



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, February 24, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Gay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Arnett.

Present: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda as amended to add R-19-20 Affordable Housing Task Force on first reader and O-5-20 City Council Meetings – Order of Business on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
City Council Remarks
Monday, Feb. 24, 2020

Good evening everyone.

I want to start out by thanking everyone for the well wishes for my family following the passing of my mum Pauline.

Jules and I, along with our boys, can't tell you how much it has meant to us to receive your kind words and notes and flowers. I know this City has a real heart and we have felt and received the love you have offered to us during this difficult time. Thank you.

I also would like to thank Alderwoman Pindell Charles. She stepped up to juggle her full time job and the job of acting mayor. Alderwoman, it gave me tremendous piece of mind while I was away and worried about so many other things. I thank you.

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You will notice that tonight, we are missing Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson, who is at home

recovering from knee surgery. We all wish her a very speedy recovery. Get well soon Alderwoman!

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I would like to take a few moments to correct the record about how the City of Annapolis handles requests for inspections of not only Housing Authority properties, but any licensed rental unit in the city.

In the paper today, there was a story about a family that contacted the City for a reinspection of their unit that had been previously inspected last fall and passed after remediation.

The resident called on Feb. 6 a little after 2 in the afternoon. Our ombudsman immediately phoned inspectors in Planning and Zoning. She was informed it was too late for an inspection on that day, it was a Thursday. But, they said they'd get to it on Friday, Feb. 7. The inspection took place on Friday and they found that they needed a follow up mold inspection.

They called Servepro who came out to do air quality sampling on Monday. That takes 24 hours and the results were returned on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the unit was taken offline and the family relocated.

I want to tell this story to showcase that from the first phone call to the inspection was less than 24 hours. We had a weekend in there, but the family was relocated in about 3 business days from the original call to my office.

I take this seriously. Housing Authority properties are not owned by the city of Annapolis. We rely on those residents and residents of any licensed rental unit in the city, to contact us when there is a problem.

I am asking Housing Authority residents to call the HACA central office and if you don't get a response – please call my office – even if your unit was recently inspected. Sometimes a unit can develop a problem, or sometimes the remediation of a problem doesn't permanently resolve it.

Call us.

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Director Kevin Simmons, of our Office of Emergency Management, wanted me to mention their Open House on Feb. 8 that was attended by groups and members of the community. The 50 or so visitors got a tour of the facility and an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Emergency Management as well as a demonstration of the technology and capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center.

The attendees also got to participate in a simulated exercise where they assumed the roles of mayor, city manager, public safety chiefs and other Annapolis officials to experience the decision-making process during an emergency, disaster or crisis. Thank you, Director Simmons, for showcasing how seriously Annapolis takes public safety.

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Lastly, there will be a reception for the dedication of the police station in the name of our City's first African American Annapolis Police Chief Joe Johnson on February 27 at Banneker Douglass Museum. There will be a ribbon cutting for the sign at the police station on Taylor Ave. followed immediately by the reception at the museum. This is RSVP only, so please respond to my office, 410-263-7997 if you plan on attending where we will give you times and other details.

Let's get on with tonight's meeting!

B. City Manager Required Administrative Submittals:

City Manager Jarrell and Finance Director Dickensen were present and answered questioned from council.

Article VI - OPERATIONS, Sec. 2.B, (7): Monthly Status Reports - December

This was presented.

[CM-10-20](#) **Finance Department**

This Fund Transfer was presented.

[CM-11-20](#) **MIT**

This Fund Transfer was presented.

[CM-12-20](#) **Recreation & Parks**

This Fund Transfer was presented.

[CM-13-20](#) **Department of Public Works**

This Fund Transfer was presented.

C. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

3/2/2020 Public Safety Committee

When: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

3/4/2020 Finance Committee

When: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

D. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Angel Gough, 1 Bens Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing Bay Ridge Avenue Residents Council.

** City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from council.**

Toni Strong-Pratt, 32 Juliana Circle East, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Reverend Samuel Jerry Colbert, 2114 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing John Wesley Church.

Gary Jobson, 10 Thompson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Erica Pratt, 17 Marc Court, Apt D, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Landis Harwell, 2 Bens Drive, Apt E, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Wanda Parker, 15-A & 13-B Marc Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Robert Eades, 32 Pleasant Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Daniel Hollidge 255 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Dandre Ward, 705-B New Town Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Freida Wilder, 403 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Renee Mill, 9331 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Appointments

[AP-9-20](#) **The Appointment of Joe Lucchesi to the Arts in Public Places Committee**

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-24-20](#) **Planning and Zoning**
Revenue: State Operating Grant Revenue (\$19,000.00) Expenditure:
State Operating Grant Expense (\$19,000.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

[SA-25-20](#) **Police**
Revenue: County Operating Grant Revenue (\$25,000.00) Expenditure:
County Operating Grant Expense (\$25,000.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

[SA-26-20](#) **OEMD**

Revenue: Federal Operating Grant Revenue (\$9,199.00) Expenditure: Federal Operating Grant Expense (\$9,199.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Legislative Actions

First Readers

[R-13-20](#) **Sailing Vessel Maiden - Docking Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the Maiden at the Annapolis City Dock on certain dates during the month of April, 2020.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Mayor Buckley referred R-13-20 to the Finance Committee.

[R-14-20](#) **Tug of War Special Event - Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the Harbormaster’s fees for the Tug of War event hosted by the Maritime Republic of Eastport that was held in Fiscal Year 2019.**

Sponsors: Arnett

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Mayor Buckley referred R-14-20 to the Finance Committee.

Second Readers

[O-1-20](#) **Exempt Service - For the purpose of correcting certain exempt service position titles.**

Sponsors: Buckley

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

[R-8-20](#) **Pride of Baltimore II - Docking Fee Waiver - For the purpose of waiving the fees for docking the Pride of Baltimore II at the Annapolis City Dock**

on certain dates during the months of March and April in 2020.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

R-9-20

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

Sponsors: Tierney

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

R-11-20

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

Sponsors: Buckley

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearing Continued

O-6-20

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

Sponsors: Buckley

Speakers:

Executive Director/CEO Melissa Maddox-Evans, 1901 McGuckian Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing the Annapolis Housing Authority.
Patrick Stewart, 575 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 representing Pennrose Management.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-6-20 left open until the Planning Commission

Finding have been received by council.

Public Hearings

O-7-20

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

Sponsors: Gay

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-7-20 closed.

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

O-9-20

Comprehensive Bag Reduction - For the purpose of defining certain terms; prohibiting dealers from supplying customers with plastic bags for use as checkout bags; requiring paper bags contain recycled content; providing for the applicability of the Chapter; imposing a surcharge on certain checkout bags; imposing interest and certain civil penalties on dealers who fail to make timely remittances of the surcharge; setting forth prohibited conduct by dealers; providing enforcement measures; requiring an annual report to the Mayor and City Council; providing an effective date; and generally relating to checkout bags.

Sponsors: Savidge, Tierney, Arnett, Gay and Rodriguez

Speakers:

Guy Schaeffer, 7101 Bay Front Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Frieda Wilder, 403 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Jared Littmann, 5 Cambridge Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Heidi Helleck, 512 Fourth Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-9-20 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

O-40-19

Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program - Maintenance Facilities - For the purpose of amending the Capital Budget and Capital

Improvement Program by modifying the project description for the Maintenance Facilities capital project.

Sponsors: Buckley, Pindell Charles and Finlayson

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-40-19 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-40-19 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Rodriguez

Legislative Actions - Added the approval of the Agenda

First Readers

[R-19-20](#)

Affordable Housing Task Force - For the purpose of establishing a Task Force charged with assessing the current and projected future landscape of housing affordability in the City of Annapolis; evaluating current programs and initiatives to produce new affordable housing and preserve existing ones; and making recommendations of policy to the Mayor and the City Council

Sponsors: Gay and Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-19-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-5-20](#)

City Council Meetings - Order of Business - For the purpose of modifying the order of business for regular and special meetings of the City Council.

Sponsors: Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-5-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-5-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Legislative Action - Removed for the Consent Calendar

First Reader

[R-17-20](#)

Annual Statement of Performance Standards - For the purpose of approving the annual performance statements filed by City agencies and departments.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-17-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge referred R-17-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred R-17-20 to public hearing.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk