



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, November 23, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Virtual Meeting

A virtual meeting is when people, regardless of their location, use video and audio to link up online. Virtual Meetings allow people to share information and data in real-time without being physically located together.

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Tierney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Savidge.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Paone moved to approve the agenda as amended to remove R-63-20 Drug-Loitering Free Zone and to postpone O-31-20 Non-Motorized Vehicle until the Regular Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2020. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

City Council Citation - Public Works Maintenance Facility Task Force Members

Alderwoman Finlayson presented the Task Force Members with the City Council Citations.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor's Remarks Annapolis City Council Meeting - Virtual 23 November 7 p.m.

Good evening everyone. Thanksgiving is this Thursday and I want to remind everyone that a lot of people in our community are hurting. After nine long months, we are all exhausted by the economic toll this is taking on our business community and the social and mental toll it is taking on each of us as individuals. Please be kind to one another.

There are vaccines in our future. The science is going to lead us out of this, and I hope that by next Thanksgiving, we'll be having our usual holiday celebrations.

This year though, we're going to have to think through - very carefully - how we approach this holiday season. My wife and I are having a small family gathering. We aren't going out of town, we don't have anyone coming in from out of town.

Our health department is urging people to do the same in order to keep our health system and our hospitals from filling up in the days leading to Christmas and New Years.

I encourage you to do the same.

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On Midnight Madness, the Mayor's office, we have heard from people who say that the City is being irresponsible to hold any kind of midnight madness and we have heard from businesses saying how dare you cancel midnight madness.

Because there is confusion, let me set the record straight.

The city is responsible for permits for live music and street closures. We have pulled those permits.

The county and health department set the guidelines for business capacity. Currently that is limited to 50 percent.

Retailers and business associations are responsible for setting business hours. With guidance from the small business recovery task force, they have decided to carry forward with extended hours for the three Thursdays after Thanksgiving, that's Dec. 3, 10 and 17. In addition, other retail stores may expand hours so that they can extend their capacity on other Fridays and Saturdays throughout December.

The City of Annapolis is trying to help these businesses. There are limitson the number of people inside these stores for the sake of the public health. Extending hours allows them to stretch out – to expand their capacity.

Have you seen the lights? During these next few weeks, I encourage you to shop downtown or shop online and do curbside pickup, drive through downtown, where our partner businesses and nonprofits are helping us to decorate and light up.

It will be magical.

Park and shop, grab carryout supper. Tip generously.

We can bring these businesses to the other side of the pandemic, but we cannot do it alone. We need your help. Small businesses need your support.

I also encourage you to join in the fun by "lighting up" your home, your business or your office. All of us together can bring a little bit of joy into this year that has been exceedingly

difficult. That extra sparkle will be greatly appreciated.

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I want to thank some folks who have helped our City to navigate the pandemic by showing up every single week for our Food Fridays. These volunteers come to Pip Moyer, they pack and sort food, they deliver it to the homes of what were 30 families pre-pandemic, but what has grown to 90 families each week.

In fact, these volunteers were out over the weekend and today finding turkeys for those 90 families to deliver tomorrow.

We presented them with citations last week, but I want to say their names. If you know them, give them a socially distanced nod the next time you see them. They are, as the wizard of oz called such people, “good deed doers.”

They are: Linda Barbour, Judy Moore, Karen Scott, Donna Doyle, Jim Martin, Michael Green, Mike Flanagan, Willie T. Bullock, Simon Durland, Sarah Cahalan, Jeff Riedle, Robert Eades, In Memoriam and Karma O’Neill. I also want to thank the City staff who work to coordinate all of this.

If you have the time or the means to give back to our community, please do. If you are in need, please reach out. There are resources in the City, through my office, through the county, the health department, social services, the county mental health agency, and others, including your own church or synagogue.

This is tough.

And finally, please try to find a little something to say thanks about on Thursday. I wish you and yours a healthy, safe and happy Thanksgiving.

B. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Meeting Dates thru 12.21.2020:

12/1/20 Rules and City Government Committee 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

12/2/20 Finance Committee 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

12/7/20 Special Virtual Public Safety Committee Meeting 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

12/9/20 Economic Matters Committee 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

12/10/20 Transportation Committee 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

12/16/20 Finance Committee 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

12/16/20 Environmental Matters Committee 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

12/21/20 Housing and Human Welfare Committee 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

C. Public Testimony Web Form

WRITTEN Testimony Received:

Susan Ebbit, 947 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland - O-31-20 and O-48-20.

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, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Appointments

[AP-71-18](#) **The Re-Appointment of Christian Zazzali to the Board of Appeals**

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

[AP-127-19](#) **The Appointment of Tyson Dorman to the Building Board of Appeals**

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

[AP-27-20](#) **The Appointment of Corey Childs to the Recreation Advisory Board**

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

[AP-45-20](#) **The Appointment of Jeremy Hanson to the Environmental Commission**

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

[AP-46-20](#) **The Appointment of Allison M. Colden to the Environmental Commission**

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

[AP-47-20](#) **The Appointment of Lynda Frost to the Annapolis Conservancy Board**

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

Supplemental Appropriations

[SA-22-21](#) **Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Revenue: State Operating Grant Revenue - 2021 Waterway Improvement
Funds (\$87,000.00) Expenditure: Capital Expense - 2021 Waterway
Improvement Project (\$87,000.00)**

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

Legislative Actions

First Readers

R-61-20

Short Term Rental Licenses - Moratorium - For the purpose of placing a moratorium on the issuance of new non-owner occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; placing a moratorium on the transfer of existing non-owner occupied short term rental licenses in certain conservation residence districts; providing for the application of the moratorium; and setting a date for termination of the moratorium.

Sponsors: Tierney, Savidge and Schandelmeier

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

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred to Public Hearing.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

R-62-20

Racial Equity in Media - For the purpose of encouraging racial equity in all forms of media.

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

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

Alderwoman Finlayson referred to Public Hearing on December 21, 2020.

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added

Alderman Paone - Cosponsor Added.

R-64-20

Animal Control - Canine Leash Laws - Fines - For the purpose of adding fines to the Fiscal Year 2021 Fines Schedule concerning violations of City Code Sections 8.04.050 and 8.04.060 that regulate dogs at large and dogs in public recreation areas.

Sponsors: Paone and Tierney

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

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

[O-48-20](#)

Animal Control - Canine Leash Laws - For the purpose of prohibiting unrestrained dogs in public recreation areas, or at large; authorizing the Police Department to enforce the City's leash laws; and making technical and stylistic changes to the City's animal control laws.

Sponsors: Paone and Tierney

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

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred to Public Hearing.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-43-20](#)

Aldermanic Annual Allowance - For the purpose of specifying types of appropriate expenditures for use of the aldermanic annual allowance.

Sponsors: Savidge and Gay

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

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-43-20 closed.

[O-44-20](#)

Employee Organizations - For the purpose of removing the deadline for employee organizations to petition the City for recognition as an exclusive bargaining agent for eligible government personnel.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier and Savidge

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

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

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-44-20 closed.

[O-45-20](#)

Audit Committee - For the purpose of clarifying the responsibilities of the audit committee members; specifying reporting requirements; providing for external and internal reporting services; providing program metrics, measurements, and evaluation; and generally relating to the audit committee.

Sponsors: Paone, Tierney and Pindell Charles

WRITTEN Testimony Received:

Jarred Littmann, 912 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing K&B True Value.

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

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing on O-45-20 closed.

Alderswoman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor Added

[O-46-20](#)

Public Health and Safety - For the purpose of removing obsolete provisions; authorizing the Department of Public Works to establish regulations governing garbage and refuse; reassigning certain enforcement powers to the Deputy City Manager for Resilience and Sustainability; creating definitions; clarifying procedures and penalties concerning commercial solid waste collection and contract approval; and generally relating to public health and safety.

Sponsors: Tierney, Schandelmeier and Pindell Charles

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

Mayor Buckley declare the public hearing O-46-20 closed.

Alderman Schandelmeier referred O-46-20 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Alderman Arnett referred O-46-20 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderswoman Pindell Charles - Cosponsor Added

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Special City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk