

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

4:00 PM

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

Rules & City Government Committee

1. Call To Order

Chairman Arnett called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

2. Business before Committee

a. Appointments and reappointments to Committees

[AP-1-15](#) The Reappointment of Cynthia Towle-Krewson to the Arts in Public Places Commission

Attachments: [Appointment Letter & Resume](#)

Arts in Public Places Commission, Chair, Moyer spoke favorably of the reappointment of Cynthia Towle- Krewson, and answered questions from the committee.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

[AP-2-15](#) The Reappointment of Christian Zazzali to the Board of Appeals

Attachments: [Appointment Letter & Resume](#)

Chief of Comprehensive Planning Nash addressed the committee regarding the credentials, and reappointment of Mr. Christian Zazzali to the Building Board of Appeals.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

[AP-3-15](#) The Appointment of Barbara Salazar Torreon to the Arts in Public Places Commission

Attachments: [Appointment Letter, Resume & Bio](#)

Ms. Barbara Salazar- Torreon spoke on her qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

3. Legislation before Committee

[O-30-14](#) A Modification To Parking Requirements And Adding As A Permitted Use In The B1 District The Use: Commercial, Trade, Vocational, Music, Dance,

Or Art Schools - For the purpose of implementing the West Annapolis Sector Study.

Attachments: [O-30-14 West Annapolis Modification of Parking Requirements.docx](#)

[O-30-14 Staff Report.docx](#)

[O-30-14 Fiscal Impact Note.pdf](#)

[O-30-14 PC Findings.pdf](#)

[O-30-14 Paone Amendment.docx](#)

[O-30-14 Transportation Bd Findings.pdf](#)

[O-30-14 Signed.pdf](#)

Chief of Comprehensive Planning Nash gave a presentation on O-30-14, and answered questions from the committee.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to postpone O-30-14. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

R-3-15

The Parking Authorities Act - For the purpose of respectfully requesting that the Maryland General Assembly amend Section 18-103 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland so that the Parking Authorities Act shall be applicable to the City of Annapolis.

Attachments: [R-3-15 Parking Authority.doc](#)

[R-3-15 Staff Report.docx](#)

[R-3-15 Fiscal Impact Note.pdf](#)

[Finance Committee Amendment to R-3-15.docx](#)

[Senate Bill 540](#)

[House Bill 809](#)

[Rules Committee Approved Amendments to R.docx](#)

[R-3-15 TB Recommendation.pdf](#)

Ombudsman Agee gave an presentation on the R-3-15. City Attorney Leahy was present, and answered questions from the committee.

City Clerk Watkins- Eldridge spoke regarding the proposed amendments.

Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to recommend with the following Amendments.

Amendment #1

Line 4-5 and line 29: Strike City of Annapolis and Insert Maryland Municipalities

Amendment #2

Line 32 and 33:Strike after " on line to 32 to " on line 33 and insert certain counties

Amendment #3

Line 35 in its entirety from City of Annapolis to Line 37 Authorizing Act and insert Maryland Municipal League seek, the same enabling authority for all Maryland Municipalities

Amendment #4

Line 39 through line 42: Strike in entirety and insert Senate Bill 540 and House Bill 809 establishes such enabling authority for all Maryland Municipalities Amendment #5

Line 46 and after: Strike after City of Annapolis the paragraph in its entirety and insert Join with the Maryland Municipal League in supporting the passage of Senate bill 540 and House Bill 809.

. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

[O-36-14](#)

Building Board of Appeals Member Qualifications - For the purpose of amending the membership qualifications of the Building Board of Appeals so that at least one member has a working knowledge in the fields of forest conservation and environmental matters.

Attachments: [O-36-14 BBOA Member Requirement.docx](#)

[1993 BOCA Code](#)

[O-36-14 Staff Report.pdf](#)

[O-36-14 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

[O-36-14 LittmannAmendment.docx](#)

[O-36-14 BBOA Qualifications.doc](#)

[O-36-14 ArnettAmendment.docx](#)

Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs Director Broadbent gave a presentation on O-36-14.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to recommend unfavorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderwoman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

[O-8-15](#)

Keeping or Maintaining Chickens Within the City of Annapolis - For the purpose of eliminating the sunset provision set forth in Ordinance 53-11 Amended pertaining to keeping or maintaining chickens within the City of Annapolis.

Attachments: [O-8-15 Chickens.doc](#)

[O-8-15 Staff Report.docx](#)

[O-8-15 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

[O-8-15 Rules Amendment.docx](#)

[O-8-15 Georgetown Elementary Favorable Testimony](#)

[O-8-15 Germantown Elementary Unfavorable Testimony](#)

[O-8-15 GE Supplemental Testimony For Chickens](#)

[O-8-15 GE Supplemental Testimony Against Chickens.pdf](#)

[O-8-15 Littmann Amendment.doc](#)

[O-8-15 Signed.pdf](#)

Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs Director Broadbent gave a

presentation on O-8-15.

Isabel LaRosa 36 Porter Drive, Annapolis Maryland 21401 spoke in support of the legislation.

Laura LaRosa 36 Porter Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 also spoke in support of the legislation.

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to recommend with the following Amendments.

Rules & City Government Committee Amendment

Amendment #1:

Page 2, Line 14, insert the following:

SECTION III: AND BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

8.04.010 - Maintaining animals.

A. No person shall keep or maintain any mule, cow, calf, cattle, sheep, swine or poultry, with the exception of chickens, no roosters, within the City.

1. A maximum of five chickens are allowed on any one property.

2. All persons shall provide their chickens with a sturdy coop and an attached, secure enclosure set back at least five feet from the property line.

3. All persons keeping chickens shall receive approval from all abutting owners of their intent to keep chickens using the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs backyard chicken registry and approval form. Prior to keeping any chickens, said form shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs along with accompanying fees and approved inspection.

4. THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 ABOVE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL APRIL 9, 2020 UNLESS THIS SECTION IS EARLIER AMENDED, MODIFIED OR REPEALED. ON THAT DATE, ALL PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE.

B. No person shall keep or maintain any animal within the City for the purpose of human consumption, except where the animal is maintained for the purpose of consumption as part of a religious observance.

Amendment #2:

Page 2, Lines 15 through 17, amend as follows:

SECTION III IV: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

EXPLANATION:

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

Strikethrough indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderwoman Finlayson

Nay: 1 - Alderman Arnett

[O-7-15](#)

City Grants to Non-Profit Organizations - For the purpose of revising City priorities for making operating and/or capital grants to non-profit organizations under the Community Grant Program; and revising the qualifying criteria and reporting process for recipients of operating and/or capital Community Grant Program grants.

Attachments: [O-7-15 CommunityGrants.docx](#)
[O-7-15 Staff Report.docx](#)
[O-7-15 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)
[O-7-15 Pindell Charles Amendment.docx](#)
[O-7-15 Finance Cmte Amendment.docx](#)
[O-7-15 Signed.pdf](#)

City Attorney Leahy gave a presentation on O-7-15, and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Finlayson moved to postpone O-7-14 pending additional information from the Office of Law.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

O-9-15 Transportation Board Quorum - For the purpose of establishing a quorum of the Transportation Board as a simple majority of the sworn members.

Attachments: [O-9-15 Transportation Board Quorum.docx](#)
[O-9-15 Staff Report.docx](#)
[O-9-15 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)
[O-9-15 Rules Amendment.docx](#)
[O-9-15 Transportation Board Recommendation.pdf](#)
[O-9-15 Signed.pdf](#)

City Attorney Leahy gave a presentation on O-9-15, and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Finlayson moved to recommend with the following Amendment.

Amendment #1

Page 3, Section D, Number 1, Line 33

A Quorum, Comprises a simple majority of the sworn members, or 5 whichever is greater, and such a quorum is necessary to conduct business.

. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

Business before Committee

b. Approval of Minutes

RCG021015 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Attachments: [February 10, 2015](#)

Alderman Finlayson moved to approve. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Pindell Charles, Alderman Finlayson and Alderman Arnett

4. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

**Cyndi Gaines
City Council Associate**