

As I look ahead, I will continue to build on our accomplishments, creating the foundation for my long-term initiatives, including flood hazard mitigation and comprehensive parking solutions.

Tidal and nuisance flooding in Annapolis has increasingly become our top priority and is our top legislative ask for FY17. I am committed to seeking funding from both federal and state agencies to ensure the city is prepared for the next Hurricane Sandy or Isabelle. This is not something we can do overnight. It will take time and money to do the studies and create designs for how Annapolis can best serve its businesses and residents by protecting them from property loss due to flooding in the Historic District. Money for flood mitigation was our number one state legislative request in 2015 and will again be our priority in 2016.

Regarding parking, we are currently reviewing bids for our comprehensive parking initiative. The scope of services includes operating and managing all the municipal garage facilities and two surface lots, on-street parking enforcement and collection services, parking citation issuance, processing and collection, parking permit issuance and management, parking utilization analysis, and shuttle services. This initiative will put all the parking services under one roof, while offering 21st century parking options that will benefit our city residents, local businesses and visitors.

I have to honestly say, I can't believe that two years has already gone by. Still, when I look at what this city has accomplished in the past two years, I am proud and humbled at the same time.

The programs, services and projects that we have put in place over the past two years, along with the cost savings and right sizing of government is a sign of my ongoing commitment to put "Annapolitans First."

Our progress is a testimony to the participation of the many citizens who served on the transition teams, who came to my Open Door sessions and offered their suggestions and those whom have offered their advice before the City Council. As your mayor for the next two years, I'm committed to continue the policies which have improved the quality of life for Annapolitans and to look forward with vision to future improvements of our great city.

Warmest Regards,

Michael Pantelides