



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Special Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, March 24, 2014

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Pantelides called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Invocation

Alderman Kirby invited Reverend Dr. Willie Mason, 1808 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing Second Baptist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Pantelides.

Roll Call

Tonight's roll call begins with Alderman Arnett.

- Present:** 8 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

Approval of Agenda

To include a Proclamation recognizing the 46th anniversary of the 1968 Landmark Fair Housing Act, Resolutions R-3-14 – A Committee to Explore the Possibility of Acquiring 110 Compromise Street on 2nd Reader, and R-16-14 - Regional Transit on 1st Reader before petition, reports and communications.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The order of the agenda was amended to allow for.....

Proclamation

*Mayor Pantelides invited Alderman Kirby as Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee to read the following into the record:
A Proclamation recognizing the 46th Anniversary of the 1968 Landmark Fair Housing Act*

WHEREAS, The 1968 Fair Housing Act, which guarantees the right of all citizens to dwell in the neighborhood of their choice, is one of the most important components of

our national civil rights policy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Annapolis Human Relation Commission, which enforces the City Fair Housing Ordinance, has created a fair housing brochure; has established a fair housing speakers bureau; has conducted outreach activities to groups and organizations, primarily those in minority communities, about the protections in federal, state and city fair housing statutes; has offered help to Annapolis residents who have experienced discrimination; and has worked with Baltimore Neighborhoods Inc. to maintain a landlord/tenant hotline for Annapolitans; and

WHEREAS, In pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all, the City of Annapolis joins in the national celebration of Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, This month, we encourage all citizens of the City to join with the City of Annapolis Human Relation Commission and the Maryland Commission on Human Relations in observing the spirit of the Maryland Fair Housing Law.

Now, therefore, I, Michael Pantelides, Mayor of the City of Annapolis, Maryland do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014 to be FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the City of Annapolis and call upon all the citizens thereof to redouble their appreciation for service to one's community and fellow man as the highest calling one can heed.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis this month of May in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen

Legislative Action

B. First Reader

R-16-14 Regional Transit - For the purpose of expressing the sense of the City Council that the concept of regional transit warrants further exploration with the jurisdictions that are interested in pursuing a regional transportation entity.

Sponsors: Pantelides and Budge

Mayor Pantelides referred to the Transportation Board, Finance and Transportation Committees, and the Financial Advisory Commission.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

Alderman Budge moved to adopt R-16-14 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Petitions, Reports and Communications

A. Reports by Committee

B. Comments by the General Public

Dennis J. Hoyle, 2089 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 requested that his written comments be entered into the record.

Jerome Tucker, 1744 Wood Tree Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21409 Representing

AFSCME Local 3406 spoke briefly on the Regional Transit Proposal.

Kory Blake, 1410 Bush Street, Suite A., Baltimore, Maryland 21230 Assistant to Executive Director representing AFSCME spoke on Regionalization of Local Transit and First Transit.

Howard Johnson, Jr., 779 Annapolis Neck Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 spoke on Regionalization of Local Transit and his position as a Parking Enforcement Officer being eliminated.

Rosa Fuller, 3 Cherry Road, Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke on her position as the Transportation Inspector being eliminated and the letter she received from the Human Resources Office.

Constance Ramirez, 211 Scott Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 member of the Annapolis Heritage Commission thanked the Council for creating the commission and funding it.

Mary Ewenson, 139 Pine Cove Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing Annapolis Boat Shows spoke in favor of R-3-14.

Mayor Pantelides entered into the record written testimony from Dennis J. Hoyle, 2089 Forest Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 dated 3/24/14, and "LWV" League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County dated 3/24/14.

Mayor Pantelides declared petitions, reports and communications closed.

Public Hearings

O-4-14

Lease of City Dock Space to Chesapeake Marine Tours - For the purpose of authorizing for fiscal year 2020 the lease of certain municipal property located at the City Dock to Chesapeake Marine Tours, Inc. for the docking and mooring of certain boats.

Sponsors: Pantelides, Budge, Paone, Littmann, Pfeiffer and Arnett

Assistant City Attorney Elson gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Council. Acting Recreation And Parks Director and Harbor Master Walters was also present and answered questions from Council.

Spoke in favor of ordinance:

Debbie Gosselin, 980 Awald Drive, Suite 202, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing Chesapeake Marine Tours.

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Aldерwoman Finlayson requested her name be added as a sponsor.

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing closed.

R-9-14

An Ad Hoc Committee to Study the 2013 Municipal Election and Make Recommendations, If Needed, to Improve the City Code, Structure, and Procedures for City Elections - For the purpose of establishing an ad hoc committee to study the 2013 municipal election and make recommendations, if needed, to improve the City Code, structure, and procedures for elections in the City of Annapolis.

Sponsors: Littmann, Pindell Charles, Pantelides, Budge, Pfeiffer, Kirby, Finlayson and Arnett

Spoke on the resolution:

Steven Conn, 1111 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Meg Moffat, 203 Chesapeake Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the resolution.

Alderman Paone requested his name be added as a sponsor.

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing closed.

Legislative Actions

B. First Readers

- O-10-14** Legal Counsel to Board of Supervisors of Elections - For the purpose of authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Elections to engage outside legal counsel during specified periods of time in the municipal election cycle.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Mayor Pantelides referred to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-10-14 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- O-11-14** Lease of Public Parking Lots to FRESHFARM Markets, Inc. - For the purpose of authorizing a lease of municipal property located at 110 Compromise Street from May 4, 2014 through November 23, 2014 (with the exception of October 12, 2014 and October 19, 2014 for the Fall Boat Shows) to FRESHFARM Markets, Inc.

Sponsors: Budge

Mayor Pantelides referred to the Economic Matters and the Rules and City Government Committees.

Alderman Budge moved to adopt O-11-14 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- R-14-14** Special Event Applications - For the purpose of authorizing City Council approval of selected special events per R-14-12, implementing a moratorium on administrative approvals for events at City Dock; designating specific dates for the sale of merchandise in the Historic District in conjunction with only the approved special events; waiving City fees for the USNA Band Concert Series; and the reimbursement of full fees to the City for the cost associated with the other approved events.

Sponsors: Budge

Mayor Pantelides referred to the Economic Matters and Finance Committees.

Alderman Budge moved to adopt R-14-14 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- R-15-14** City Manager Recruitment - For the purpose of expressing the sense of the City Council to utilize the services of an executive search firm or executive search consultant to assist with a nationwide search for candidates and recruitment for the position of City Manager.

Sponsors: Arnett, Finlayson, Pindell Charles, Littmann, Budge, Pfeiffer and Kirby

Mayor Pantelides referred to the Rules and City Government Committee.

Alderman Littmann moved to adopt R-15-14 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

Legislative Action

A. Second Reader

- R-3-14** A Committee to Explore the Possibility of Acquiring 110 Compromise Street - For the purpose of expressing the intent of the City of Annapolis to explore the possibility of acquiring the property located at 110 Compromise Street.

Sponsors: Finlayson, Arnett, Pindell Charles, Pfeiffer and Kirby

Alderman Budge moved to adopt R-3-14 on second reader. Seconded.

Alderman Budge moved to amend R-3-14. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment:

On page 2 lines 9-39 delete the last 4 whereas clauses and the therefore clause and replace with:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City Council shall appoint a committee to explore the possibility of acquiring the property located at 110 Compromise Street. The five member Committee will be comprised of the Aldermen representing Wards 1 and 8, the City Manager, a real estate attorney, and a professional developer. The Committee shall be chaired by the Alderman from Ward 1 and confirmed by the City Council at the April 7, 2014 meeting. The Directors of Public Works, Finance, Planning and Zoning, the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs, City Attorney, and the Economic Development Corporation will be brought in on an as needed basis. Other resources and expertise may be requested as needed by the Committee.

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that if the Committee recommends that the purchase of the Property is economically feasible and beneficial to the City, at a price agreed upon with the current owners of the property, then the Committee shall work with the City Council to propose legislation necessary to complete the potential transaction to serve the objectives outlined in this resolution.

Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-3-14 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett

Business and Miscellaneous

AP-01-14 Appointment of Brian Kelm to the Transportation Board

Alderman Budge moved to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Brian R. Kelm to the Transportation Board. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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