

City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, June 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr. City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Buckley called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation

Given by Mayor Buckley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Paone.

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

Approval of Agenda

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to adopt the agenda as amended to R-15-19 Position Classifications and Pay Plan for the purpose of RECONSIDERATION. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Update from the Mayor

Mayor Gavin Buckley City Council Meeting Remarks

Council Chambers, June 17, 2019 7 p.m.

Thank you everyone, for being here tonight.

Tonight should be our last night to work on the City's budget forecast for 2019-2020. I know everyone here has worked very hard - including 12 hours last Monday on amendments where everybody got a little of what they wanted, and a little of what they didn't. Not everyone got everything they wanted and that is the nature of compromise.

Throughout this budget, I think Teresa Sutherland burned up a couple of adding machines to get us here. Thank you Teresa. You're a tough cookie and your job isn't easy, but your perseverance is a benefit to the residents and to this council.

Teresa has some number crunchers who also have left a few charred calculators here in City Hall. Jodee Dickinson, our Finance Director who has more than two

decades of experience. Thank you for agreeing to work for the residents of our great city. You're doing a great job and I for one want to take this time to recognize your contribution. Cheers!

Another on this list is Katie Connolly, who is the senior accountant for the City. Thank you Katie!

Let's give all three of these smart and powerful women a round of applause for the amazing work they have done!

Teresa has also been involved intimately in another priority - finding a new police chief. I wanted to give you a status update on that. We told folks that it would be about a 90 day process which is where we are right now. As you know in April and May we held meetings to help determine community priorities for hiring a new chief. We convened an interview panel of eight diverse individuals from civilian and law enforcement backgrounds to write the job description and formulate interview questions.

The panel received 61 applications. From there, 13 were interviewed after having met the necessary qualifications. The panel conducted the interviews and narrowed the names for consideration. I'm interviewing candidates this week and we should have something for you very soon. I am appreciative of the panel and their efforts to see this through. I'm appreciative of the people who put their names forward.

That we had so many strong qualified candidates to choose from is a testament to the ability of the City of Annapolis to attract quality people to work for our residents.

My thanks to Teresa, Chief Lisa Myers, Deputy Chief Kevin Simmons, Chuck Howard, Lon Powell, Rev. Stephen Tillett and Elizabeth Alex for serving on the panel.

The Mayor's Office along with Theresa Wellman, Community Development Manager for the City's Planning Department, the Housing and Human Welfare Committee and the Human Relations Commission held a public hearing last week to identify barriers to fair and affordable housing in the City of Annapolis for protected populations.

This public hearing was an opportunity for constituents to become better informed about housing data, affordable housing opportunities, zoning and to review proposed policy.

The event was chaired by Alderman Marc Rodriguez and moderated by William Rowel from my office. Each policy goal was shared along with an accompanying strategy to achieve the goal. Members of the audience gave feedback on each goal as well.

There will be follow up meetings to assess how Annapolis is faring in providing fair housing opportunities and options to residents. I invite you to participate.

School let out for the summer last week. To help promote safe summer priorities, our One Annapolis staff hosted the second (now annual) End of School Celebration. It was held at the Leron M. Fisher pool where kids came out to celebrate. I've got

a little list of people to thank for donating food and time and love to the cause:

Jimmy Johns, Giant Foods, Safeway, Chuck E Cheese, Papa Johns Pizza, Adam's Ribs, Chick Fil-A, Blackwall Hitch, MOD Pizza, Brusters Ice Cream, Trader Joe's, Mission BBQ, , Buffalo Wild Wings, Kelly Porter, Aaron Johnson, Cecil Memorial Church, 3rd Eye Comics, Leron Fisher, Samuel Coates, Sandra Johnson, Harold Lloyd and Teresa Powell.

Thank you!

John Koontz, a neighbor in Ward 1, sent a nice note to Alderwoman Eleanor Tierney to commend the Public Works crew that repaired the brick road on Cumberland Court.

Mr. Koontz said:

"I can't thank you enough for your help in getting our cherished brick road repaired. The city brick crew did a great job and I thanked each one of them. They were fast, neat, clean and could not have been nicer and more professional. As residents we all need to remember to thank these city employees for the work they do for us every day."

My office talked with David Jarrell in Public Works about this work and he said the masonry crew included: Ron Matthews, Tim Nevin, Rodney Franklin, Thomas Vodak and Andrew Patterson.

Great work guys!

I attended last week's Caucus of African American leaders at Wiley Bates where I was invited to speak on the issue of gun violence and then we went around back to the ball fields for a tribute to the local artist Edward Montre Seay, who was known locally as "Tre Da Kid." He was shot on Forest Drive a little over a week ago.

On Thursday, I, along with members of my staff, attended the event at Asbury United Methodist Church with the group ACT/Do Not Stand Idly By. Along with Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman and other elected officials, we signed a pledge to work to end gun violence and to support fair housing practices.

As I said at those two events -- and again on Saturday, where hundreds of people came out to a memorial service to celebrate Montre's too-short life:

As public servants we have a responsibility to look for ways to end gun violence. We have to look for innovative ways to provide all our communities with opportunities toward economic and social mobility. We have to create opportunities to present young people with different ways to resolve conflict.

It is my hope that this body can use its considerable power in the day-to-day affairs of City government to be mindful about making meaningful change in that direction toward peace, health and prosperity in our town.

Thank you.

Presented.

B. Required Administrative Submittals - City Manager

ID-524-19

City Manager Sutherland presented the required submittals.

C. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates: 6/11/19 Rules and City Government Committee When: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

D. Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Judy Buddensick, 211 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing Eastport Working Together.

Trudy McFall, 205 Scott Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing Homes for America & County Attorney Pittman's Transition Team.

Omara Assad, 23 Francis Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Business and Miscellaneous

GT-11-19 Transfer From: DPW/Streets - Salaries (\$50,000.00) Transfer To: DPW/Streets - Street Lighting (\$50,000.00)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

GT-12-19
Transfer From: Trans/Maint - Maintenance Salaries (\$52,000.00)
Transfer To: Trans/Maint - Maintenance R&M Equipment (\$1,000.00);
Trans/Maint - Maintenance Supplies (\$30,000.00); Trans/Maint Maintenance R&M Vehicles (\$10,000.00); Trans/Maint - Maintenance

Fuel (\$10,000.00); Trans/Other Transfer to Capital Project Fund (\$1,700.00)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-61-19 Recreation and Parks - Youth Triathlon

Revenue: General Fund Gifts and Donations (\$405.00) Expenditure: Outdoor Recreation - Youth Triathlon Supplies (\$405.00)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-62-19 Transportation

Revenue: Oil - Water Separator Grant (\$15,804.50); Oil - Water Separator Pay-Go (\$1,664.) Expenditure: Oil - Water Separator Grant (\$17,468.50)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-63-19 Finance Non Allocated

Revenue: Capital Reserve Fund Balance (\$400,000) Expenditure: Transfer to Capital Projects Fund (\$400,000)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-64-19 Finance Non Allocated

Revenue: Restricted General Fund Balance (\$577,000) Expenditure: Transfer to Capital Projects Fund (\$328,000); Transfer to Public Education Government Access Channel (PEG; \$21,000); Transfer to Housing Assistance Trust Fund (\$228,000)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-65-19 DPW/Sewer

Revenue: Sewer Fund Balance (\$286,000.00) Expenditure: Sewer Depreciation (\$280,000.00); Sewer Salaries (\$6,000.00)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

SA-66-19 DPW/Watershed Restoration

Revenue: Watershed Restoration Fund Balance (\$30,000.00)

Expenditure: Watershed Salaries (\$30,000.00)

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 Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

First Readers

R-27-19

Eastport and Forest Drive Communities and Governmental Agencies
Task Force - For the purpose of establishing a temporary advisory Task
Force commissioned to provide the Mayor and City Council with a public
forum for continuing to study and prepare reports about the Forest
Drive/Eastport Sector Study as requested by concerned and impacted
residents; if they wish, to allow residents the opportunity to provide
related input regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan; to collaborate with
and receive input, assistance, and support from various Anne Arundel
County and State of Maryland agencies; and generally relating to the
Task Force.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles, Arnett, Buckley, Savidge, Rodriguez, Paone, Tierney and Finlayson

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

Second Readers

R-29-19

Equal Protection Task Force - African American Residents - For the purpose of approving a one year extension of time for the temporary advisory Task Force commissioned to provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum for studying and preparing reports about the issues of African-American residents of the City of Annapolis to complete it mission.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles, Savidge, Buckley, Tierney and Rodriguez

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

End of Consent Calendar

Public Hearings

City Clerk - For the purpose of removing the City Clerk from the supervision of the Mayor.

Sponsors: Tierney and Savidge

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on CA-7-19 closed.

O-17-19

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY - For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30,2020; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Speakers:

Alan Kushner, 708 Caleb Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Robert Eades, 32 Pleasant Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Chris Stieg, 10 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Sean O'Neil, 423 Halsey Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Trudy McFall, 205 Scott Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing Homes

for America.

Dan Brooks, 708 Drake Way, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing

Kingsport.

Rita Dorsey, 703 New Town Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing New Town and Woodside Gardens.

Julie Everitt, 9 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Truxton Heights Neighborhood Residents Association.

Jim Martin, 1 B South Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Alvia Thompson, 704 S. Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-17-19 closed.

O-23-19

Office of Law - City Clerk - For the purpose of transferring the City Clerk to the Office of Law; changing the appointing authority of the City Clerk; updating the duties of the City Attorney and the City Clerk; and making certain stylistic changes.

Sponsors: Tierney and Savidge

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing O-23-19 closed.

0-26-19

Rental Unit and Short-Term Residential Rental Licenses - For the purpose of mitigating significant dislocation of neighborly residential blocks; supporting the City's experience, visitor and tourist-based local economy by leveraging the sharing economy; ensuring applicable tax collection and remittances; encouraging fair competition; updating and amending the regulation of residential rental properties generally; creating operating license requirements governing the short-term rental of residential dwellings and dwelling units above nonresidential uses; defining certain terms; allowing a delayed effective date for current licensees; and matters generally relating thereto.

Sponsors: Arnett and Finlayson

Speakers:

Tracey Tischer, 504 Riverview Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Lu Catta, 316 Burnside Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jason Brand, 4 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Michelle Cordle, 4 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Monique Ligthart, 3290 Green Ash Road, Davidsonville, Maryland 21035.

Deborah Fressica, 160 and 185 Green Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Manon Schladen, 303 Washington Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Paul Fore, 921 Boucher Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

Sean Seavers, 89 Charles Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Judy Jones, 10 Fleet Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Jacky Sweetac, 26 South Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Elizabeth Clair Conger, 6 Pinkney Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Dan Kirshner, 16 Thompson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mortie Etshel, 26 Randall Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

C. Christopher Ledoux, 215 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

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

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-26-19 closed.

Legislative Action

Second Readers

O-44-18

Moderately Priced Dwelling Units - Density Bonus - For the purpose of establishing review criteria for the granting of any density bonus tolerance; clarifying planned development requirements for buildings over forty-five feet.

Sponsors: Arnett and Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-44-18 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-44-18 as follows: Arnett Amendment #1. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-44-18 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Paone moved to adopt O-44-18 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 Rodriguez, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderman Paone

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

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-10-19 until the Monday, July 22, 2019. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

R-20-19

Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study Citizens and Governmental Task Force- For the purpose of establishing a temporary advisory Task Force commissioned to provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum for studying and preparing reports about the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study; and generally relating to the Task Force.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles, Arnett, Buckley and Henson

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to withdraw R-20-19 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY - For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30,2020; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Public Works Director Jarrell and Recreation and Parks Director Trader were present and answered questions from council.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to reconsider O-17-19. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-17-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-17-19 as follows: Amendmendments # 1-8 and 11, 12, 14, 15, 23, 24 Amendment # 25 Main Street Rebricking, Amendments # 26-30. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amend O-17-19 as follows: Buckley Amendment # 31 In Appendix A.

On line 53, in column E, strike "941,000" and substitute "1,272,000". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amend O-17-19 as follows: Buckley Amendment # 32

On page 3, line 49, strike "\$2,109,690" and substitute "\$1,883,390"; and On page 4, line 22, strike "\$8,370,900" and substitute "\$8,395,000 . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend O-17-19 as follows: Buckley Amendment # 33 In Appendix A,

On line 14, in column G, strike "1,770,936" and substitute "1,377,236"; and

On line 20, in column I, strike "3,201,200" and substitute "2,807,500"; and

On line 58, column G, strike "16,838,780", and substitute "16,971,780"; and

On line 59, column I, strike "16,838,780", and substitute "16,971,780"; and

On line 64, column G, strike "4,104,550", and substitute "4,139,350"; and

On line 65, column I, strike "4,104,550", and substitute "4,139,350"; and

On line 95, column G, strike "1,007,800", and substitute "1,338,800"; and

On line 100, column G, strike "3,570,600", and substitute "3,563,600"; and

On line 116, column I, strike "7,561,250", and substitute "7,885,250"; and

On line 176, column I, strike "82,507,800", and substitute "82,968,000"; and

On page 1, line 43, strike "\$82,507,800" and substitute "\$82,968,000". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-17-19 as follows: Finlayson Amendment # 34

To have a six month study to analyze the benefits and detriments of the proposed maintenance facility, with a report to council. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to amend as follows: Arnett Amendment #35

On Page 6, after line 47 insert "SECTION 29: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Annual Operating Budget book as submitted by the Mayor and amended by the City Council, be incorporated herein and adopted in satisfaction of the requirements set forth in Section 6.16.010 of the Code of the City of Annapolis." and renumber subsequent Sections, Seconded, CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt O-17-19 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt O-17-19 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- Aye: 6 Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman Tierney, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Savidge
- Nay: 2 Alderman Paone and Alderman Arnett

R-15-19

Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the FY 2020 position classification and pay plan effective July 1, 2019.

Sponsors: Buckley

Alderman Rodriguez moved to reconsider R-15-19. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to adopt R-15-19 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Rodriguez moved to amend R-15-19 as follows: Buckley amendments

Amendments #1:

In the Positions Classifications Table for "ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR" strike the corresponding pay grade "A13" and substitute with "A12"

Amendment #2:

In the Positions Classifications Table strike "CITY FORRESTER" and substitute with "ENVIRONMENTALIST" strike the corresponding pay grade "A13" and substitute with "A12". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt R-15-19 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, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Rodriguez and Alderman Arnett

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Savidge

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC City Clerk