



City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester
Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Standing Committee Minutes Rules & City Government Committee

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

5:30 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Joint meeting with the Finance and Economic Matters Committees

1. Call To Order

Alderman Paone, Alderman Budge

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

2. Legislation before Committee

- O-16-14** **Establishing Chapter 14.18 of the City Code on Special Events** - For the purpose of establishing Chapter 14.18 of the City Code regarding the process for authorizing special events within the City of Annapolis; requiring a permit and permit fee for special events; providing parameters for approving a special event permit; authorizing exemptions for a special event permit and permit fee; establishing conditions for special events at City Dock; and for all other purposes related to special events.

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Ms. Sharon Kennedy, 9 Randall Street, spoke on the legislation. Mr. Sean O'Neill, Annapolis Business Association, concurred with Ms. Kennedy's comments and discussed the business owners concerns about events on weekends with good weather. Mr. Doug Smith, 5 Revel Street, spoke on the legislation.

*O-16-14: Establishing Chapter 14.18 of the City Code on Special Events
Amendment # 1*

Page 12, Lines 42-47 (Limitations on Major City Dock Special Events):

Replace Paragraphs 1 and 2 as follows:

1. FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, THERE SHALL BE ONLY

ONE MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENT PERMITTED PER WEEKEND.

2. FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER, THERE SHALL BE UP

TO TWO MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS PERMITTED PER WEEKEND.

1. FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN four MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON A

WEEKEND PERMITTED DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD.

2. FOR THE MONTHS OF April SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER, THERE SHALL

BE NO MORE THAN seven MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE ON A WEEKEND PERMITTED DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD.

Amendment # 6

Page 12, lines 49-50: Strike THERE SHALL BE ONLY ONE MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENT PERMITTED PER WEEKEND and insert THERE SHALL BE NO MORE THAN ONE MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE ON A WEEKEND PERMITTED IN EACH MONTH.

to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

R-19-14 **Special Event Rules** - For the purpose of adopting special event rules pursuant to Chapter 14.18 of the City Code on special events in pending Ordinance 16-14.

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to adopt as amended. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

R-17-14 **Special Event Permit Fee and Fines** - For the purpose of setting the special event permit fee and a fine for violating Section 11.12.050 and Chapter 14.18 of the City Code on special events.

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Amendment # 1

Page 2, prior to Line 1: Append the following row to the table:

*14.18.160.D Opening streets in Historic District after Mass Participation Sports Event
\$500 Fine for Initial Offense per half-hour
\$1,000 per half-hour Fine for Initial Offense*

. Ms. Felicia Nolan spoke in support of the amendment

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Arnett

Nay: 1 - Alderwoman Finlayson

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Budge Amendment # 1

Page 5, Lines 28-29 (City Sponsored Events): After "special events" strike THAT THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS SOLELY OR PRIMARILY ORGANIZES AND STAFFS and insert FOR WHICH THE CITY WAIVES SOME OR ALL FEES OR OTHERWISE DIRECTLY PARTICIPATES IN THE COST OF THE EVENT.

Page 5, Lines 30-32: Strike E. "CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS" MEANS EVENTS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE DESIGNATION OF SUCH EVENTS MAY BE REMOVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COUNCIL.

Page 11, Line 6: Strike AND CITY CO-SPONSORED

Page 13, Lines 21-22: Strike CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS,

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Budge Amendment # 2

Page 7, Line 28: After "event," strike APPLICANT and insert APPLICATION

Budge Amendment #3

Page 8, Line 17: Strike the comma after "may"

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Budge Amendment # 4

Page 8, Line 33: After "property owners," insert LEASEHOLDERS AND TENANTS

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Amendment # 5

Page 11, Line 38: Insert D. WHEN AN EVENT APPLICATION OR PERMIT THAT REQUIRES WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER THIS CHAPTER IS significantly AMENDED,

THE
APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE A NEW WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE CHANGED EVENT
TO ALL PARTIES THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN NOTIFIED. IF A DEADLINE FOR
NOTIFICATION HAS PASSED, AN EVENT MAY NOT BE AMENDED OTHER THAN
TO
REDUCE ITS HOURS OR LOCATION.

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

Amendment # 7

*Page 13, Lines 12-15: Strike THERE MAY BE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR MAJOR CITY
DOCK EVENTS THAT ARE MASS PARTICIPATION SPORTS EVENTS ON
WEEKENDS
DURING WHICH THERE IS NOT A MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENT OCCURRING and
insert
NO MORE THAN FOUR OF THE MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE
ON
WEEKENDS MAY BE MASS PARTICIPATION SPORTS EVENTS.*

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

*C. after THREE YEARS THE CITY COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE LIST OF repeating
MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS TO ASSURE THE EVENTS CONTINUE TO MEET THE
NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE COUNCIL, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY
REMOVE REPEATING EVENTS TO ALLOW FOR NEW EVENTS. IN EVALUATING
EVENTS, THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER IF THE EVENT IS:*

- 1. A CITY SPONSORED EVENT.*
- 2. REFLECTIVE OF THE HISTORY, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF THE
CITY.*
- 3. ORGANIZED BY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS LOCATED IN THE
CITY OF ANNAPOLIS AND SERVES THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.*
- 4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE.*
- 5. INTENDED TO ATTRACT CITY RESIDENTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE
SURROUNDING REGION that would support and patronize City Dock businesses.*
- 6. LEAST LIKELY TO DISRUPT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE AREA OF
THE EVENT.*
- 7. OTHER CRITERIA AS THE COUNCIL MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.*

And renumber the subsequent paragraphs consecutively.

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

*Ms. Kennedy discussed the amendment and requested clarity on the the first sentence of
the amendment:*

*C. EVERY THREE YEARS THE CITY COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE LIST OF
REPEATING MAJOR CITY DOCK EVENTS TO ASSURE THE EVENTS CONTINUE
TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.*

Ms. Kennedy discussed the sentence:

*THE COUNCIL, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY REMOVE REPEATING EVENTS TO
ALLOW FOR NEW EVENTS.*

to amend. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

to adopt as amended. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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3. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.