



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, February 9, 2026

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

Call To Order

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

Moment of Silence

Presented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Littmann

Roll Call

Led by Mayor Littmann.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Huntley

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Thorp moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Closed Session Statement:

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

A closed session of the City Council was held at 8:41pm., Monday, February 2, 2026 in the Location of Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr., City Council Chamber.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Littmann, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee, Alderman Savidge, Alderman Thorp

Staff Present:

Acting City Attorney Burger, City Clerk Watkins-Eldridge, City Council Associate Jackson, Acting City Manager Buckland, Public Works Director Vogel, Michelle and Consultant Fogarty, Deputy Guild,

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, and Section 3-305 (b) (7). The topic of discussion was pending or potential litigation pertaining to the City Dock Project.

No Actions/Votes were taken in closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the closed session was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk

Ceremonial Items

[ID-35-26](#)

Proclamation honoring Ellen O. Moyer, former Annapolis mayor

Mayor Littmann presented the proclamation to Ms. Moyer.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**Update from Mayor**

Mayor Littmann presented his update.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Arthur Roberts, 108 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Matthew Wallace, 701 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Mayor Littmann declared comments from the general public closed.

Council Discussion

[ID-36-26](#)

Houseboats & House Barges

Harbormaster Bellis, Deputy Harbormaster Northfield, Waterside Operation Jacobs and Shoreside Operations Nold were present and answered questions from the council.

[ID-37-26](#)

Short-term Rental Enforcement

Acting City Manager Buckland was present and answered questions from the council.

Planning and Zoning Director Jakubiak and John Menassa were present and answered questions from the council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Journal Proceedings

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve Consent Calendar item CCM 1.12.26 Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED

End of Consent Calendar

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

Ordinances

[O-2-26](#)**Mooring Requirements in City Waters**

For the purpose of clarifying that moorings may not be installed within 75 feet of another mooring or a structure rather than applying the 75 foot measurement from the moored vessel and clarifying that all transient mooring balls are owned by the City and are not private; allowing the Harbormaster to adopt rules and regulations consistent with Title 15 of the Code of the City of Annapolis as to the types and lengths of vessels that may use any mooring in City waters; updating the definition of "mooring(s)"; and generally related to mooring requirements in City waters.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Smith-Brown moved to adopt O-2-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Littmann referred O-2-26 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Littmann referred O-2-26 to the Board of Port Wardens.

Mayor Littmann referred O-2-26 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

Resolutions[R-4-26](#)**Extending the Public Paddlecraft Rack Pilot Project**

For the purpose of extending a City of Annapolis pilot project; allowing a public paddlecraft rack in a street-end city park located on the City's waterfront; lowering the paddlecraft rack fee; and generally related to the paddlecraft pilot project.

Sponsors: Littmann and Savidge

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt R-4-26 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor littmann referred R-4-26 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Littmann Referred R-4-26 to the Maritime Advisory Board.

SECOND READERS**Ordinances**[O-41-25](#)**FY 2026 Changes in Exempt Service Job Classification**

For the purpose of updating the classification grades for City employees in exempt service positions; and generally related to City employee salaries for exempt service positions.

Sponsors: Littmann

Alderman Thorp moved to adopt O-41-25 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-41-25 until Monday, February 23, 2026 A roll call vote was taken. The motion DEFEATED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Contee and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 4 - Mayor Littmann, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Thorp

Absent: 1 - Alderman Huntley

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Smith-Brown

Chief of Staff Neilye was present and answered questions from the council. Acting City Manager Buckland was also present and answered questions from the council.

Alderman Savidge moved to amend O-41-25 as follows:

Amendment #1: -

On page 3, line 1, insert the following:

3.08.080 – Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff — Duties and Limitations.

A. Purpose.

The Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff serve within the Mayor's Office to support the Mayor's policy, communications, and intergovernmental functions.

These positions shall operate in a manner consistent with the Charter's allocation

of executive, legislative, and administrative authority.

Strike this section:

"B. Non-supervision of departments.

The Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff shall have no authority to hire, fire,

discipline, promote, demote, transfer, evaluate, or direct department heads or

employees outside the Mayor's Office.

They shall not issue operational directives to departments, alter departmental workflows, or assume any duties reserved by Charter or ordinance to the City Manager."

C. Coordination with departments.

Any coordination with departments shall be limited to convening meetings, facilitating communication, tracking progress on mayoral initiatives, and reporting to the Mayor or City Manager.

Operational control of departments remains vested in the City Manager.

D. Council access.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require Council members to communicate with the Mayor only through the Chief of Staff or Deputy Chief of

Staff.

Council members retain direct access to the Mayor and to City staff as provided

by the Charter and City Code.

The Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff shall not condition, limit, or filter Council access to information or staff.

E. Intergovernmental representation.

The Mayor is the principal representative of the City in intergovernmental affairs.

The Chief of Staff or Deputy Chief of Staff may represent the City in such matters

only at the Mayor's direction.

Any delegation of intergovernmental authority shall be in writing, filed with the

City Clerk, and shall identify the scope and duration of the delegation.

F. Prohibited duties.

The Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff shall not:

1. Exercise procurement authority;
2. Conduct or direct personnel investigations or disciplinary actions outside the Mayor's Office;
3. Bind the City contractually or financially;
4. Direct day-to-day departmental operations; or
5. Perform any function assigned by Charter to the City Manager.

G. Job description approval.

The final job descriptions for the Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff shall be submitted to the City Council for DELETE "approval by resolution" comment prior to hiring or appointment.

H. Reporting.

The Chief of Staff or Deputy Chief of Staff shall provide quarterly written reports to the City Council summarizing activities involving departmental coordination, intergovernmental engagements, and Council liaison work. **Seconded. DEFEATED on a roll call vote:**

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Savidge

Nay: 6 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee and Alderman Thorp

Absent: 1 - Alderman Huntley

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-41-25 on third reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Littmann, Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee and Alderman Thorp

Nay: 2 - Alderwoman O'Neill and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Huntley

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 pm.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk