



City of Annapolis

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Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call To Order

Mayor Buckley called the Special Meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Gay.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley..

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.

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 Schandelmeier moved to approve the AGENDA to REMOVE AP-29-25
Re-Appointment of Mr. Reid Bowman to the Heritage Commission and AP-34-25
Re-Appointment of Mr. Roger Ward to the Recreation Advisory Board from tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-100-25](#)

Proclamation - National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 18-24, 2025

Attachments: [ID-100-25 National EMS Week 2025](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-101-25](#)

Proclamation - National Police Week, 2025

Attachments: [ID-101-25 National Police Week 2025](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening, I want to begin tonight by acknowledging Memorial Day, which was yesterday. In Annapolis, commemorations included the annual parade downtown, the Blessing of the Fleet at the Yacht Club, and the first-ever local participation in Taps across America, led by Major Rick Barnes of the Maryland Defense Force Band who performed at Annapolis City Dock yesterday afternoon. I thank everyone who helped to organize and participate in these events to honor our fallen military heroes.

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I would also like to acknowledge tonight another community member who recently passed: Helen Palaigos. Helen and her husband Pete were the owner/operators of Brunswick Billiards—better known to locals as Pete’s Pool Hall, and later Acme Bar and Grill—until they chalked up their final cue and retired in the early 1990s. Pete and Helen had taken over the business from Helen’s father, who himself had operated the pool hall since 1919.

They were well known in downtown, as

Pete’s was more than pool; it was a place where teens could line up next to lawyers, and midshipmen could meet their match in legislators. Throughout their time at Petes/Acme, Helen held steady behind the counter while also raising their three children.

Helen was married to Pete for 59 years. She made it to 100, passing peacefully at her daughter’s home in Florida. I know she’s now back at the table with Pete - who passed in 2007 - reunited for one more round.

[moment for Helen and Pete]

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Tomorrow, the City will dedicate the memorial to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell at Pip Moyer Recreation Center on Hilltop. The event starts at 1 p.m. and we are expecting hundreds to attend, including Maryland Gov. Wes Moore.

Congressman Mitchell was Maryland’s first African American elected representative in Congress. He was instrumental in making the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday a reality and opened the door to scores of politicians who have been elected in his wake.

We thank the Caucus of African American Leaders for raising the necessary funds for this memorial and choosing the Pip Moyer Center as the location.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

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On Saturday, the Kenneth R. Dunn Pool at Truxtun Park opened for the season. While Mother Nature didn’t provide any hot days last weekend – we know they are coming and our pool staff is ready to help you cool off over the summer. I thank our Recreation and Parks team for their work in getting both Truxtun and the HACA pool ready for the season.

I should mention, due to needed repairs, the HACA pool did not get inspected in time to open. With that said, HACA is working on the repairs and getting the Health Dept. inspection scheduled. From there, our Rec and Parks team will be able to run the pool this summer.

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This coming weekend, we’ve got the Annapolis Pride parade and festival. This year, the parade has a slightly different route, stepping off at 11 a.m. from St. John’s St at Calvert Street. The parade will go down Calvert to Northwest St, then to Church Circle, and then it head up West Street to Amos Garrett Blvd. The Pride Festival will then take place at Bates Athletic Field behind Maryland Hall.

The parade grand marshals this year are Attorney General Anthony Brown, who has been a fierce advocate and legal champion for the LGBTQ+ community, and Colonel Bree Fram, of Space Force, who is one of the highest-ranking transgender

officers in the US military.

Again, the parade steps off at 11 a.m. and the festival begins at noon.

Also this Saturday, the Annapolis Blues will play their season opener at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The match gets underway at 5 p.m. and tickets are still available. They're great value - \$17 for adults and \$12 for children. The season opener will be a double-header with the Men playing first and then the all-new Women's team playing after the men's match concludes. So come along for the start of another great season.

Go Blues!

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On Saturday, June 7, the City's No Harm team will host a Gun Violence Prevention Fair at Pip Moyer Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

We are partnering with Moms Demand Action for this event to raise awareness of the damage gun violence causes in our neighborhoods, communities and homes.

At the event, we'll have wellbeing resources and fun activities for all the family including face painting, crafts, basketball, music and great food, including funnel cakes and ice cream. You won't want to miss this great event so please wear orange – the color of gun violence awareness month – and come join us for a great and important day out.

I hope to see you there.

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On the same day, just across the way through the forest, the Department of Recreation and Parks will host the Grand Opening for the redesigned Skate Park at Truxtun. There will be a ribbon cutting, skate team demonstrations, giveaways from Pure Board Shop, free skate and more. We hope to see you there as well – you can easily travel from one of these great events to the other for a memorable day out!

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Our next council meeting is our all-day budget hearing on Monday, June 2. Before we go into that debate, I want to thank the Finance Committee members, including new Chair Harry Huntley, Ald. Finlayson, and Ald. O'Neil for working their way through the City's spending plan and hearing from all the department directors and impacted parties.

I am proud that, over the past eight years, we've made significant strides in bringing transparency to City finances. Every budget item now has a clear line, and every dollar spent is fully accounted for.

While it may appear to some that spending has increased—the real story is that we've moved our financial practices out of the shadows and into the full light of transparency. The other part of this story is that we are making an unprecedented level of investment in community infrastructure – largely funded through grants, not tax dollars – and these investments will bring economic and community benefits for decades to come. I thank the Council for understanding the importance of that investment. It is the work that builds prosperity and quality of life that will benefit our children and their children.

Thank you all very much!

Now let's get on with the meeting!

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules and City Government Committee Meeting

Friday, June 06, 2025 1:00 PM.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Julie Gibson, 610 Sweet Brush Court, Severna Park, Maryland 21146.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Appointments

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

[AP-26-25](#) **Re-Appointment - Ms. Clare Conger - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Attachments: [AP-26-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-26-25. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-27-25](#) **Re-Appointment - Mr. Ryan Chitwood - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Attachments: [AP-27-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-27-25. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-28-25](#) **Re-Appointment - Ms. Nadine Chien - Board of Appeals**

Attachments: [AP-28-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-28-25. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-30-25](#) **Re-Appointment - Mr. Bill Williams -Historic Preservation Commission**

Attachments: [AP-30-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-30-25. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-31-25](#) **Re-Appointment - Ms. Christina Aist - Recreation Advisory Board**

Attachments: [AP-31-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-31-25. Seconded.The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-32-25](#) Re-Appointment - Ms. Patricia Dawn Moyer - Recreation Advisory Board**Attachments:** [AP-32-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-32-25. Seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-33-25](#) Re-Appointment - Mr. Craig Harrison - Recreation Advisory Board**Attachments:** [AP-33-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-33-25. Seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-35-25](#) Re-Appointment - Mr. Peter Trogon - Maritime Advisory Board**Attachments:** [AP-35-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-35-25. Seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

[AP-36-25](#) Re-Appointment - Mr. Alan Miller - Maritime Advisory Board**Attachments:** [AP-36-25](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to approve AP-36-25. Seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:

End of Consent Calendar**PUBLIC HEARINGS****Ordinances**

O-6-25**Clearing Snow and Ice from City Sidewalks**

For the purpose of clarifying that the City is allowed to clear snow and ice from sidewalks in the City at the expense of the adjacent property owner if the owner fails to do so; requiring the snow removal be the width of the sidewalk or at least four feet wide for wider sidewalks; updating the citation and appeals sections; and generally related to cleaning and clearing of sidewalks.

Sponsors: Huntley and Savidge

Attachments: [O-6-25 First Reader](#)

[O-6-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-6-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-6-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-6-25 Staff Report](#)

Speakers:

Michael Dye, 1315 Hawkins Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-6-25 closed.

O-8-25**Chesapeake Children's Museum Lease Renewal Through June 30, 2030**

For the purpose of authorizing a lease agreement with Chesapeake Children's Museum, Inc., a Maryland corporation, for City property at 25 Silopanna Road in Annapolis commencing on July 1, 2025 and terminating on June 30, 2030.

Sponsors: Buckley and Huntley

Attachments: [O-8-25 First Reader](#)

[Chesapeake Childrens \(25 Silopanna Rd.\) 2025 Lease-FINAL](#)

[O-8-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-8-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-8-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-8-25 Exhibit A](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-8-25 closed.

Alderman Gay requested that O-8-25 be referred to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee.

O-12-25**Prioritizing Affordable Spending Through Expansion of Financial Advisory Commission Duties**

For the purpose of listing the duties of the Financial Advisory Commission; adding "spending affordability" to review the City's finances so that spending levels align with the City's income, and reviewing projected revenue, debt levels, and long-term fiscal outlook; and generally related to the Financial Advisory Commission.

Sponsors: Arnett

Attachments: [O-12-25 First Reader](#)

[O-12-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-12-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-12-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-12-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-12-25 closed.

O-13-25**Compensation of Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Manager**

For the purpose of adjusting the compensation and allowances to be paid to the Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in December 2025; and for adjusting the compensation to be paid to the City Manager.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-13-25 First Reader](#)

[O-13-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-13-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-13-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-13-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-13-25 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**FIRST READERS****Charter Amendment**

[CA-1-25](#)**City Council Compensation Commission**

For the purpose of updating the process for setting the City Council's compensation; removing it from the Council Elections Article of the City Charter and inserting it under The City Council Article; and removing the requirement that the Council's compensation commission sets the City Manager's compensation.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [CA-1-25 First Reader](#)

[CA-1-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[CA-1-25 Salary Review Commission Report to Council \(from R-8-24 2025\)](#)

[CA-1-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[CA-1-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[CA-1-25 Staff Report](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt CA-1-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred CA-1-25 to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Resolutions

[R-26-25](#)**FY 2026 Position Classifications and Pay Plan**

For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2026 annual position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-26-25 First Reader](#)

[R-26-25 FY26 AFSCME Scale](#)

[R-26-25 FY26 Fire Scale through F18](#)

[R-26-25 FY26 Police Scale through P18](#)

[R-26-25 FY26 Nonrepresented Pay Scale](#)

[R-26-25 FY26 Executive Pay Scale](#)

[R-26-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-26-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[R-26-25 Staff Report](#)

Alderman Huntley moved to adopt R-26-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

O-1-25

Expansion of Child Care Options in Annapolis - For the purpose of allowing large family child care homes pending zoning approval; removing City restrictions on hiring home-operated child care service employees who live outside the home; combining sections dealing with child care centers; updating the related City Code sections to align with state child care standards; and address the requirements of Title 21 concerning child care in Annapolis.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier and Arnett

Attachments: [O-1-25 First Reader](#)

[O-1-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-1-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-1-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-1-25 Amendment 1 - Savidge](#)

[O-1-25 Amendment 2 - Savidge](#)

[O-1-25 Amendment 3 - Schandelmeier](#)

[O-1-25 Staff Report to PC with Attachments](#)

[O-1-25 Planning Commission Findings](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-1-15 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 3, strike lines 33-37 and renumber subsections accordingly.

B. Zoning Requirements.

Strike - "1. No off-street parking provided for a family child care home shall be located in a required front yard.

2. Family child care homes in the R1, R1-A, R1-B, R2, and R2-Neighborhood Conservation districts involving a nonresident employee shall have off-street parking for non-resident employees pursuant to §21.66.130."

3. No family child care home shall create noise, dust, vibrations, smells, smoke, glare, electrical interference, fire hazard, or other hazard or nuisance to any greater or more frequent extent than that usually experienced in the district on residentially used zoning lots where no family child care home exists. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-1-15 as follows:

Amendment #2:

On page 5, in line 21, strike "Child care facilities, including Child Care Center and". Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to amend O-1-25 as follows:

Amendment #3:

On page 4, strike lines 6 through 35; on page 5 strike, lines 1 and 2; and insert the following:

Section 21.64.200 - Child Care Center.

A. Generally.

1. State Requirements. Child Care Centers shall meet requirements of Education Article §9.5 of the Maryland Code and COMAR § 13A.16.

2. Additional City Requirement. Child care centers shall have safe pick-up and drop-off locations, as determined by the Planning and Zoning Director.

B. Educational and Religious Affiliated Child Care Centers.

1. The use is subject to review and approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

2. A safe on-site drop-off and pick-up area shall be provided.

3. Adequate on-site parking sufficient to accommodate the users of the facility shall be provided, with signage to reserve spaces for the day care center. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-1-25 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-1-25 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

Resolutions

[R-24-25](#)

Confirmation of Human Resources and Integrated Technology Solutions Directors

For the purpose of confirming the appointment of Patricia Hopkins as Director of Human Resources and Brian Paquin as Director of Integrated Technology Solutions; and consenting to compensate the directors.

Attachments: [R-24-25 First Reader](#)
[R-24-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)
[R-24-25 Staff Report](#)
[R-24-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-24-25 on second 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 Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk**