



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, March 9, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Tierney.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve APPROVE the AGENDA as AMENDED to add R-20-20 Swimming Pool Fees on First Reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Item - City Council Proclamation

No Action Taken.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley
Council Remarks
9 March 2020 – 7 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Good evening!

We had an amazing St. Patrick's Parade yesterday, with nearly 100 entries, lots of bands and Irish dancers, and floats and local businesses. The parade route from West Street all the way down to City Dock was jam packed with people. Families. Little kids and big kids all decked out in as much green as

they could possibly wear. What a fun day!

I want to thank the organizers for everything being so well put together and thought out. I want to thank our parade marshals for keeping the event on track. I want to thank our police and public safety team for keeping everyone safe and secure, and I want to thank our Department of Public Works for cleaning everything up and having our City spiffy and sparkling like a beautiful emerald this morning.

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One of the most pressing issues facing our community -- and the country -- right now is the public unease and the response to the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

I want you to know that we have the best team in place. We have been preparing for weeks, before this was even in the news. The city has a great Office of Emergency Management and they have been working tirelessly to ensure the safety of our residents.

First, we have activated a Joint Incident Command, which is a fancy way of saying that we are working with county and state partners to ensure that communications are coordinated to easily disseminate official, timely, accurate, consistent and easy-to-understand messaging.

The City shares a health officer and health department with the county and they are directing the information that we are sharing.

Dr. Niles Kalyanaraman (KALY – ana – raman) and the county health department are here for Annapolis city residents. Dr. K has asked us to share some of that information with you.

COVID-19 is a virus. There is no vaccine. Just like with the flu virus, antibiotics are ineffective.

So, the key is prevention. That starts with practicing good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water. Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. You can use the “vampire” method. Avoid touching your face. If you are sick, stay home.

If you have questions, please call your physician. You can also call the health department or AskAAMC. Those numbers are up on the screen.

Know that we have plans in place to get information out to the public.

If you’d like to get information quickly, sign up for the Office of Emergency Management’s “PrepareMe” app for Apple or android.

Remember to also check official web and social media pages for information about purported closures or event cancelations.

To illustrate how we are furthering those communications goals both online and in person, we worked Friday to do prevention outreach ahead of yesterday’s St. Patrick’s parade. OEM director Kevin Simmons had more than a dozen city employees canvass downtown businesses to help them prepare and keep patrons safe by distributing infection disease prevention materials.

We'd like to thank the following people who went around with information and talked with businesses:

- Phil Cook
- Norman Sharps
- Demariego Green
- Travon Williams
- Cliff Gough
- Antonio Savage
- Warren Hebron
- John Dorsey
- James Silwick
- Randy Purkey
- Avery Jones
- Nick Papleanti
- Corey Bradley

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Annapolis Fire Chief Doug Remaley wanted me to let you know that the fire department just put two new units into service:

- Engine 381 placed a 2019 Pierce Pumper into service at Taylor Avenue. The unit replaced a 15-year old pumper. This one is specially designed for the City of Annapolis' historic narrow streets.

- At Annapolis Neck Fire Station, we placed Medic 48 into service.

I wonder if we saw those at the parade yesterday? We had some shiny equipment out there.

Chief Remaley also wanted me to recognize the 110th anniversary of the Line of Duty death of Annapolis Firefighter William H. Brown of Water Witch Hook and Ladder Company.

Shortly after 7 p.m. on March 6, 1910, flames were discovered in a residence over the Kotzen Shoe Store at the corner of Market Space and Fleet Street. While assisting in handling a hose line on the roof of an outbuilding, Firefighter Brown fell, hitting his head.

At the time, his injuries were thought to be minor, and he went home. Later that night, it was evident he had suffered a severe concussion, and he died at home as a result of his injuries. Firefighter Brown was over 60 years old at the time of his death.

Last Friday, members of the Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Fire Departments, along with Alderwomen Eleanor Tierney, remembered Firefighter Brown at a gravesite memorial service and wreath-laying.

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I want to remind everyone of the Annapolis Film Festival, which is coming to town March 26 through 29. There are 70 films that will be shown over four days. This is a wonderful showcase of our City, with films being shown at Maryland Hall, St. John's College, Asbury United Methodist and Annapolis Elementary. Stay up to date at AnnapolisFilmFestival.com.

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I want to offer condolences to the family of the cyclist who was killed yesterday after being struck by a car in Arnold while on a ride with a group. Two others were injured.

While this person wasn't from Annapolis, we have so many cyclists who are out on the roadways.

Please share the road and look out for cyclists who may be riding for pleasure, as this group was, or may be riding because that is the most environmentally-friendly transit mode or because it is economical.

Let's have a moment of silence for this person who is gone too soon.

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This Saturday, I will present my first-ever Key to the City to NFL Coach and Annapolis son Bill Belichick who will be in town for a Navy vs. Johns Hopkins men's lacrosse game. As most of you know, Coach Belichick is the winningest ever NFL football coach, but he is also a product of Annapolis Public Schools. He is a proud panther from Annapolis High, where he played both football and lacrosse.

Of course he is best known for his 225-75 record over 19 seasons as coach of the Patriots. He has a 30 and 10 record in the playoffs, leading the Pats to 16 division titles and six Super Bowls wins. He was also defensive coordinator for the New York Giants, during which time they won two Super Bowls.

Coach Belichick's father was a part of the Navy athletics team as a scout, coach and physical education instructor. Bill has returned often to Annapolis for Navy sports.

He regularly visits his mother, who lives here.

The tickets to the game on Saturday, March 14 at 12 noon are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. You can buy tickets online or get them at the gate at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The presentation will be at halftime.

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Thank you. Let's get on with tonight's meeting!

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

No meeting scheduled until further notice.

C. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Edward Techterman, 11207 Cedar Lane, Kingsville, Maryland 21087.

Lee Anderson, 245 Wendover Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122.

Patti White, 444 Wagmens Circle, Pasadena, Maryland 21122.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Consent Calendar

Approval of Journal of Proceedings

[CCM02/10/20](#) Regular Meeting Minutes
[0](#)

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

[CCM02/24/20](#) Special Meeting Minutes
[0](#)

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

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-27-20](#) Planning and Zoning
Revenue: General Fund Contributions (\$1,896.00) Expenditure: Contractual Services (\$1,896.00)

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

First Readers

[O-8-20](#) **Harbors and Waterfront Areas - Code Updates** - For the purpose of updating certain definitions; removing obsolete language; requiring regular pump out of a vessel's holding tank; making stylistic changes; and generally related to updating Title 15.

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

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

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-20 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

[O-10-20](#) **Zoning Code Applications - Written Notification Requirement** - For the purpose of increasing the distance for sending written notification to abutting property owners for Planned Developments, Major Subdivisions, and Major Site Design applications.

Sponsors: Gay and Savidge

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

Mayor Buckley referred O-10-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Planning Commission referred O-10-20 to the Planning Commission.

R-15-20

City Sponsored Special Events in Fiscal Year 2021 - For the purpose of identifying City Sponsored Special Events; and waiving certain related City Fees during Fiscal Year 2021.

Sponsors: Tierney

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

Mayor Buckley referred R-15-20 to the Finance Committee.

R-16-20

Non-Profit Vendors During Fall Boat Shows - For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2020 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Sponsors: Tierney

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

R-18-20

2020 Annapolis Film Festival - Circulator Fee Waiver - For the purpose of identifying the 2020 Annapolis Film Festival Special Event that will be held during March 26-29, 2020; and waiving the fee for running the circulator during that event.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Gay and Buckley

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

Mayor Buckley referred R-18-20 to the Finance Committee.

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings Cont.

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 and Gay

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-6-20 closed.

Public Hearings

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

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on R-17-20 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

CA-6-19

Department of the Environment - For the purpose of establishing a department known as the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the Department of the Environment.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett and Rodriguez

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw CA-6-20 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-18-19

Department of the Environment - For the purpose of creating a Department of the Environment, dissolving the Office of Environmental Policy; transferring regulatory authority for Forest Conservation from the Department of Planning and Zoning to the Department of the Environment; consolidating environmental compliance, and inspection responsibilities, under the Department of the Environment; transferring the stormwater management program to the Department of the Environment; assigning the liaison for the Annapolis Conservancy Board to the Department of the Environment; assigning consideration of Title 19 matters to the Environmental Matters Committee; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Department of the Environment.

Sponsors: Savidge, Arnett and Rodriguez

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw O-18-20 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-19-19

Adequate Public Facilities - Auto transportation facilities - For the purpose of clarifying the circumstances that would require a traffic impact analysis for a proposed project; clarifying the standards to be used to determine adequacy; and generally relating to the adequacy of auto transportation facilities.

Sponsors: Arnett, Savidge and Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-19-19 until Monday, April 13, 2020. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-11-19

R2-NC District - Demolitions - For the purpose of requiring a structural analysis prior to demolition of a residential structure or building in the R2-NC, Single-Family Residential Neighborhood Conservation District; requiring execution of a contract between the city and a structural engineer prior to

demolition; and generally relating to the demolition of a residential structure or building in the R2-NC District.

Sponsors: Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-11-19 until Monday, April 13, 2020.

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-7-20

Position Classifications - Amendment - For the purpose of approving an amendment to the FY 2020 position classifications.

Sponsors: Buckley

Human Resources Director Hopkins and City Manager Jarrell were present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-7-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 3 - Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone and Alderman Gay

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-13-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-14-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

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, Buckley and Tierney

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-19-20 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Arnett and Alderman Gay

Item added at the Approval of the Agenda

First Reader

R-20-20

Swimming Pool Fees - For the purpose of specifying the fees that will be charged for use of the new City of Annapolis swimming pool; and setting an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

City Manager Jarrell was present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-20-20 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Item REMOVED from the Consent Calendar....

Supplemental Appropriations

SA-28-20

Police

Revenue: Available Fund Balance (\$160,700.00) Expenditure: Capital Outlay (\$160,700.00)

Sergeant Truitt was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Gay moved to approve SA-28-20. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

For the Good of the Order

ID-59-20

Annual Reports FY2019 pursuant to City Code Sec. 2.04.080

This Informational Item was presented.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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