sponsors: Pantelides and Budge

Aye: 9 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

End of Consent Calendar

Business and Miscellaneous

GT-9-17

Transfer from Salaries, Benefits, Rent & Leases, Vehicle Replacement Transfer to Purchase of a Patrol Boat

Alderman Arnett moved to approve GT-9-17. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings

O-19-17

Removing Dock and Market House Enterprise Funds - For the purpose of removing the requirement that the annual budget shall contain separate Dock and Market House enterprise fund groups.

Sponsors: Budge

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on O-19-17 closed.

Item removed from Consent Calendar

Legislative Actions

Second Readers

O-12-17

Compensation of the Mayor, Aldermen/Alderwomen and City

Manager - For the purpose of specifying compensation and allowances to be paid to the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in December, 2017; and for specifying compensation and allowances to be paid to the City Manager.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Alderman Littmann moved to reconsider O-12-17. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Littmann moved to adopt O-12-17 on second reader. Seconded.

**Alderman Pfeiffer moved to amend O-12-17 as follows:
Finance Committee Amendment #1**

On page 5, in lines 8 & 9, strike "JULY 1, 2017 and insert "AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT COUNCIL TERM". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

**Alderman Budge moved to amend O-12-17 as follows:
Budge Proposed Amendment**

Amendment #1:

Page 3, Line 9: Remove strikeout of "thirteen thousand five hundred" and strike "FIFTEEN THOUSAND". Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

**Alderman Littmann moved to amend O-12-17 as follows:
Littmann Proposed Amendment**

Amendment #1:

Page 3, Line 20: Strike "FORTY" and insert "THIRTY". A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Alderman Paone and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-12-17 as amended on second reader.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Alderman Pfeiffer moved to adopt O-12-17 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby, Alderman Pfeiffer and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 3 - Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone and Alderwoman Pindell Charles

ID-109-17

**Confirmation of Maria T. Broadbent, Office of Environmental Policy
Director**

Human Resources Manager Hopkins was present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to confirm the appointment of Maria T. Broadbent, as Office of Environmental Policy Director. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at:
8:17 p.m.**

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