

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

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

Economic Matters Committee

Call To Order

Alderman Schandelmeier called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Savidge

Absent: 1 - Alderman Gay

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

Alderman Savidge moved to adopt as amended to adjust the agenda in the following order: O-20-25, O-19-25, O-17-25, O-12-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Business and Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

[EMC 5.21.25](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [EMC 5.21.25](#)

Alderman Savidge moved to approve EMC 5.21.25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Legislation

[O-20-25](#)**Sale of City-Owned Property at 932 Spa Road and 935 Spa Road, Lot 1**

For the purpose of approving the sale of City-owned property at 932 Spa Road and 935 Spa Road, Lot 1 to the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.; for expressly authorizing said sale to be made a private sale and not at public auction; and all matters related to said sale.

Sponsors: Buckley

Attachments: [O-20-25 First Reader](#)

[O-20-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-20-25 Staff Report](#)

[O-20-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-20-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-20-25 Attachment 1 - Spa Road Environmental Summary](#)

[O-20-25 Attachment 2 - Phase II Environmental Study Assessment](#)

[O-20-25 Attachment 3 - Annapolis Heritage Commission Presentation](#)

[O-20-25 Exhibit 1 - Property Map](#)

[O-20-25 Exhibit 2 - Subdivision Plat for Parcel 859 \(935 Spa Rd\)](#)

[R-20-22 SIGNED](#)

[O-20-25 Amendment 1 - Savidge \(for Environmental Matters Cmte\)](#)

[O-20-25 Amendment 2 - Buckley](#)

[O-20-25 \(b&w\)](#)

[O-20-25 \(color\)](#)

Alderman Arnett, Alderman Huntley, City Manager for Resilience & Sustainability Guild, Assistant City Attorney Leonard, Public Works Civil Engineer De Matto, Vice Chair Annapolis Heritage Commission Warden, and Director of Operations Resilience Authority Alexander were present to answer questions from the committee.

Alderman Savidge requested Legislative Policy Analyst Reuter draft amendments for O-20-25 and have them prepared for the joint meeting between Rules & City Government Committee and Environmental Matters Committee on July 23rd, 2025.

Alderman Savidge moved to no action taken. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-19-25](#)**Regulation of Tours in Historic Annapolis**

For the purpose of regulating walking tours operated by tour companies in the Annapolis Historic District; requiring a City business license, and insurance coverage; ensuring the protection of historic buildings and spaces; requiring free-flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and generally related to business licenses of tour operators in the City.

Sponsors: Huntley

Attachments: [O-19-25 First Reader](#)
[O-19-25 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-19-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)
[O-19-25 Staff Report](#)
[O-19-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[O-19-25 Amendment 1 - Huntley](#)

Amendment #1 - Alderman Savidge moved to recommend Amendment #1 favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Guest Speakers:

Alderman Savidge requested to recommend the sponsor bring forth amendments to the full Council to address the Economic Matters Committee concerns.

Alderman Savidge moved to no action taken on O-19-25. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

[O-17-25](#)**Limiting Short-term Rentals per Blockface**

For the purpose of limiting the number of short-term rentals in the City to 10% of the residences in a blockface; defining blockface; and generally dealing with short-term rentals in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Huntley

Attachments: [O-17-25 First Reader](#)
[O-17-25 Legislative Summary](#)
[O-17-25 Staff Report](#)
[O-17-25 Staffing Impact Report](#)
[O-17-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)
[O-17-25 Amendment 1 - Savidge](#)
[O-17-25 Amendment 2 - Savidge](#)
[O-17-25 Amendment 3 - Savidge](#)
[O-17-25 Amendment 4 - Savidge](#)

Alderman Arnett, Alderman Huntley and Assistant City Attorney Leonard were present from the committee.

Amendment #1 - Alderman Savidge moved to Recommend Amendment #1 Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #2 - Alderman Savidge requested Assistant City Attorney Leonard see if "owner occupancy" definition is needed for the legislation. Alderman Savidge moved to Recommend Amendment #2 Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #4 - The committee requested Planning & Zoning share more information on "Lottery Commencement". No action taken. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #5 - No action taken. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Savidge moved to Recommend O-17-25 Favorably as amended. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Attachments: [O-12-25 First Reader](#)

[O-12-25 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-12-25 Fiscal Impact Note](#)

[O-12-25 Staff Report updated](#)

[O-14-25 Staffing Impact Report updated](#)

Alderman Savidge moved to postpone O-12-25 until the next meeting September 17th, 2025. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

General DiscussionID-23-25

Economic Development Update

Attachments: [Economic Matters Office of Economic Development December 2024 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development February 2025 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development March 2025 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development April 2025 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development May 2025 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development June 2025 Report](#)

[Economic Matters Office of Economic Development July 2025 Report](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier presented the Economic Development Update for Small and Minority Business Enterprise (SMBE) Liaison Stewart.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

**Kalyn Jackson
City Council Associate**

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