



# City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

## Special Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, November 26, 2018

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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### Call to Order

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

### Invocation

Given by Alderman Paone.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

### Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles arrived at 7:33 PM.

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

### Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

### Ceremonial Items

#### City Council Citation - "Día de los Muertos" - Day of the Dead

Presented.

#### City Council Citation - USS Sioux City

Presented.

### Petitions, Reports and Communications

#### A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:  
12/3/18 Public Safety Committee  
When: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

#### B. Comments by the General Public

*No one from the general public spoke.*

**Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.**

### **C. Update from the Mayor**

- *Thank you.*
- *First, I would like to take a minute to honor the life of Dick Lahn, who passed away over the Thanksgiving break.*
- *Dick was a much-loved warrior for social justice, protecting and restoring our environment and supporting one another and looking out for our neighbors. He pushed for sustainability and buy local programs.*
- *He was a bright light for all and we will miss him dearly. Rest in peace Dick.*
- *This evening marks the last City Council meeting before 4 Council Member and I reach my one-year milestone anniversary date of becoming mayor, so I would like to begin by saying thank you for allowing me and trusting me to govern over the City of Annapolis for the past 12 months.*
- *I will share my reflections on this past year in greater detail next week on the one year anniversary itself, but I would like to say a few words of gratitude this evening.*
- *First and foremost, thank you to my fellow City Council members, half of whom are new to city government like me, for working with me over the past year to improve our government and provide the best possible city services to our residents.*
- *There were tough moments, but many victories as well. I sincerely appreciate your patience while I navigated this new world of city government.*
- *We hit the ground running last December to set a tone of inclusion and One Annapolis that started with our inauguration.*
- *We built a team in the Mayor's Office to implement this vision of One Annapolis and I would like to recognize their efforts to create opportunities for EVERYONE in Annapolis to engage in our city's governance.*
- *We hired staff to address the growing needs of our African American and Latino communities.*
- *We have nominated and appointed more women and minorities to our many boards and commissions – And will continue to do so this very evening with several new appointments to the Human Relations Commission.*
  - o *Our governing boards are beginning to reflect the true make up of our town – an effort that was a top priority of my administration.*
- *We have created events that celebrate all members of our communities – for example: our One Annapolis Launch, pop up camps for kids, our Day of the Dead event, and our proclamation of June as Pride month and our march up Main Street and West Street to celebrate the LGBTQ community.*

- *In the middle of this year, our city was devastated by the shooting at The Capital Gazette office. I am immensely proud of how our city rallied for the families of those lost and for the survivors in The Capital Gazette family. This horrific tragedy has changed my life and my priorities as mayor.*
  
- *We honored and celebrated the lives of those lost and the importance of the freedom of the press at our Annapolis Rising benefit.*
  - o *Thank you again to our business community and our friends, families and neighbors who jumped in without hesitation to make that event a huge success.*
  
- *We marched for women and we marched for our lives, led by students who are fed up with the lack of action by our elected leaders. These students have also inspired me to take more action and work harder to protect our schools, work places, communities.*
  
- *But we also had great challenges – first – budget obligations that required tough decisions to increase taxes to sustain our current level of services and meet our financial requirements of the city.*
  - o *I would like to thank Teresa Sutherland for her outstanding leadership of this process that she took on at the 11th hour. I have complete faith that because of her expertise and leadership, our 2020 budget process will be much smoother and much more transparent and accountable.*
  
  - o *Teresa has shed great light on the accounting practices of the city in the past and I have no doubt that her efforts and her team that she has assembled will be transformative for this City's government and its operation. I count on her leadership to move the City forward.*
  
- *I would also like to thank the team that truly provides the most outstanding service to our residents – Leaders including Fire Chief David Stokes – the men and women of the Annapolis Fire Department are some of the best in the state and I was honored to visit each station on Thanksgiving to express my deep gratitude for everything they do each day to keep my family and all families and businesses of Annapolis safe.*
  
- *Police Chief Scott Baker who has overseen community policing and efforts to significantly reduce crime while building trust with communities to combat violent crime and enhance public safety.*
  
- *The City Government Department Team Leaders: David Jarrell, Rick Gordon, Archie Trader, Pete Gutwald, Jodee Dickinson, Barb Smith, Jackie Guild, and Tricia Hopkins – You all are exceptional leaders and your teams are true professionals and make all of us look good! And thank you, City Attorney, Rich Melnick, for staying by my side.*
  
- *I would like to take a second to thank some folks here this evening that have literally held my hand to help me navigate these meetings – Regina Eldridge, Teekia Green, Cynthia Gaines, and Jacqueline Lee – you all quietly manage me and this bunch around me with grace and humor. It is truly appreciated.*
  
- *And I'd be remiss not to say thank you to the two men behind the cameras of these meetings – Mark Hildebrand and Julien Jacques – who staff the City's TV station and*

have quietly behind the scenes, upgraded the archaic technology of City Council so that our meetings are truly “public” and accessible to all – via website livestreaming, cable access, and now Facebook Live – Yes, everyone, sit up straight and speak up clearly, because our audience is much bigger than we can accommodate in this historic chamber.

- *In other news, over the weekend, we had another shooting in Eastport. This violence must end.*
- *We will be working with community leaders and the Annapolis Police Department to find solutions to violence and to the overdoses and fatal overdoses.*
- *7 out of 9 of the fatal overdoses in the City have been African Americans.*
- *Fentanyl and other opioids are being mixed in with common street drugs such as heroin, cocaine and marijuana.*
- *Prevention and education is critical to ending the overdoses and addiction.*
- *My office has branded a public health initiative called the Naptown Anti-Dope MoveMeant to raise awareness and provide resources to historically underserved African American communities within the city.*
- *We are working with community leaders, substance abuse providers, and mental health clinicians.*
- *Our office will be going into communities, starting with the Newtowne Community. We will launch the Naptown Anti Dope Movement on Saturday, December 1, from 12-3 at the American Legion on Forest Drive.*
- *I encourage all of you to join me and Alderwoman Finlayson to listen to community members about what they want, what they need. We will have local artists perform positive music and poetry and free food and drink to start a community healing process that brings together to learn from, listen to and to love one another.*
- *We will bring local experts and professionals onsite to help residents get what they need to be self-sustainable.*
- *We will have expungement clinics, financial education resources, mental health professionals, addiction specialists, workforce development representatives, members of the Crisis Response team and more.*
- *One way we can start immediately to stop the violence is to pledge to take the Opioid Free Annapolis pledge. I have taken the pledge and I challenge my colleagues on the Council to take the pledge as well tonight, and to those in the audience and anyone watching or listening, to also take the pledge.*
- *Anyone and everyone can go to [change.org](http://change.org) and search for the Annapolis Opioid Free or find the link at [Annapolis.gov](http://Annapolis.gov).*
- *I'd like to wrap up by inviting everyone to a few great events coming up:*
- *The Chocolate Binge Festival is Sunday, December 2 starting at noon on West Street. Thousands of people are expected!*

- *Also, I would like to invite everyone to the Mayor's Holiday Open House on the first Midnight Madness of the Season – Thursday, December 6. Our open house begins at 4 p.m. and will conclude at 6.*
- *That evening, we will also unveil the latest City Hall Art Gallery Exhibition – This one features the work of local artist Jeff Huntington, Future History Now and Street Art Films.*
- *I hope everyone can stop by and then make their way to our downtown local merchants, shop small and buy local for the holidays.*
- *Another one of my favorites – the Eastport Yacht Club's Lights Parade on Saturday, December 8 at 6 p.m.*
- *And finally, I want to thank Janice Hayes-Williams for her service to the City. She will be returning to the County with the new County Executive, Steuart Pittman. We will miss her dearly.*

**Mayor Gavin Buckley, Annapolis City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 26, 2018 Opening Remarks**

## **Consent Calendar**

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

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

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

## **Appointments**

### **AP-40-18      **The Appointment of Dr. Deidra Dennie to the Human Relations Commission****

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

### **AP-41-18      **The Re-Appointment of Michael J. Keller to the Human Relations Commission****

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

### **AP-42-18      **The Re-Appointment of Charles A. Hurley to the Human Relations Commission****

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-43-18](#)      **The Re-Appointment of Helen F. Leitch to the Human Relations Commission**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-44-18](#)      **The Appointment of Michelle Mekanjuola the Human Relations Commission**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-45-18](#)      **The Re-Appointment of Wanda Mitchell to the Human Relations Commission**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-46-18](#)      **The Re-Appointment of Rosemary Katchmar to the Human Relations Commission**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

**Business and Miscellaneous**

[GT-2-19](#)      **Transfer From: Contribution to Self-Insurance Transfer To: Capital Outlay**

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

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

**First Readers**

[O-45-18](#)      **Fair Housing - Unlawful housing practices - For the purpose of including a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holder as one of the protected categories under the City of Annapolis Fair Housing laws.**

**Sponsors:** Henson, Buckley, Savidge and Rodriguez

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Mayor Buckley referred to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

Aldermen Savidge requested his name be added as a Co-Sponsor of O-45-18 pursuant to City Code Section 2.16.090 (F).

[O-46-18](#)

**Modification of use of unexpended proceeds of certain of the City's general obligation bonds - For the purpose of modifying the use of unexpended proceeds of the City's Public Improvements Bonds, 2011 Series B, the City's Public Improvements Bonds, 2012 Series, the City's Public Improvements Bonds, 2013 Series, the City's Public Improvements Bonds, 2015 Series A, and the City's Public Improvements Bonds, 2016 Series A (Tax-Exempt).**

Sponsors: Buckley

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderwoman Henson, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

**End of Consent Calendar**

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC  
City Clerk