



City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, February 10, 2025

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

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

Invocation

Given by Alderman Arnett.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Schandelmeier.

Present: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the AGENDA as amended to postpone: ID-14-25 Annapolis Santa Run until Feb 24, 2025, and to REMOVE O-7-25 City Docking for Dinghies and Other Small Vessels from tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-14-25](#)

Citation: Annapolis Santa Run

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone ID-14-25 Annapolis Santa Run until Feb 24, 2025. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[ID-31-25](#)

Proclamation: Mentoring Month & Mentor Citations

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-32-25](#)

Citation: Annapolis Police Athletic League

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening and thank you for joining us here and if you're at home for tuning in.

I want to talk first about a couple of tragic incidents involving juveniles in our community. Last week, a 16-year-old was shot at Bates field where young people were out playing soccer. He luckily survived the injury and police worked quickly to investigate. A suspect was arrested and charged last Friday.

These two individuals were well known to each other - in fact they were related. A teen conflict turned into gun violence. Totally unacceptable.

On Saturday evening, we had our City's first homicide of the year, a 16-year old who was shot inside a residence in Parole.

Police are actively investigating and have asked anyone with information to reach out to Annapolis Police detectives. Tragically it seems that once again, the victim and perpetrator were known to each other.

Both of these tragedies highlight the deadly consequences when ready access to guns mixes with young people in conflict.

To the parents, caregivers, family and friends of those lost: on behalf of this council and city residents, we extend our deepest sympathies. This is something that no parent should have to endure and we are so sorry for your loss.

I encourage all families – talk to your children about their conflicts and pressures and try to help them to navigate the trouble spots in their lives. We can provide resources and community support, but we need your eyes and ears to help us keep these children safe.

To back you up, we will keep working with the county and state to ensure resources are available to help, including social work, harm reduction and violence interruption, mental health supports, safe schools, and more.

Please have the conversations, use the resources and let's be sure that our young people have a bright and safe future ahead of them. Breaking the cycles of violence isn't easy, but we must do everything we can.

Now if we could, I would like to take a moment of silence for the young man who lost his life on Saturday.

[moment of silence]

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Speaking of ways to positively engage young people, I hope we get a big turnout on Sunday at Maryland Hall for the presentation of the Key to the City to Kendall Dorsey. Mr. Dorsey is a son of Annapolis who followed his passion for hair care and has become a stylist to the stars including the likes of Rihanna, Lizzo, Cardi B, Alicia Keys and Nicki Minaj.

I want to thank our African American outreach specialist Adetola Ajayi for putting this event together and for having Kendall visit local schools to work with students, as well as give hair demonstrations at local businesses.

The Key to the City presentation at Maryland Hall is free and open to the public. It starts at 4 pm and we look forward to seeing all of you there to celebrate Kendall Dorsey's success.

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Adetola is also staging three more "State of Black Annapolis" events in collaboration with the Michael E. Busch public library on West Street in honor of Black History Month. Each night's event begins at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and includes refreshments prepared by Black-owned businesses. Tomorrow's event is "How to build a Black Art District in Annapolis;" next Tuesday is "The Other Annapolis: A Modern Perspective;" and the final event on February 25 is a celebration of Black educators, elected officials, entertainers, and entrepreneurs.

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One thing to be mindful of tomorrow is that we are currently monitoring potential wintry weather through into Wednesday. This weather may impact the State of Black Annapolis discussion and other events around town so please check the City website and the 'Prepare me Annapolis' app for alerts and updates.

In order to help our plow crews tomorrow, we are asking residents to move their vehicles off Snow Emergency Routes. You can move your car to a side street or your driveway, or to City garages, which will be free for residents starting at noon on Tuesday until 9 AM on Thursday.

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City offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 17. Pip Moyer Rec will remain open, but Stanton Center will be closed. There will be no changes to recycling and refuse pickups. Annapolis Transit's "Go-Time" will operate on a Sunday schedule.

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Lastly tonight, I want to say a few words about Andre Atkins, a Housing Authority board member who recently passed away. Mr. Atkins was the most recent chair of the HACA board and before that served as president of the tenant council for Harbour House and Eastport Terrace. He was a fierce advocate for resident rights.

But more than that, Andre was a good and decent man - the kind of person you want as a neighbor, a friend and an advocate. Details on a memorial service have not been sorted yet, but we will share those details when they become available.

Let's take a moment to hold Andre in our hearts and send some love to his family and friends.

[moment of silence]

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Thank you and now let's get on with the meeting!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

- Transportation Committee**
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4pm.
- Environmental Matters Committee**
Thursday, February 13, 2025 3pm.
- Economic Matters Committee**
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:30 pm.

Comments by the General Public

Comments from the General Public Speakers:

- Sveinn C, Storm, 123 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- Lisa Hillman, 4 Randall Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- John Hammond, 141 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- Tim Leahy, 110 Arch Wood Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- Richard Montaner, 47 Franklin Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- Bob O'Shea, 129 Granville Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments by 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

Approval of Journal Proceedings

[CCM 1.13.25](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

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

[CCM 1.27.25](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Appointments

[AP-55-24](#) Appointment - Arts in Public Places Commission - Mr. Jon Arason

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

End of Consent Calendar

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS**Ordinances**[O-5-25](#)

Speed Monitoring Cameras - For the purpose of authorizing speed monitoring systems in the City of Annapolis to comply with changes in the State law changes; and generally related to traffic monitoring systems in the City.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, Huntley and Savidge

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-5-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-5-25 to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-5-25 to the Transportation Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-5-25 to the Transportation Board.

Resolutions[R-2-25](#)

Demonstration Program to Build Green Roofs on City Bus Shelters - For the purpose of requiring the City Manager to establish a demonstration program to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of green roof bus shelters; and to include that project in the Fiscal Year 2026 City budget; and generally related to the establishment of eco-friendly bus shelters.

Sponsors: Gay

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-2-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-2-25 to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Savidge referred R-2-25 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

[R-6-25](#)**Non-Profit Vendors During Fall 2025 Boat Shows**

For the purpose of authorizing sales by certain vendors in the City Dock area of the Historic District during the Fall 2025 U.S. Sailboat and Powerboat Shows.

Sponsors: Huntley

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-6-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-6-25 to the Finance Committee.

[R-7-25](#)**Itinerant Merchant Sales in the Historic District During Calendar Year 2025**

For the purpose of authorizing hawker, peddler, and itinerant merchant sales in the Historic District in conjunction with certain special events during calendar year 2025.

Sponsors: Huntley

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-7-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-7-25 to the Finance Committee.

SECOND READERS**Ordinances**[O-28-24](#)

Police Department -- Property and Contraband Disposal - For the purpose of clarifying that Annapolis will follow state rules on the disposal of abandoned vehicles and generally dealing with property and contraband disposal.

Sponsors: Pindell Charles

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-28-24 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 2, line 7, strike "Unclaimed bicycles may be auctioned after a three-month waiting period." and after "2. " insert "Unclaimed bicycles that remain unclaimed for three months will be donated to a 501(c)(3) organization that provides bicycles to local residents in need. If no nonprofits are willing to accept the bicycles, they may then be auctioned." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-28-24 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Pindell Charles moved to adopt O-28-24 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderman O'Neill, Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

[O-29-24](#)**Fence Permit Requirements Related to Buildings and Construction Standards in Title 17**

- For the purpose of requiring a completed application and permit issued before removing fences of a certain size; requiring plans to show the location of trees of a certain size; and clarifies when a stop-work order will be issues; reformatting these sections to current Code style; and generally related for fence requirements in Title 17.

Sponsors: Savidge and Arnett

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-29-24 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-29-24 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 4, in line 27, strike "may" and insert "shall".

AND

Amendment #2:

On page 3, in line 11, insert the following:

"3. Work shall commence within 30 days from the date of the issuance of the permit and be completed in 120 after issuance, unless extended by the Director of Planning and Zoning, or the permit will be revoked." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-29-24 as follows:

Amendment #3:

On Page 2, in lines 18-19, strike "over 400 feet in length". Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Buckley, Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 6 - Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay and Alderman Savidge

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-29-24 as follows:

Amendment #4:

On Page 3, in line 1, after "height", insert ", and within three feet of the proposed fence". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett amend O-29-24 as follows:
Amendment #5:

1) On Page 2, strike lines 34 through 36, and renumber the items accordingly.
a. At a minimum, the permit application shall be accompanied by a scaled drawing showing:

- i. the proposed location;
- ii. dimensions of the fence or wall on the subject lot;
- iii. its relationship to the property lines;
- Strike - iv. public rights-of-way;
- Strike - v. easements;
- Strike - vi. utilities;

2) On Page 3, in line 12, insert a new subsection "e." and the following:

"e. The Department shall utilize City Geographic Information System (GIS) information to review applications for the presence of:

- i. public rights-of-way;
- ii. easements;
- iii. utilities." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-29-24 as amended on second reader.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-29-24 on third reader.
Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk