

# City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401*



## **Standing Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers**

**Housing and Human Welfare**

1. Call To Order

**Chairwoman Henson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.**

2. Roll Call

**Present:** 2 - Alderwoman Henson and Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

3. Approval of Agenda (any changes to the agenda should be made here)

**Alderwoman Tierney moved to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Henson and Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

4. Business before Committee

**a. Approval of Minutes**

[HHW02.19.1](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting  
[9](#)

**Alderwoman Tierney moved to approve. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Henson and Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

**b. Annual Election of Committee Chair**

**Alderwoman Tierney moved to approve the re-election of Alderwoman Henson as the Chair of the Housing and Human Welfare Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Henson and Alderwoman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

[ID-405-18](#) Development Update: Planning & Zoning

Planning and Zoning Director Gutwald was present and answered questions from the committee.

5. Legislation before Committee

[R-45-18](#)

**2018 Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study** - For the purpose of adopting the Forest Drive/Eastport Sector Study as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.

Amendment 1

Amend 2.2.4 to show more specific demographic information.  
p. 21

Amendment 2

Clarify the discussion of incentives by adding additional language and examples on p. 41.

3.2 Zoning and Approval Process

The primary issues under this theme include addressing outdated zoning that reinforces the suburban

character of the corridor. In order to encourage new development to meet specific policy goals, the City

can incentivize certain types of projects through a variety of practices. Typical incentive programs

include:

⌚ The use of public funds for tax breaks, building supporting infrastructure, or workforce development. This includes tax increment financing (TIF), a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment where future property tax revenue increases are diverted for a specific amount of time.

⌚ Simplifying the approval process with priority permitting and fee waivers. This includes allowing administrative approval for a process that would otherwise require approval by the Board of Appeals or Planning Commission.

⌚ Allowing tolerances to bulk regulations as a trade-off for a specific amenity. This includes allowing more density or floor area ratio (FAR) for a project compared to the underlying zoning.

Amendment 3

On p. 53, Table Four: Community Character Designation Comparison, add text to indicate MPDUs are required in Urban Center, Urban Commercial, Urban Center Low, and Urban Village Center.

Under “Intensity/Density Range” add text to each row that states: MPDUs required in this Community Character Designation.

## Amendment 4

Break out unemployment and employment data demographically

On p. 28, add new text to the end of Section 2.2.5: There is variability in the City among different race

and ethnicity groups in terms of unemployment and employments rates, as shown in the figures below.

**Alderman Tierney moved to approve amendments. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderman Henson and Alderman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

**Alderman Tierney moved to recommend with amendments. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderman Henson and Alderman Tierney

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Rodriguez

## 6. Adjournment

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

**Teekia Green  
City Council Associate**