



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

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 Rodriguez moved to approve the agenda as amended to remove Consent Calendar Item O-9-19 Definition of Family on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

City Council Citation - Marine Art Gallery - 40th Anniversary

Presented.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:
4/1/19 Public Safety Committee
When:6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Reports by Committee

Presented the Local Government Advisory Committee's Quarterly Report and provided the council with the following documents:

1. Chesapeake Bay Journal Local Government Edition - Winter 2019
2. The Chesapeake Bay Commission - March 2019 Federal Agency Budget Request Fiscal Year 2020
3. The Chesapeake Bay Program - Local Leadership Workgroup - Tree Canopy Outcome

B. Comments by the General Public

Spoke on R-45-18:

Anastasia Hopkinson, 1036 Harbor Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21043
representing the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation.

Debra Dillon, 320 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the
Eastport Civic Association.

Bill Reichhardt, 717 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Guy Shaffer, 7101 Bay Front Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing
Bay Woods of Annapolis.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

C. Update from the Mayor

**Mayor Gavin Buckley
Remarks
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- To start, I'd like to say a few words about an Annapolis Police Officer who passed away last week after a battle with cancer. Officer First Class Steve Sugg spent 32 years in law enforcement in Maryland, the last eight with the Annapolis Police Department. Officer Sugg served in the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Section here in the City. He was twice awarded Officer of the Month: in February 2012 and December 2015. He also received a Crime Reduction Ribbon and Commendatory Letter. Officer Sugg's wife of 28 years, Darlene, predeceased him in 2014. He is survived by his daughter Megan and his son Steven and a grandson. At 53 years old, he is gone too soon. He will be missed by his family, by his extended law enforcement family, by his friends, and by our City.
- Rest in Peace, Officer Sugg. Let's observe a moment of silence.
- Thank you everyone for being with us tonight.

- I hope everyone enjoyed our “Maryland Day” holiday yesterday - the reason we are having a Tuesday City Council Meeting. It was way back in 1634 that the English Ships “The Ark” and “The Dove” landed at what they named St. Clement’s Island in St. Mary’s County, bringing 150 colonists to these shores. The City of Annapolis was founded a mere 15 years later. This year, we will celebrate our 325th year after the City was granted a Charter. Happy Maryland Day!
- Maryland Day continues this weekend. I encourage you to visit MarylandDay.org where you can learn about the free offerings for families Friday through Sunday in Annapolis. There will be a flag raising ceremony on City Dock at 10am on Saturday, Watermark Tours is offering free 2 -mile walking tours around the Historic District. Banneker Douglass Museum is free and open to the public. Get into the Chesapeake Children’s Museum for \$1. The Pride of Baltimore will be at City Dock and is free to visit on Saturday and Sunday. St. John’s College will have an exhibit of regional artists at the Mitchell Gallery, where entry is free. Charles Carroll House is free. William Paca House and Gardens tours are \$1. African-American History Walking Tour at Susan Campbell Park is free. You get the idea. Check out the website at MarylandDay.org and enjoy an extended Maryland Day weekend with your friends or family.
- I was pleased to see the police department scholarship fundraiser at Market House last Wednesday was a huge success. I understand they raised more than \$20,000. Congratulations! And a big shout out to **Lt. Kevin Krauss** for organizing a great event for a great cause with a great outcome. There are so many deserving young people in our community. I know these college and trade school funds will help them to have a better life. I was honored to attend and mingle with people who were so generous in their giving. Be on the lookout for scholarship applications and deadlines with a link from the city website: www.annapolis.gov
- Also on Wednesday we had the inaugural meeting of the Urban Land Institute/ULI City Dock Action Group and Working Teams. Thanks to **Robert Clark** and **Eileen Fogarty** for their hard work on assembling the volunteers needed to work on an implementation strategy and action plan for City Dock. We’ve given them a few months to have meetings and deliver a report with specific action items. You’ll get a final report to City Council by October. I look forward to the report and I’m sure you all do too.
- Earlier this month, we launched the website for OD Free Annapolis at www.annapolis.gov. This is the third of three prongs in our strategy to combat opioid addiction. First, we have the NAPTOWN Anti-dope MoveMeant for community engagement in the African American community. Our next event for Naptown Anti-Dope is this Saturday,

March 30, with Alderman Fred Paone. That will be at the Stanton Center, from 11 to 3 p.m. Second, we have “Your Life Matters,” where we offer Narcan administration and CPR training to anyone who asks for it. The third is OD Free Annapolis, a website that is a clearinghouse for information, resources, treatment and even real-time statistics and GIS data on where the overdoses have happened. I’d like to thank **MK Seborowski** at the Office of Emergency Management for her work in getting the site launched. If you or a loved one are having difficulty with substance abuse, I urge you to reach out to City resources. There are people here who care and people who can help.

- Last night we held the first community forum for discovering from residents their priorities in our search for a new police chief. Turnout was beyond what we had hoped -- with around 100 people showing up to the American Legion Post on Forest Drive. I’d like to thank **Bishop Craig Coates** for facilitating this unique community conversation. Perhaps most importantly, I’d like to thank everyone who came out ready to share their thoughts and ideas. I hope the members of the City Council who attended, **Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Tierney** and **Alderman Paone**, found the meeting as successful as I did.
- There are three more to go in this series: on April 1 at the Eastport Fire Station; April 2 at Pip Moyer Recreation Center and April 4 at Mt. Olive Church. All start at 7 p.m. I encourage the public to come out and join the conversation.
- We also had the inaugural meeting of the Waterways cabinet last Thursday. I’d like to recognize **Alderman Rob Savidge** for his vision and leadership around this issue. This body will meet several times a year. They are stakeholders from the community along with officials and staff from the City. I expect we will see meaningful work from this dynamic group as the collective voice of our waterways.
- A quick note on Arbor Day, which takes place April 26 this year. Annapolis supports the Arbor Day Foundation’s “Time for Trees” initiative with a goal to plant a total of 100 million trees across America by 2022. We need to plant trees at a scale like never before to combat deforestation and ameliorate the impacts of climate change. Annapolis is already a designated “Tree City USA Community” and as such we’ll be encouraging you to plant and care for trees in our City. There’s a popular Chinese proverb: “the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.”
- The Film Festival was this past weekend. What a great event for our City. I always wish I could get to see more of the films, but many are on my list

to catch later. Thanks to founders **Lee Anderson** and **Patti White** for bringing this event to our town. It takes hundreds of festival volunteers and staff to manage this event and they are to be commended for making it a destination event for visitors and a highlight of the year for locals. There was an incredibly diverse mix of films. We had an opportunity to have the filmmakers, directors and actors share the fruits of their labor all while experiencing our City. Given the weather, the circulator, approved by the Council was very important.

- On April 1 of this year, a full year out from the Constitutionally-mandated 2020 Census, the City of Annapolis is partnering with Anne Arundel County to participate in a committee dedicated to getting a complete count for the county and city. As you know, when we don't count people, we lose out on programs and money. I look forward to working with County Executive Steuart Pittman's team to make sure that every person in Annapolis is counted next year. As an announcement, they are already hiring. These are good paying jobs that begin now. They pay a minimum of \$21 an hour and you can do much of the work from home. They need office managers and field directors and data analysts. Census.gov is the website.
- A note on the passing of former Maryland Gov. Harry Hughes. There has been a lot said about the kind of government he sought to run and that the way he went about it restored confidence in government at a time when the people of Maryland were fatigued and distrustful. Let's strive to be the best city government we can be for the people of Annapolis as a way to honor his legacy.
- And finally, on one last solemn note, we had a vigil in the city for yet another mass shooting, this time the one in Christ Church, New Zealand that took 50 lives. Each and every one of these mass shootings is heartbreaking for the victims and survivors. And I count our City as survivors. Time is passing, but there is always time to remember Rebecca, Wendi, Rob, Gerald and John. We have to keep their memories alive and we have to reach out to the survivors and remind them that they are in our hearts.
- Please be kind to one another. Thank you.

Presented.

D. Required Administrative Submittals - City Manager

[ID-5-19](#)

City Manager Budget Revision less than or equal to \$25,000.

Presented.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

Appointments

[AP-61-18](#) **The Appointment of Nadine Chien to the Board of Appeals**

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

[AP-67-18](#) **The Re-Appointment of Jennifer Beard to the Civil Service Board**

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

[AP-70-18](#) **The Re-Appointment of Matthew S. Evans III to the Building Board of Appeals**

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

First Readers

[O-10-19](#) **Maryland Public Information Act - For the purpose of adopting City of Annapolis procedures for the processing of requests made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act; establishing definitions; providing notice of disclosure requirements; establishing an appeal process; allowing fees to be charged; allowing fee waivers; and generally related to adopting procedures for processing Public Information Act requests.**

Sponsors: Buckley

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

[R-13-19](#) **Filing of Grant Application with the Maryland Transit Administration - For the purpose of authorizing the filing of an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Sections 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, and/or 5317 grant(s)**

under the Federal Transit Act for a total amount of \$3,039,471 (consisting of \$1,915,980 for fixed route transit operations; \$241,002 for ADA complementary paratransit services; \$410,801 capital grant for transit vehicle maintenance; \$462,510 capital assistance for replacement of two (2) transit buses and \$9,178 for break/training room furniture).

Sponsors: Buckley

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

Second Readers

CA-1-19 **Acting Mayor Designation - For the purpose of amending the procedure for designating an Acting Mayor.**

Sponsors: Henson

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

O-3-19 **Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal - Fine - For the purpose of making technical corrections to the Code of the City of Annapolis concerning the fine for a failure to remove snow and ice from a sidewalk.**

Sponsors: Tierney

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

O-7-19 **Special parking permit for transport, shuttles and contractors - Application Procedure - For the purpose of amending the deadline for submission of a special parking permit application for transport, shuttles and contractors.**

Sponsors: Buckley and Tierney

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

O-8-19 **Grow Annapolis, Inc. Lease Agreement - For the purpose of approving the lease for certain City-owned property located at the corner of Jefferson Street and Brashears Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403, between Grow Annapolis, Inc. and the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating**

to said lease.

Sponsors: Buckley, Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

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

[R-12-19](#)

Civil Service Positions and Classifications - Risk Management Administrator - For the purpose of abolishing the Risk Analyst position and classification from the FY 2019 civil service positions and classifications; and creating the Risk Management Administrator position and classification.

Sponsors: Buckley

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

[O-4-19](#)

Special Residential Parking Districts - Parking Permits - For the purpose of transferring the residential parking permit program to the Department of Transportation; clarifying the eligibility requirements for resident, nonresident and temporary parking permits; and specifying the restrictions on parking permits issued under the residential parking permit program.

Sponsors: Tierney

Speakers:

Megan Moore, 86 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Tom Rekus, 163 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the Ward One Residents Association.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-4-19 closed.

Legislative Action

[R-45-18](#)

2018 Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study - For the purpose of adopting the

Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Arnett moved to refer The Forest Drive / Eastport Sector Study DRAFT dated August 31, 2018 to the Planning Commission. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to withdraw R-45-18 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Second Readers

O-47-18 Special Events - For the purpose of amending the definition of “City Sponsored Event.”

Sponsors: Henson and Tierney

Alderman Finlayson moved to postpone O-47-18 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderman Pindell Charles and Alderman Finlayson

Nay: 6 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Tierney, Alderman Paone, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Henson and Alderman Savidge

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-47-18 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Tierney moved to amend O-47-18 as follows:

Amendment #1

Page 2, Line 13 strike “1” substitute with “2” and after “event;” insert “and”, line 14 strike “2” substitute with “3”, line 15 after “function;” strike “; and” substitute with a “period”, line 16 strike “3” substitute with “1”, line 17 after “purpose” strike the “period” substitute with a “semicolon”. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

Alderman Henson moved to adopt O-47-18 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Henson moved to adopt O-47-18 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk