

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020

3:00 PM

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

Housing and Human Welfare

1. Call To Order

Chairman Gay called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

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 Tierney and Chairperson Gay

4. Business before Committee

a. Approval of Minutes

[HHW07.20.2](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting
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Alderwoman Tierney moved to approve. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

b. Appointments and reappointments to Committees

[AP-31-20](#) The Appointment of Arthur W. Edwards to the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis Board.

Arthur W. Edwards was present and answered questions from the committee.

Meeting went into Recess 3:31 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened 3:39 p.m.

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

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-32-20](#) The Re-Appointment of Charles Hurley to the Human Relations Commission

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

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-33-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Michael J. Keller to the Human Relations Commission

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-34-20](#)

The Appointment of Ava-Martine Young DeBovis to the Education Commission

Ombudsman Raftovich was present and answered questions from the committee. Committee will postpone until Ombudsman Raftovich confirms that Ava-Martine Young DeBovis wishes to serve on the Commission.

to postpone. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-35-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Brianna Becker to the Education Commission

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-36-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Deborah Heller-Proctor to the Commission on Aging

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-37-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Judith Branham to the Commission on Aging

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-38-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Wayne Taylor to the Commission on Aging

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-39-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Bruce Morgenstern to the Commission on Aging

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[AP-40-20](#)

The Re-Appointment of Mary Harris to the Commission on Aging

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

5. Legislation before Committee

[O-26-20](#)

Rent Increases During State of Emergency - Prohibited - For the purpose of prohibiting certain rent increases during a State of Emergency; and generally related to the rent increase prohibition.

Amendment 1:

On page 1, after line 25, insert:

“WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state

of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to

Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing

impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proclamation continues for thirty days, unless renewed by the

Governor or terminated by the Maryland General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 16, dated March 13, 2020, the County Executive proclaimed

a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County, pursuant to 19 Article 1, Title 6 of the Anne Arundel

County Code (2005, as amended); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Annapolis proclaimed a local state of

emergency in the City of Annapolis, in accordance with Section 11.48.030 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, which became effective on July 9, 2020, the City Council extended

the proclamation of a local state of emergency in the City of Annapolis through the date the

Governor’s proclamation is renewed, extended, or terminated; plus 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council enacts local public laws for the economic health and welfare of the

City; and
WHEREAS, financial well-being plays a major role in physical well-being and have a detrimental effect on overall attitude and our business climate; and
WHEREAS, the City Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate and short term protection of the public interest; and
WHEREAS, the City Council determines that a reasonable ceiling on rent increases during the state of emergency is necessary to stabilize rental rates and to protect persons with relatively fixed incomes and others from undue impairment of their standard of living; and
WHEREAS, as reported in media outlets on July 9, 2020, Maryland's labor department received the highest number of new unemployment filings in nine weeks; and
WHEREAS, the goal of this legislation is to prevent landlords from increasing a tenant's rent during a state of emergency that may impact the ability of tenants to pay that increase."

Amendment 2:

On page 1, in lines 36 and 40 after "FOR A" insert "LEASED" and in line 41 after "OR A" insert "LEASED"

On page 1, in line 38 after "THEREAFTER." insert "THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEING RENTED AS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 17.44."

Alderman Tierney moved to Recommend Favorably Amendments 1 and 2 of the Tierney Amendments. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

Assistant City Attorney Braithwaite was present and answered questions from the committee.

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

[R-34-20](#)

Community Development Block Grant Program - 2020 Amended Citizen Participation Plan - For the purpose of adopting an Amended Citizen

Participation Plan as it relates to the administration of the Community Planning and Development programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Tierney and Chairperson Gay

6. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

**Teekia Green
City Council Associate**