

City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, June 7, 2021 10:00 AM Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Invocation

Given by Alderwoman Finlayson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

Alderwoman Tierney arrived at 10:35 am., and Alderman Gay arrived at 10:10:17 AM.

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 Schandelmeier moved to approve. 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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and
Alderman Arnett

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

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

Supplemental Appropriations

SA-34-21 Fleet Operations

Nationwide Insurance - Fleet

Revenue: Claim Collections (\$12,740.00) Expenditure: Contractual

Services (\$12,740.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

SA-36-21 Office of the Mayor

Grant Fund - Department of Health - State of Maryland

Revenue: State Grant Revenue (\$8,000.00) Expenditure: State Grant

Expenses

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

SA-38-21 Planning and Zoning

General Fund - MBID of Delaware LLC

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

SA-39-21 Planning and Zoning

General Fund - Provost Construction

Revenue: General Fund Contributions (\$18,789.00) Expenditure:

Contractual Services (\$18,789.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

Fund Transfers

FT-10-21 Transportation - Operations

Transfer From: Transportation/Operations Salaries and Benefits

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(\$35,000.00) Transfer To: Transportation/Operations Supplies and Other (\$35,000.00)

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Alderman Gay

End of Consent Calendar

Business and Miscellaneous

Supplemental Appropriations

SA-35-21 Fleet Replacement

Fleet Replacement Fund Balance

Revenue: Available Fund Balance (\$96,000.00); Additional Transfer From Transportation Fund (\$33,000.00) Expenditure: Capital Outlay (\$129,000.00)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-35-21. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone SA-35-21. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Deputy Director Transportation Agyemang-Duah, City Manager Jarrell and Finance Director Dickinson were present and answered questions from the council.

City Manager Jarrell stated a Special City Council Work Session would be scheduled in June to discuss moving toward A Zero Emission Bus Fleet for Annapolis Transit or a Zero Emission Fleet Transition Strategy for Annapolis Transit

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-35-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SA-37-21 Transportation

Grant Fund - Maryland Transportation Authority

Revenue: Federal Grant Revenue (\$760,772.00) Expenditure: Federal Expenses (\$760,772.00)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve SA-37-21. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings Cont.

ID-110-21 CITY OF ANNAPOLIS NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of City of Annapolis proposes to increase real property taxes.

- 1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2022, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.43%, from \$7,190,636,973 to \$7,293,446,226.
- 2. If City of Annapolis maintains the current tax rate of \$0.7380 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.43 % resulting in \$758,732 of new real property tax revenues.
- 3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.7276, the constant yield tax rate.
- 4. The City of Annapolis is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City of Annapolis proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.7380 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 1.43% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$758,732 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021, in the Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr, City Council Chambers located at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 410-263-7952 for further information. Please go to the City of Annapolis website at http://www.annapolis.gov/testimony for instructions on how to submit written testimony. The Council will accept testimony for seven days following the public hearing.

WRITTEN: Testimony Received Sue Ebbitt, 947 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on ID-110-21 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

O-10-21

Annual Budget and Appropriation and Property Tax Levy - For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt o-10-21 on second reader. Seconded.

Finance Director Dickinson, City Attorney Lyles, Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash and City Manager Jarrell were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderwoman Tierney requested a copy of the City's Position Description for the Transportation Director.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO.1

In Appendix A, and in line 80, strike "4,023,000", and substitute "4,123,800"; in line 82, strike

"223,100", and substitute "223,500"; and in line 117, strike "1,253,100", and substitute "1,151,900". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Appendix A, in line 49, strike "146,000", and substitute "211,000"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "766,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows;

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 4, strike "1,090,350" and substitute "1,094,800"; in line 8, strike "1,090,350"

and substitute "1,094,800"; and

In Appendix C, in line 25 and line 27, strike "1,090,350" and substitute "1,094,800"; and .Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson, City Manager Jarrell and Public Works Director Johnson were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, on line 35, strike "3,780,000" and substitute "4,200,000"; and

In Appendix D, page 30 (Maintenance Facility), under Expenditure Schedule, strike "3,600,000",

and substitute "4,000,000", strike "180,000" and substitute "200,000", strike "3,780,000", and

substitute "4,200,000"; and under Funding Schedule, strike "2,494,800" and substitute "2,772,000", strike "151,200", and substitute "168,000", strike "302,400", and substitute

"336,000", strike "756,000", and substitute "840,000", and strike "75,600" and substitute

"84,000". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Assistant City Manager Farrow was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows;

AMENDMENT NO. 5

In Appendix A, line 70, strike "342,000", and substitute "342,000"; and In Appendix E, Peerless Rens, in the FY2022 Mayor's Proposed Budget, strike "6,000",

and

substitute "11,000"; and Street Angel Project, strike "10,000" and substitute "5,000". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Manager Jarrell and Finance Director Dickinson were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 6

In Appendix A, in line 34, strike "117,700", and substitute "122,700"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "706,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

City Manager Jarrell and Finance Director Dickinson were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 7

In Appendix A, in line 34, strike "117,700", and substitute "167,700"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "751,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The Council recessed from 12:38 pm., and reconvened at 1:23 pm.

Finance Director Dickinson, Fire Chief Remaley and Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, after line 36, insert "TAYLOR AVENUE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS" and "\$310,000"; and In Appendix D, insert the attached project sheet after page 35...Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 9

In Appendix A, in line 81, strike "196,700", and substitute "221,700"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "726,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 11

In Appendix A, in line 87, strike "19,058,600", and substitute "18,584,600"; and In Appendix C, in line 10, strike "15,944,700", and substitute "15,470,700". Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to consider calling the question to end the debate on Amendment #11. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

 Aye: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

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

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-10-21 as follows: AMENDMENT NO. 11 In Appendix A, in line 87, strike "19,058,600", and substitute "18,584,600"; and In Appendix C, in line 10, strike "15,944,700", and substitute "15,470,700". Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows;

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 6, in line 34, strike "\$0.7380" and substitute "\$0.7276". Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, after line 41, insert "WELLS COVE" and "\$52,500"; and In Appendix D, insert the attached project sheet after page 46. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier requested the following change in Amendment No.14:

To Change:FY2024 to "FY2022" In the following sentence:

This amendment adds a new project. The project is funded with \$52,500 of bonds in FY 2024.

City Manager Jarrell and Finance Director Dickinson were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 15

In Appendix A, in line 157, strike "66,000", and substitute "83,000"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "718,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Works Director Johnson, City Manager Jarrell, Finance Director Dickinson and Planning and Zoning Director Dr. Nash were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Gay moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Appendix A, in line 80, strike "4,023,000", and substitute "4,043,000"; and in line 124, strike

"841,200", and substitute "821,200". Seconded.

Alderman Paone moved to consider calling the question to end the debate on Amendment #16. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Appendix A, in line 80, strike "4,023,000", and substitute "4,043,000"; and in line 124, strike

"841,200", and substitute "821,200". . Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- Aye: 5 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Gay and Alderman Schandelmeier
- Nay: 3 Alderman Paone, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

Deputy Transportation Director Agyemang-Duah was present and answered question from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 4, in line 6, strike "408,150", and substitute "508,150"; and In Appendix A, in line 74, strike "3,639,000", and substitute "3,739,000"; and In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "801,500"; in line 82, strike "6,255,600" and substitute "6,355,600"; and in line 84, strike "6,255,600" and substitute "6,355,600".

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 Gay, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 19

In Appendix A, in line 32, strike "905,500", and substitute "905,500". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The Council recessed from 5:00 pm., and reconvened at 5:40 pm.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to reconsider Amendment #16. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-16 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 16

In Appendix A, in line 80, strike "4,023,000", and substitute "4,043,000"; and in line 124, strike "841,200", and substitute "821,200". Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- **Aye:** 5 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Gay
- Nay: 4 Alderman Paone, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Alderman Gay moved to consider suspending the rules to allow for the introduction of his 16 proposed amendments to O-10-21. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-10-21 as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 1, in line 38, strike "90,621,700" and substitute "90,883,700"; on page 4, in line 1, strike "6,255,600" and substitute "6,355,600", on page 3, in line 7, strike "Homeownership Assistance Trust Fund" and substitute "Affordable Housing Trust Fund"; and on page 5, renumber items listed in Section 22 from numbers "1 through 17" to numbers "1 through 19"; and

In Appendix A, in line 34, strike "117,700" and substitute "172,700", in line 35, strike "1,050,200" and substitute "1,105,200", in line 36, strike "1,050,200" and substitute "1,105,200", in line 50, strike "1,980,000" and substitute "2,045,000" and in line 51, strike "1,980,000" and substitute "2,045,000", in line 76, strike "17,274,000" and substitute "17,374,000", in line 77, strike "17,274,000" and substitute "17,374,000", in line 80, strike "4,023,000" and substitute "4,144,200", in line 83, strike "4,442,800" and substitute "4,589,000", and in line 84, strike "4,442,800" and substitute "4,589,000", in line 120, strike "1,324,400" and substitute "1,223,200",in line 126, strike "3,700,000" and substitute "3,680,000", in line 145, strike "8,325,500" and substitute "8,204,300", in line 159, strike "1,295,100" and substitute "1,312,100", in line 209, strike "5,783,000", and substitute "5,800,000", and in line 213, strike "90,621,700" and substitute "90,883,700"; and

In Appendix C, in line 16, strike "701,500", and substitute "963,500"; in line 17, strike "90,621,700" and substitute "90,883,700", and in line 60, strike Homeownership Assistance Trust Fund" and substitute "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" .Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-10-21 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-10-21 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- **Aye:** 7 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett
- Nay: 2 Alderman Paone and Alderman Gay

R-12-21 Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2022 position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Human Resources Manager Hopkins, Fire Chief Remaley, City Manager Jarrell, Finance Director Dickinson and Police Capitan Dennis were present and answered questions from the council.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt R-12-21 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Out of Room: 1 - Alderman Gay

R-13-21

Fiscal Year 2022 Fees Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2022; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-13-21 on second reader. Seconded.

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from the council.

Mayor Buckley moved to amend R-13-21 as follows:

Fees Schedule - FY2022

Buckley Amendment: 1-7: (In Table)

Submitted by Dr. Nash to the Finance Committee at its May 5, 2021, meeting and were Recommended Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-13-21 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 2 - Alderman Paone and Alderman Gay

R-14-21

Fiscal Year 2022 Fines Schedule - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2022; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-14-21 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to amend R-14-21 as follows: AMENDMENTS NO's. 1-5,(in Table). Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Finance Director Dickinson was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-14-21 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderman Gay

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC City Clerk