



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Monday, May 12, 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 Schandelmeier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Buckley.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

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 Gay moved to **APPROVE** the **AGENDA** as amended to **ADD A City Council Citation for the Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region. Seconded. CARRIED** on voice vote.

Ceremonial Items

[ID-90-25](#)

Citation - Save Our Trees

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-98-25](#)

Proclamation - International Firefighters' Day, 2025

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-99-25](#)

Proclamation - Public Service Recognition Week, May 5-11, 2025

This Ceremonial Item was presented.

[ID-106-25](#)

The ARC of the Central Chesapeake Region

This Informational Item was presented.

PETITIONS, REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Update from Mayor

Good evening everyone!

I want to start out by thanking everyone who organized, participated in, and attended this weekend's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade and African Diaspora Festival on Saturday. These events take a lot of work to put on, and its gratifying when the public comes out to embrace the sense of community these events inspire.

We have a couple of other parades coming up: the Memorial Day parade is on Monday, the 26th and the Annapolis Pride parade is on Saturday the 31st. We hope to see you all out along the parade route!

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This Thursday at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, the County's Department of Aging is hosting an "Older Americans Month" celebration with resource fair, raffle prizes and live entertainment. The event is open to any 55 and up resident. If you'd like to get the complimentary lunch, you'll need to register - visit the County website - it's free! The time is 11 am to 2 pm on Thursday the 15th.

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Mark your calendars for the 28th of May when we will dedicate the Parren J. Mitchell memorial on the grounds of the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.

Congressman Mitchell was a trailblazer - the first African American to represent Maryland in the United States House of Representatives, he was a tireless champion for civil rights, fair housing, and minority businesses. He was one of the founding members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

A side note: his nephew, former State Sen. Michael Mitchell, was once arrested in Annapolis for a sit-in at a segregated restaurant. You know who he called to bail him out? None other than Roger "Pip" Moyer! Join us at 1 p.m. on the 28th at the Pip Moyer Rec Center for the reveal and dedication!

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Next week is Commissioning Week for the United States Naval Academy class of 2025. First off, to the midshipmen who began their plebe summer in the middle of the Covid pandemic - Congratulations!

The Blue Angels will arrive on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and do a practice from 1 to 3 p.m. On Wednesday, the Blue Angels will do their show from 1 to 3 p.m. and then on Friday, the mids will graduate at the Commissioning Ceremony at Navy Stadium, which is a ticketed event.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be some parking restrictions in Eastport - to allow emergency vehicles to get all the way through to Horn Point. Please be alert to posted signage.

In downtown, expect heavy traffic and full garages. Best bet if you're coming downtown to see the Blue Angels is to park at Park Place and take the free magenta shuttle. Please also note that to get onto the Yard, there are new, stricter requirements for identification. Please visit [USNA.edu](https://usna.edu) for details.

The Johnnies held their commencement on Saturday and we also recognize the St. Johns College class of 2025 as well as our Annapolis High School graduates. Congrats to all of you!

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And lastly, I'd like us to take a moment to remember Charles Robinson "Sunny" Smith Jr., whom Gary Jobson called "a Giant within the sport of sailing and a transformative leader for Annapolis Yacht Club."

Smith passed quietly in his sleep on April 23. He was 98 years old and had recently been honored as the longest-tenured member in AYC history.

Smith, a 7th generation Annapolitan, got into sailing when he was just 8 years old. A graduate of Annapolis High, he joined AYC at 18 years old before enlisting in the Army and serving in the Phillipines during World War II. He served twice as AYC commodore, courageously presiding over the removal of racial requirements for membership in the early 1970s. He recently got a pin for having been a member for 80 years!

Smith is survived by his first mate Anne. Let's share a moment of remembrance.

Now let's get on with our meeting.

Reports by Committees

Standing Committee Dates:

Transportation Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
4:00 PM

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

[ID-104-25](#)

Finance Committee FY 2026 Budget Report

This Informational Item was presented.

Comments by the General Public

Speakers:

Scott Shelton, 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Philip Ateto, 1800 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Erin McCopp, 1309 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Francesca King, 1306 Homewood Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Mayor Buckley declared comments from the general public closed.

Comments by the General Public

Alderman Savidge requested that the following citizens who presented testimony during comments from the general public be added to the speaker list for the public hearing on Ordinance O-10-25:

Speakers:

Neilye Garrity, 518 First street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Alex Severiano Castro, 1008 Monroe Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Allison Lehmann, 1 Perry Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Nola McCamley, 617 Admiral Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Stan Womack, 21 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
George Garrett, 450 Captains Circle #104, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Emily Tomasini, 212 Eastern Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
MacKenzie Corum, Address not given.
Tim Dewitt, 1905 Dulaney Place, Annapolis, Maryland 21409.
Jeremiah Batucan, 101 Kingswood Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
Erin McCobb, Address not given.:

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 4.14.25](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Arnett moved to approve CCM 4.14.25. 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

[CCM 4.28.25](#) Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Arnett moved to approve CCM 4.28.25. 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

Reports to Council

[ID-103-25](#)

Task Force to Study Marine Vessels - Report to Council, May 6, 2026

Alderman Arnett moved to receive ID-103-25. 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

End of Consent Calendar

PUBLIC HEARINGS

O-10-25

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, 2026, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, June 30, 2030, and June 30, 2031; appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; levying and imposing a property tax for the use of the City of Annapolis for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and fixing the rate of the City property tax for the taxable year.

Sponsors: Buckley

Speakers:

Neilye Garrity, 518 First street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Alex Severiano Castro, 1008 Monroe Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
Allison Lehmann, 1 Perry Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.
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Mayor Buckley accepted into the record the Planning Commission Findings dated May 8, 2025 for O-10-25.

Mayor Buckley declared the public hearing on O-10-25 closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FIRST READERS

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

Alderman O'Neill moved to adopt O-6-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-6-25 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-8-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-25 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-25 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-25 to the Rules and City Government Committee..

Mayor Buckley referred O-8-25 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

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-12-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-12-25 to the Economic Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-12-25 to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-12-25 to the Financial Advisory Commission..

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

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to adopt O-13-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-13-25 to the Rules & City Government Committee

Mayor Buckley referred O-13-25 to the Finance Committee..

O-14-25**Implementation of Annapolis Ahead Comprehensive Plan, 2040**

For the purpose of implementing the adopted Comprehensive Plan; in Planned Development Chapter 21.24, revising the purpose statements and approving criteria for planned development by linking them to the Comprehensive Plan's goals and community benefits, increasing the share of a planned development that may be devoted to a mix of land uses, allowing for increases in the number of housing units in certain planned developments; revising the definition of common open space and expanding the required percentage of such space in planned developments; in Residential Districts Chapter 21.40, more strictly defining how to compute the size of a house in the R2-NC district; in Terms and Definition Chapter 21.72, updating the definitions of "Floor area" and "Half Story"; in Heights and Bulk Limits Chapter 21.56, updating what appurtenances and types of structure are allowed to project above certain maximum height limits; in Parking and Loading Regulation Chapter 21.66, clarifying the off-street parking exception in the C2 and C2A district so its applicable to all buildings sizes not just those under 20,000 square feet in size; in Certificate of Approval-Commission Decision Chapter 21.56, replacing references to the Department of Public Works with the Department of Planning and Zoning; and generally related to comprehensive plan updates in Title 21.

Sponsors: Buckley, Arnett, Finlayson, Schandelmeier and Gay

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-14-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred O-14-25 to the Environmental Matters Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-14-25 to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Mayor Buckley referred O-14-25 to the Housing and Human Welfare Committee..

Mayor Buckley referred O-14-25 to the Planning Commission.

Resolutions

[R-22-25](#)

City Sponsored Special Events in Fiscal Year 2026

For the purpose of identifying City Supported Special Events in Fiscal Year 2026 and waiving certain related City fees for those events.

Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-22-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Mayor Buckley referred R-22-25 to the Finance Committee.

[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.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-24-25 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

SECOND READERS

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

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Alderman Gay moved to adopt R-2-25 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Nay: 2 - Alderman Huntley and Alderwoman O'Neill

Alderman Savidge requested that R-2-25 be included in the budget as an amendments.

[R-38-24](#)**Condemnation and Possession of Real Property at 245 West Street**

- For the purpose of authorizing the condemnation and possession of real property at 245 West Street in the City of Annapolis; removing a severe public health and safety hazard related to a blighted and vacant lot; and working toward construction of affordable housing on the same blighted and vacant lot.

Sponsors: Buckley, Savidge, Gay and Huntley

Mayor Buckley moved to withdraw R-38-24 without objection. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Buckley, Alderman Huntley, Alderwoman O'Neill, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderman Savidge and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderman Gay

Abstain: 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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