

# City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401*



## Standing Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

**Present:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

2 Legislation before Committee

[O-5-17](#)

Equal Protection Of Law In Annapolis - For the purpose of amending the Code of the City of Annapolis to incorporate provisions applicable to City employees in the performance of their duties and to establish an additional mechanism for sanctioning employees failing to fulfill their duties in accordance with applicable City, State and Federal laws.

**Attachments:** [O-5-17 Equal Protection of Law in Annapolis.docx](#)

[O-5-17 Staff Report.docx](#)

[O-5-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

*Acting Human Resources Director Hopkins spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

*Michael Keller representing the Human Relations Commission answered questions from the committee*

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles made a motion to reconsider the committee's vote on O-5-17. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

**Alderman Arnett moved to postpone action on O-5-17 so that the ordinance and resolution will continue to travel together. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

[R-7-17](#)

Equal Protection Commission - the purpose of creating a Commission to study and provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum to recommend and act to understand, mandate and enforce "equal protection under the law" in Annapolis; and all matters relating to said Commission.

**Attachments:** [R-7-17 -Equal Protection of Law Commission.docx](#)  
[R-7-17 Policy Statement.docx](#)  
[R-7-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

*Acting Human Resources Director Hopkins spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee*

*Michael Keller representing the Human Relations Commission spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

*Acting City Attorney Leonard spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

**Alderman Arnett moved to postpone action on R-7-17 pending some clarification on the resolution by the Office of Law. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

[CA-1-17](#)

Collection of Taxes - For the purpose of removing the 3-year limit for the City to collect property taxes; authorizing collection of taxes in the manner prescribed by the Annotated Code of Maryland; and removing the 3-year bar to recovery for taxes not timely collected.

**Attachments:** [CA-1-2017 Collection of Taxes.docx](#)  
[CA-1-2017 Staff Report.docx](#)  
[CA-1-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

*Finance Director Miller gave an overview of the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

[O-38-16](#)

Forest Conservation Reforestation - For the purpose of prohibiting certain development projects from cutting or clearing certain forests within the City of Annapolis unless the applicant offsets that loss with newly planted acreage; and providing for an appeal process.

**Attachments:** [O-38-16 FCA No Net Loss and Appeal.pdf](#)  
[O-38-16 Staff Report.docx](#)  
[O-38-16 AG Opinion.pdf](#)  
[O-38-16 Environmental Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)  
[O-38-16 Planning Commission Findings.pdf](#)  
[O-38-16 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)  
[O-38-16 Littmann Revised Proposed Amendments.docx](#)  
[Urban Tree Canopy.docx](#)

*Robert Waldman, 1001 Poplar Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

*Diane Butler representing the Environmental Commission spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

*Rob Savidge, 12 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

*Bevin Buchheister, Member of the Environmental Commission spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

**Alderman Pindell Charles moved to recommend with amendments 1-5 as attached. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Littmann was present discussed the amendments and answered questions from the committee.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

**O-12-17** Compensation of the Mayor, Aldermen/Alderwomen and City Manager - For the purpose of specifying compensation and allowances to be paid to the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in December, 2017; and for specifying compensation and allowances to be paid to the City Manager.

**Attachments:** [O-12-17 Council Compensation Ordinance.docx](#)  
[O-12-17 Revised Staff Report.docx](#)  
[R-3-17 2017 Compensation Commission Majority Report EXEC 2017-01-03.pdf](#)  
[R-3-17 2017 Compensation Commission Minority Report EXEC 2017.01.03.pdf](#)  
[O-12-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)  
[O-12-17 Pantelides Proposed Amendment.docx](#)

*Human Resources Acting Director Hopkins spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.*

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to recommend with amendments. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

3. Business before Committee

**Approval of Minutes**

[RCG020717](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

**Attachments:** [RCG02.07.17.pdf](#)

**Alderwoman Pindell Charles moved to approve. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Aye:** 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

**Absent:** 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

4. Adjournment

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.**

**Cyndi Gaines  
City Council Associate**