



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call To Order

Mayor Buckley called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Invocation

Given by Alderman Savidge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Schandelmeier.

Present: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Proposed Closed Session

[ID-161-25](#)

A PROPOSED CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Sections 3-305 (b)(7) & 3-305 (b)(10).

Discussion Topic: Public Safety Appropriations

Alderman Arnett moved pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (10) and (7), to go into closed session. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

The council enter its closed session at 6:07 pm.

The council exited out of its closed session at 6:18 pm.

Closed Session Statement:

Pursuant to the requirement of the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (10) and (7) this statement is included in these minutes:

A closed session of the City Council was held at 6:07 pm., Monday, October 27, 2025 in the Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr., City Council Chamber.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Staff Present:

City Attorney Lyles, Legislative Policy Analyst Reuter, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, City Council Associate Jackson, Acting City Manager Remaley, Patrol Lieutenant O'Herlihy, Equipment Administrator Madley.

A roll call vote was taken by the members present, and the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b) (10) and (7). The topic of discussion was Public Safety Appropriations

No Actions/Votes were taken in closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed session was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

The council recessed at 6:20 pm., and reconvened at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Arnett move to APPROVE the AGENDA as AMENDED to ADD: R-43-25 Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception Fee Waiver on SECOND READER and ID-172-25 City Council Citation – Eastport Veterans Park, and ID-173-25 City Council Citation Lindsay-Modoro . Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-149-25](#)

Annual Eastport "Declaration of War" Charity Event

Attachments: [Proclamation - Eastport Trade Sanctions](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-133-25](#)

City Council Member Recognition

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-150-25](#) **Citation: Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival**

Attachments: [Citation - Kunta Kinte Festival 2025](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-152-25](#) **Citation: Brenden Cleverly**

Attachments: [Citation - Brendan Cleverly](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-156-25](#) **Citation: Moms Demand**

[ID-157-25](#) **Citation: Gun Violence Prevention**

Attachments: [Citation - Moms Demand Action](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-158-25](#) **Citation: Community Resource Fairs**

Attachments: [Citation - Pop Up Resource](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-163-25](#) **Citation: Community Action Agency of Annapolis**

Attachments: [Citation - Adopt a Community](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-164-25](#) **Citation: City of Annapolis "Adopt-a-Community" Grants**

Attachments: [Citation - Adopt a Community](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-167-25](#) **Citation: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and African Diaspora Festival**

Attachments: [Citation - MLK and Disapora 2025](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-168-25](#) **Citation: Expungement and Resource Clinics**

Attachments: [Citation - Expungement clinics 2025](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-170-25](#) **Citation: Todd Redlin, Annapolis Pickleball Club**

Attachments: [Citation - Todd Redlin](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-171-25](#) **Citation: Department of Public Works Employees**

Attachments: [Citation - DPW Employees](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-172-25](#) **Citation: Eastport Veterans Park**

Attachments: [Citation - Eastport Veteran's Park - 10.27.25](#)

[ID-173-25](#) **Citation: Lisa Lindsay-Mondoro**

Attachments: [Citation - Lisa Mondoro](#)

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening, the next time I rise to speak at a council meeting will be from that podium over there. That is the beauty of American democracy. We serve and then we go back to leading a regular life. Being Mayor of Annapolis has been the honor of a lifetime and I am beyond grateful for everyone who helped us along the way, from volunteers on the campaign, voters who choose our team, partners at the state, federal and county, and our amazing City of Annapolis staff.

I have had a front row seat to the dedication of our staff, from transit operators to police, traffic safety engineers to community support.

Thank you all!

I also want to thank everyone for last Thursday's luncheon. First Lady Julie and I were so touched with each speaker and each opportunity to talk with those in attendance.

We are grateful to the Banneker Douglass Tubman Museum, the Caucus of African American Leaders and the Annapolis City Council for making that celebration a priority. It was a lovely and beautiful send-off to our time leading the capital city of America's best state in the union!

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Over these past eight years we have had the opportunity to serve our residents in ways big and small. We were thrown some emergencies that nobody could plan for, but we also got to prioritize initiatives we came into office championing: alternative transportation like bike and pedestrian greenways, electrifying our transit fleet and thinking about new ways to move around the city.

We got to tackle resilience and relief for businesses on City Dock and built the brand new Mills-Hillman garage.

We prioritized regular municipal government actions like dramatically increasing the miles of roads and sidewalks paved and water and sewer mains replaced or relined.

We stabilized City finances and just learned that once again the bond market has rewarded our hard work by affirming the City's highest-ever credit rating. We also got very positive feedback from the ratings agencies on the health of our economy and the future of our finances due to our funding of pension and ensuring reserves are fulling within the parameters reflected.

We also got to show residents in all parts of the city that we care. Parades and festivals that celebrate our diversity, new community service and social service work and hundreds of events in communities to lift up our residents. We brought in a new police chief who focuses on community policing.

Of course there were moments of disagreement and difficult decisions, but those challenges only strengthened our overall commitment to this City and her residents.

On this council are eight men and women who regularly brought forth ideas and fought for what they believed was right. Harry, Karma, Rhonda, Sheila, Brooks, DaJuan, Rob, Ross - alongside former members Elly, Marc, Shaneka, and Fred. This can be a thankless job. I want to acknowledge that what you sacrificed of your time was well worth the effort. We can't do this work alone.

We may not have always agreed, but we all learned from each other and collaborated in ways that improved this City for all residents. To council members who are departing: please stay involved.

For those who watch this council and see what we do up here, I issue a call for ongoing civic engagement. Remember to vote next Tuesday.

I'd like to also thank the people who make these meetings run smoothly. Regina Watkins Eldridge, Cynthia Reuter, Cynthia Gaines, Kalyn Jackson, Jake Trudeau, and Kapri Turner and all of our department directors.

To the new Mayor and Council who will be elected next Tuesday: use your position to care for not only the City, but ALL of the people who live here. Do the most good for the most people - not just the loudest. Thank you and now let's get on with our meeting.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates - End of Term - No more meetings.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Regina C. Watkins - City Clerk/ Election Administrator

Kayln Jackson - City Council Associate

Nelly Powell, 312 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Luke Penton, 999 Corporate BLVD, Suite 300, Linthicum, Maryland 21409.

Tom Kriech, 14 Murray Avenue. Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Carl Larkin, 154 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Antonia Berry, 100 South Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

George Gallagher, 1212 Barbud lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Kent Hammond, 18 South Cherry Grove Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Larry Clausen, 160 King George 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 Gay to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried:unanimously

Approval of Journal Proceedings

CCM 10.13.25 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [DRAFT - Regular Meeting Minutes 10.13.2025](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve CCM 10.13.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Standing Committee Final Meeting Minutes

[PSC 7.7.25](#) **Final Committee Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [Public Safety Committee 7.7.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve PSC 7.7.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[TC 9.9.25](#) **Final Committee Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [Transportation Committee 9.9.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve TC 9.9.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[RCG 10.3.25 - Joint Meeting](#) **Final Committee Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [Rules & City Government Committee - Joint Meeting](#)

Mayor Buckley moved to approve RCG 10.3.25 Joint Meeting. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[RCG 10.3.25](#) **Final Committee Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [Rules & City Government Committee 10.3.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve RCG 10.3.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

ENV 10.9.25 Final Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Environmental Matters Committee 10.9.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve ENV 10.9.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

FC 10.15.25 Final Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Finance Committee 10.15.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve FC 10.15.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

EMC 10.15.25 Final Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Economic Matters Committee 10.15.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve EMC 10.15.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

HHW 10.20.25 Final Committee Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Housing and Human Welfare Committee 10.20.25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve HHW 10.20.25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Supplemental Appropriations Under \$50,000**SA-9-26 Grant - Department of Homeland Security - OEM**

Attachments: [SA-9-26](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-9-26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[SA-10-26](#) Off-Street Parking Capital - Parking Operating - Capital Reserve

Attachments: [SA-10-26](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-10-26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[SA-11-26](#) Grant - Fire - Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Attachments: [SA-11-26](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-11-26. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Appointments

[AP-56-25](#) Appointment – Ms. Janeen Tasker – Human Relations Commission

Attachments: [AP-56-25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve AP-56-25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-57-25](#) Appointment – Ms. Valerie Bonham – Commission of Aging

Attachments: [AP-57-25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve AP-57-25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-59-25](#) Appointment - Mr. Stuart R. Cohen - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**Attachments:** [AP-59-25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve AP-59-25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[AP-60-25](#) Appointment - Mr. Noble Watkins - Recreation Advisory Board**Attachments:** [AP-60-25](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve AP-60-25. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

End of Consent Calendar**BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS****Action Item****[ID-165-25](#) Receiving Task Force to Study Commercial Residential Marine Vessels' Final Report as revised by the task force****Attachments:** [Task Force to Study Marine Vessels - Final Report Dated 09.15.2025](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to receive ID-165-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Supplemental Appropriations \$50,000 & Above**[SA-8-26](#) Grant - Anne Arundel County - APD****Attachments:** [SA-8-26](#)

Alderman Gay moved to approve SA-8-26. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[SA-12-26](#) Grant - Anne Arundel County 911 Grant - APD**Attachments:** [SA-12-26](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to approve SA-12-26. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Fund Transfers

[FT-2-26](#) Grant - State Grant Expense - APD

Attachments: [FT-2-26](#)

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to approve FT-2-26. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[FT-3-26](#) General Funds - Police Department

Alderman Gay moved to approve FT-3-26. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[FT-5-26](#) Capital Fund - Department of Public Works - CIP

Attachments: [FT-5-26](#)

[Amended FT-5-26 General Roadways](#)

[Amended FT-5-26 400 Fourth Street CIP](#)

Alderman Gay moved to approve FT-5-26. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Resolutions

[R-45-25](#) Fines for Failure to Clear Snow and Ice from City Sidewalks For the purpose of establishing fines related to O-6-25, Clearing Snow and Ice from City Sidewalks, adopted by the City Council on July 14, 2025.

Attachments: [R-45-25 First Reader](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-45-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to suspend the rules to allow for the passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Huntley moved to adopt R-45-25 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderman Savidge - Cosponsor Added.

SECOND READERS

Ordinances

[O-33-25](#)

Lease of City Property - Market House

For the purpose of authorizing the lease of the Market House to New Market House, LLC, the Tenant for an initial term of July 1, 2033, through June 30, 2038, with additional optional renewal terms, subject to certain terms, provisions, and conditions; and matters generally relating to said lease.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-33-25 Market House Lease - July 2025](#)

[O-33-25 Attachment A](#)

[O-33-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-33-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-33-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-33-25 First Reader](#)

[O-33-25 Amendment 1 - Huntley](#)

[O-33-25 Market House Lease - REVISED October 2025](#)

[O-33-25 Market House Lease - REVISED Oct. 2025 Redlined Copy](#)

[O-33-25 OOL Ordinance Staff Report Summary of Changes](#)

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-33-25 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Huntley moved to amend O-33-25 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 1, in line 38, after “Agreement” insert, “, titled “O-33-25 Market House Lease - REVISED October 2025. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt O-33-25 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-33-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Out of Room: 1 - Mayor Buckley

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

O-35-25**Ranked-Choice Voting in Annapolis City Elections**

For the purpose of electing the Mayor, City Council members, and party committee members by ranked-choice voting during elections involving only City-wide candidates; and generally relating to municipal voting regulations.

Sponsors: Huntley and Savidge

Attachments: [O-35-25 First Reader](#)

[O-35-24 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-35-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-35-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-35-25 Staff Report](#)

Alderman Savidge moved to withdraw O-35-25 without objection. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

O-37-25**City Capital Facilities Charges Payment Plan**

For the purpose of changing when capital facilities charges for sewer and water installation are collected from developers constructing six or fewer dwelling units; and generally related to the Plumbing Code.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier

Attachments: [O-37-25 First Reader](#)

[O-37-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-37-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-37-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-37-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-37-25 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-37-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

O-38-25**Exception to the City's Prohibition on Doors or Gates Opening Over Sidewalks**

For the purpose of allowing the Director of Public Works to allow exceptions to § 14.20.090 of the City Code dealing with doors or gates opening over sidewalks.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-38-25 First Reader](#)

[O-38-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-38-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-38-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-38-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman Gay moved to adopt O-38-25 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-38-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderwoman O'Neill

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Resolutions**R-34-25****Market Space Interest Charge Waiver**

For the purpose of waiving interest charges from unpaid monthly rent for parking spaces on Market Space, the street used for dining next to Market House in downtown Annapolis.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-34-25 First Reader](#)

[R-34-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-34-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[R-34-25 Staff Report](#)

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-34-25 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Huntley moved to amend R-34-25 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 2, strike lines "1 through 4" .Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-34-25 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

R-40-25

Equitable Public Water Access Plan

For the purpose of adopting the City of Annapolis Equitable Public Water Access Plan.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-40-25 First Reader](#)

[R-40-25 Annapolis Equitable Public Water Access Plan](#)

[R-40-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-40-25 Staff Report](#)

[R-40-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[R-40-25 Annapolis Environmental Commission \(AEC\) Review](#)

[R-40-25 Amendment 1 - Savidge](#)

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-40-25 on second reader. Seconded.

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderman Savidge moved to amend R-40-25 as follows:

Amendment #1:

On page 2, strike lines 17 through 19 and insert the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that:

1. The City of Annapolis adopts the Equitable Public Water Access Plan with the following amendments:

a. On page xii, in the last paragraph, strike the last sentence and insert the following:

"Potential program partners include non-profit organizations such as the Annapolis Maritime Museum, Blacks of the Chesapeake, the Severn River Association, The Severn Riverkeeper, and Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB). The CRAB Adaptive Boating Center on Back Creek is a nationally recognized model of accessible water access, providing specialized programming for people with disabilities, wounded veterans, seniors, and underserved youth. Its inclusion underscores how mission-driven facilities can complement broader public access initiatives while advancing the City's equity and accessibility goals."

b. On page 12, under section 2.1 "Public water access success stories", insert the following paragraph:

"CRAB Adaptive Boating Center (Adaptive Boating Model) — The CRAB Adaptive Boating Center, located on Back Creek, is a purpose-built, universally accessible facility featuring a raised floating dock, transfer lifts, boarding ramps, adaptive boarding equipment, an accessible learning center, and program boats that enable boating and therapy programs free of charge for people with disabilities, seniors, wounded warriors and veterans, and under-served youth. While most waterfront sites in the region remain inaccessible to many in these groups, CRAB stands out as a flagship facility—setting a new standard for inclusion and equal access to the Chesapeake Bay. Serving approximately 1,800 guests last year and partnering with regional nonprofits to expand opportunities, CRAB demonstrates the incredible strides Annapolis has made in providing truly equal public water access. The City's investments, alongside private fundraising, make CRAB not only a best-practice example for mission-driven, accessible water access, but also a community asset and a model for others to follow. Having such a premier facility in Annapolis is a testament to our commitment to equity and the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the therapeutic and recreational benefits of the Bay."

c. Remove & replace the existing text for CRAB in 3.5, "Back Creek Sites" with the following:

Protect and strengthen mission-specific access at CRAB Adaptive Boating Center — Recognize CRAB's lease, program purpose, and specialized infrastructure in site-specific recommendations. Prioritize coordination with CRAB on any Back Creek improvements, schedule a formal site visit for Planning staff and the Maritime Task Force, and ensure any public-access changes preserve CRAB's operational needs and reserved programming for priority audiences.

d. On page 42 (and page xii of Executive Summary), under the "goals" section, insert the following:

Goal 7: Preserve and support mission-specific accessible facilities:

Ensure Plan objectives account for facilities that serve priority audiences (people with disabilities, wounded veterans, seniors, underserved youth) and protect existing leases and program operations while expanding complementary public access options

e. On page 90, strike the existing CRAB action item and replace it with the text below:

☐ Administrative actions: request a formal meeting and site tour for Planning and Zoning staff, the Maritime Advisory Board, and the new City Council.

2. The City Council commits itself to pursue the Plan's goals and recommended actions. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt R-40-25 as amended on Second Reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

Alderman Gay - Cosponsor added

Alderman Arnett - Cosponsor Added.

[R-44-25](#)

A Resolution Calling for Reinvestment in Pedestrian Safety, Transit Access, Affordability, and Climate Action over Highway Expansion - For the purpose of urging the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) to align the I-97 widening project with the State's Complete Streets Policy, Vision Zero, and climate commitments, and with the City of Annapolis's adopted goals for safe streets, resilience, affordable housing, and expanded transit access; and to express the City Council's preference that State transportation funding be coordinated or reallocated toward multimodal, climate-forward, and transit-ready investments rather than highway expansion alone, including the incorporation of express bus or transit lanes designed for future upgrading to fixed-rail service, consistent with other regional fixed-rail projects advancing in Maryland.

Sponsors: Savidge

Attachments: [R-44-25 First Reader](#)

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-44-25 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

[R-43-25](#)**Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception Fee Waiver**

For the purpose of identifying the Annual Meeting and Tourism Industry Reception hosted by Visit Annapolis and Anne Arundel County that will be held on January 27, 2026, as a Special Event and waiving certain City of Annapolis fees for services related to that event.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [R-43-25 First Reader](#)

[R-43-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-43-25 Staff Report](#)

[R-43-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-43-25 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Gay, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

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