



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Call To Order

Acting Mayor Thorp called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Moment of Silence

Presented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Acting Mayor Thorp.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Huntley.

Present: 8 - Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Thorp

Absent: 1 - Mayor Littmann

Approval of Agenda

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to approve the agenda as amended to REMOVE ID-130-26 A Proclamation for Pride Month 2026 from tonight's agenda. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-129-26](#)

Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Attachments: [ID-129-26 National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation](#)

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from the Mayor's Office

Acting Mayor Thorp presented the update.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

No Meetings Scheduled prior to the Special Meeting on 6.1.26.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Allison Webster-Giddings, 1011 Moss Haven Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Laura Sullivan, 25 Wagner Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Acting Mayor Thorp declared comment from the general public closed.

Council Discussion

[ID-123-26](#)

Advisory Boards and Commissions Governance Modernization

Presenter: Community Engagement Strategist Richards

Attachments: [ID-123-26 Boards & Commissions Governance Modernization Presentation](#)

Community Engagement Strategist Richards gave a presentation and answered questions from the council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings Continued

[O-8-26](#)**Annual Budget and Appropriation and Property Tax Levy**

For the purpose of adopting the City Budget, comprising the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, June 30, 2030, June 30, 2031, and June 30, 2032; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Littmann

Attachments: [O-8-26 First Reader](#)

[O-8-26 Proposed Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program \(FY2027-FY2032\)](#)

[O-8-26 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-8-26 - Appendix A](#)

[O-8-26 - Appendix B](#)

[O-8-26 - Appendix C](#)

[O-8-26 - Appendix D](#)

[O-8-26 Finance Committee's FY27 Budget Report](#)

[O-8-26 Planning Commission - Capital Improvement Program Report Update](#)

[O-8-26 Financial Advisory Commission Advisory Opinion](#)

[O-8-26 - FY 2027 List of Proposed Budget Amendments](#)

Speakers:

Frieda K. Wildey, 403 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Paul Rankin, 408 First Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Acting Mayor Thorp accepted into the record the letter from the Planning Commission dated May 8, 2026, signed by Alex Pline, Chair of the Planning Commission.

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing on O-8-26 closed.

[R-10-26](#)**FY 2027 Annual Fees Schedule**

For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for Fiscal Year 2027; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Attachments: [R-10-26 First Reader](#)

[R-10-26 FY 2027 Fees Schedule - Proposed](#)

[R-10-26 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-10-26 Finance Committee's FY27 Budget Report](#)

[R-10-26 FY 2027 Proposed Amendments](#)

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing R-10-26 closed.

[R-11-26](#)**FY 2027 Fines Schedule**

For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for Fiscal Year 2027; and providing an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Attachments: [R-11-26 First Reader](#)

[R-11-26 FY 2027 Fines Schedule - Proposed](#)

[R-11-26 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[R-11-26 Finance Committee's FY27 Budget Report](#)

[R-11-26 FY 2027 Proposed Fines Amendments](#)

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing on R-11-26 closed.

[R-12-26](#)**FY 2027 Position Classifications and Pay Plan**

For the purpose of approving the Fiscal Year 2027 annual position classifications and pay plan; and specifying an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Attachments: [R-12-26 First Reader](#)

[R-12-26 FY27 Job Classification - Proposed](#)

[R-12-26 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[Finance Committee's FY27 Budget Report](#)

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing on R-12-26 closed.

New Public Hearings

[O-9-26](#)**Updating the Standing Committees Section of the City Code**

For the purpose of expanding the oversight authority of the Environmental Matters Committee to include certain environmentally-related provisions of Title 17 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 21 (Planning and Zoning); requiring that proposed amendments to those provisions be referred to the Environmental Matters Committee; clarifying the matters to be considered by the Rules and City Government Committee; updating the scope of the Economic Matters Committee to reflect current technology and workforce matters; establishing a procedure for automatic and discretionary committee referrals; and generally reformatting and updating the Standing Committees section of the City Code.

Sponsors: Savidge, Smith-Brown and Schandelmeier

Attachments: [O-9-26 First Reader](#)
[O-9-26 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-9-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)
[O-9-26 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing on O-9-26 closed.

[O-10-26](#)**Reducing the Human Relations Commission Membership**

For the purpose of reducing the membership of the Human Relations Commission from fifteen to nine members; providing for a transition period during which existing members serve out their terms; and generally relating to the composition of the Human Relations Commission.

Sponsors: Contee

Attachments: [O-10-26 First Reader](#)
[O-10-26 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-10-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)
[O-10-26 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

Speaker O-10-26:

Chuck Hurley, 5 Park Place, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Acting Mayor Thorp declared the public hearing on O-10-26 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**FIRST READERS****Ordinances**

[O-11-26](#)**Allowing Long-Term Room Rentals in Private Homes**

For the purpose of establishing a regulatory framework permitting rooming houses (boarding houses) as long-term rentals in private residences; providing for licensing, operational standards, and zoning approval; ensuring compliance with applicable Maryland state law and the City of Annapolis housing code; updating definitions and use tables in Title 21 to include “rooming house”; and generally relating to rooming houses.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, Contee, Huntley, Savidge and Allsup-Johnson

Attachments: [O-11-26 First Reader](#)

[O-11-26 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-11-26 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

[O-11-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report revised](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-11-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting Mayor Thorp referred O-11-26 to the Planning Commission.

Acting Mayor Thorp referred O-11-26 to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Acting Mayor Thorp referred O-11-26 to the Economic Matters Committee.

[O-13-26](#)**Permitting and Zoning - Stadium Accessory Structures**

For the purpose of expressly allowing certain temporary structures as an accessory to a stadium, subject to continued compliance with applicable building and safety codes, without being required to obtain successive temporary structure permits; and generally relating to stadium accessory structures.

Attachments: [O-13-26 First Reader](#)

[O-13-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-13-26 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

Alderman O'Neill moved to adopt O-13-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting Mayor Thorp referred O-13-26 to the Planning Commission.

Acting Mayor Thorp referred O-13-26 to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Alderman Schandelmeier - Cosponsor Added.

Resolutions

[R-17-26](#) **Fees Related to O-11-26, Allowing Long-Term Room Rentals in Private Homes**

For the purpose of updating the Fees to add a rooming house operating license fee and to amend existing rental license fee descriptions in connection with Ordinance 11-26, which establishes a regulatory framework permitting rooming houses (boarding houses) as long-term rentals in private residences and provides for licensing, operational standards, and zoning approval.

Attachments: [R-17-26 First Reader](#)

[R-17-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)

[R-17-26 Fiscal Impact Report](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-17-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Acting mayor Thorp referred R-17-26 to the Finance Committee.

[R-18-26](#) **Human Resources Director - Charles A. Hall, Jr.**

For the purpose of expressly confirming the appointment of Charles A. Hall, Jr., as Human Resources Director; consenting to compensating the Human Resources Director; and setting an effective date.

Sponsors: Littmann

Attachments: [R-18-26 First Reader](#)

[R-18-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)

Alderwoman O'Neill moved to adopt R-18-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

8:23 pm

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk