



# City of Annapolis

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Annapolis, MD 21401

## Special Minutes - Draft City Council

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Monday, November 23, 2015

7:00 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.  
City Council Chambers

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### Call to Order

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

### Invocation

Given by Mayor Pantelides.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Pantelides.

### Roll Call

Tonight's roll call began with Alderman Littmann.

**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

Alderman Paone moved to approve the agenda as amended to postpone O-51-15 Issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds on second reader until the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015, and to postpone AP-57-15 The Appointment of Jason P. Houser to the Annapolis Conservancy Board until the Regular Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

### Presentation

*Presentation by Stacey Korbela, President of the AACo. Board of Education concerning the Board's Legislative Agenda.*

This was presented.

### Petitions, Reports and Communications

#### A. Reports by Committee

Standing Committee Dates:

Rules and City Government Meeting

Monday, November 30, 2015 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Economic Matters & Rules and City Government Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Finance Committee

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm

### Alderman Littmann's Request

Mr. Jacobs representing The Annapolis Sailboat & Powerboat Shows gave a brief presentation on the 2015 Boat Shows and presented the City with a check in the amount of \$440,180.00.

### Statement from Mayor Pantelides regarding the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis "HACA"

Some of you may have heard that I recently wrote a letter to HACA, voicing my concern about unsafe living conditions at several HACA properties.

Tonight, I just want to make a few points very clear:

- I know that past administrations were under the same assumption I was ... that it was ONLY HUD's responsibility to investigate reports of poor living conditions at their properties.
- I asked the law department to look into it for me, and as soon as I was notified that the city could go in and make HUD accountable for the living conditions, I took action.
- The City not only has a right to inspect HACA properties... but as mayor, I feel we have an obligation to inspect these properties and see if their living conditions are unsafe.
- It started with a meeting with HUD officials several months ago in Washington DC and a second meeting with HUD officials earlier this month in Baltimore.
- Again... I went to our law office and asked what I could do as mayor to reach out and help our residents of HACA.
- Once I found out I could have our city staff investigate the reported "deplorable" living conditions, I wrote the letter saying we will start these inspections within 120 days of their notification, which is officially on January 1.
- This does two things:
  1. It gives HACA reasonable time to make changes to any unsafe living conditions that currently exist
  2. It allows HUD time to get involved and help resolve the issues
- LET ME BE CLEAR, the city will NOT be evicting anyone during this process.
- Our inspections will include all homes, and not just a "random sampling"
- As a city, we have taken a passive role for far too long regarding our obligation to HACA and its residents.... and it is time we take the lead to ensure our residents are not living in sub-standard housing.
- I will be going back to the HUD office for further discussion and invited members of the council to join me.

### Alderwoman Finlayson read into the record:

#### Winter Kits:

As you can tell, we are quickly approaching the winter season in Annapolis. It is important to remind you and your constituents that it is never too early to be prepared for a storm. The easiest way to do this is to be sure you have a kit in your car, work place, and home to ensure you have the supplies necessary to weather a storm. Please be sure that your kits contain the following:

- Water, one gallon of water per person for at least 3 days for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation

- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Medications

Emergency starter kits (\*hold up starter kit\*), supplied by the Office of Emergency Management, have basic contents, such as:

- A flashlight in the event of a power outage
- A natural disaster reference guide to help prepare you for a variety of emergencies and give you guidelines for what to do during an incident
- Basic first aid equipment in the event of a small injury

Any Annapolis resident can get their own starter kits, at no charge, by calling the City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management at 410-216-9167

**Houses of Worship Update:**

On October 13th, OEM provided a presentation to well over 100 participants from various houses of worship throughout Anne Arundel County. Many churches have reached out to their local Police and Fire departments for assistance in creating their own Emergency Action Plan. Participants have been incredibly supportive and have continued to update their individual plans based on the model plan set up by Mt. Moriah. Representatives from the church spoke on their progress at the Public Safety Committee Meeting on November 16.

**Fire Marshal's Office/Office of Emergency Management Holiday Safety Outreach Program for Local Businesses**

Beginning next week on December 4 and then again on December 7, several teams of a fire marshal and an OEM staff member will visit businesses along West Street, Main Street, City Dock, and Eastport to wish them a prosperous holiday season, but also to help them provide a safe place for patrons to shop and enjoy holiday festivities.

## **B. Comments by the General Public**

No one from the general public spoke.

Mayor Pantelides declared petitions, reports and communications closed.

## **Business and Miscellaneous**

[GT-08-16](#)

**Public Works/ Wastewater Collection Transfer From R&M Salaries To Salaries and Benefits- Sewer Collection**

Alderman Arnett moved to approve GT-08-16. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

## **Public Hearings**

[O-41-15](#)

**A Comprehensive Zoning District Map Amendment and Technical Update - For the purpose of updating the City's Zoning Map; and matters generally relating to technical corrections of the Zoning Map.**

**Sponsors:** Pantelides

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

Mayor Pantelides accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated 11/5/15, and Memorandum from C. Pete Gutwald, Director Planning and Zoning to the Planning Commission dated 10/19/15.

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on O-41-15 closed.

[O-52-15](#)

**Police and Fire Retirement Plan Commission - For the purpose of authorizing the City Manager to serve as the Mayor’s designated representative on the Police and Fire Retirement Plan Commission.**

*Sponsors:* Pantelides

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on O-52-15 closed.

**Public Hearings Cont.**

[O-40-15](#)

**Waterfront Maritime Conservation District - For the purpose of amending Retail Use, the Standards for Uses Subject to Standards and Parking Requirements in the WMC Zoning District.**

*Sponsors:* Pantelides, Budge and Pindell Charles

*Spoke in Favor:*

*Chuck Walsh, 12 Southgate Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.*

*Gavin Buckley, 6 Stewart Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.*

*Lew Bearden, 100 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 Chairman Board of Governors representing the Fleet Reserve Club.*

*Bevin Buccheister, 5 Wagner Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.*

*Chris Stelzig, 10 Monticello Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.*

*Martha Hardesty, 171 King George Street, Annapolis Maryland 21401.*

*Spoke On:*

*Pat Zeno, 57 Cornhill Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.*

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on O-40-15 closed.

**Legislative Action**

**A. Second Readers**

[R-34-14](#)

**2014 West Annapolis Sector Study - For the purpose of adopting the West Annapolis Sector Study as an addendum to the 2009 Annapolis Comprehensive Plan.**

*Sponsors:* Paone

**Alderman Paone moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Budge moved to reconsider R-34-14 on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

**Alderman Paone moved to adopt R-34-14 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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

#### CA-2-15

**Charter Amendment, Board of Supervisors of Elections - For the purpose of changing the deadlines for designating and appointing members to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.**

**Sponsors:** Pantelides

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt CA-2-15 on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt CA-2-15 on third 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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

#### O-47-15

**Moderately Priced Dwelling Units - For the purpose of amending the eligibility requirements for access to moderately priced dwelling units to include individuals working within the United States Naval Academy grounds.**

**Sponsors:** Budge, Kirby, Finlayson, Arnett and Pantelides

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-47-15 on second reader. Seconded.**

**Alderman Littmann moved to amend O-47-15 as follows: Amendment #1  
On page 3, in line 4, after: "Academy" strike: "Grounds" and insert: "or the Annapolis Naval Base. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Budge moved to adopt O-47-15 as amended on second reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

**Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-47-15 on third 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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

## **B. First Readers**

#### O-53-15

**City Council Consent Calendar - For the purpose of amending the Rules of Procedure to permit certain agenda items to be voted upon as a single group under a Consent Calendar category of the City Council Meeting Agenda.**

**Sponsors:** Budge

Alderman Budge moved to adopt O-53-15 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

This Ordinance O-53-15 was referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

Alderman Arnett requested his name be added as a Co-Sponsor of O-53-15.

[R-27-15](#)

**American Athletic Conference Football Game March to Stadium - For the purpose of supporting the United States Naval Academy Brigade of Midshipmen who are authorized to walk from Gate 1 of the Naval Academy to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to attend the American Athletic Conference Football Game to be played on December 5, 2015.**

Sponsors: Pantelides

Alderman Budge moved to adopt R-27-15 on first reader. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Paone moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of the resolution R-27-15 at the meeting of its introduction. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Paone moved to adopt R-27-15 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

**Absent:** 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

## Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC  
City Clerk