

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2017

1:30 PM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Environmental Matters Committee

1. Call To Order

Chairman Littmann called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

2. Business before Committee

Approval of Minutes

[ENM051817](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Attachments: [ENM5.18.17.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

[ENM061517](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Attachments: [ENM06.15.17.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

3. Legislation before Committee

[O-33-17](#) Stormwater Utility Fund - For the purpose of renaming the Stormwater Utility Fund, which shall be known henceforth as the Watershed Restoration Fund, to more accurately reflect the functionality of the Fund.

Attachments: [O-33-17 Stormwater Watershed Restoration Fund.docx](#)

[O-33-17 Staff Report.docx](#)

[O-33-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent gave a brief overview of the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

[R-21-17](#) Stormwater Management Watershed Improvement Plan - For the purpose of adopting a Stormwater Management Watershed Improvement Plan dated March 2017.

Attachments: [R-21-17 Watershed Improvement Plan.docx](#)

[R-21-17 Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Improvement Plan AECOM.pdf](#)

[R-21-17 BackCreek-FinalReport.pdf](#)

[R-21-17 Littmann Proposed Amendments.docx](#)

[R-21-17 Pantelides Proposed Amendment.docx](#)

[R-21-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent gave a brief overview of the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

R-22-17

United Nations Paris Climate Agreement - For the purpose of adopting, honoring, and upholding the commitments to the goals enshrined in the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement as they apply in the City of Annapolis.

Attachments: [R-22-17 Paris Climate Agreement Reaffirmation.docx](#)

[Handout for presentation.docx](#)

[R-22-17 Littmann Proposed Amendments.docx](#)

[R-22-17 Environmental Matters Committee Proposed Amendments.docx](#)

[R-22-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent was available to answer questions from the committee.

Summer interns Clifford Wells and Barry Meiser, Office of Environmental Policy gave a brief presentation on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Pfeiffer moved to recommend R-22-17 with the Littmann, Arnett and Pfeiffer proposed amendments 1-3 (see attached). Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend R-22-17 with the amendment as follows: Amendment #1 Page 3, Line 17, insert: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL THAT THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT BENCHMARKING ITS CITY-WIDE EMISSIONS AND COMMITS TO DOING AN UPDATE AND REPORT BACK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY THE END OF 2018. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend R-22-17 with the amendment as follows: Amendment # 2 Page 3, line 28, after "steps" insert: AND ADQUATE FUNDING. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably R-22-17 as amended by the Environmental Matters Committee. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 3 - Alderman Arnett, Alderman Littmann and Alderman Pfeiffer

4. General Discussion

[ID-251-17](#) Update: Annapolis Environmental Commission

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent was available to answer questions from the committee.

Rick Kissel & Paul Murphy representing the Environmental Commission gave an update on the discussion topic and spoke on a future presentation from Capitol Flexi-Pave, the Sea Bins update, affordable renewable energy and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-270-17](#) Back Creek Summer Intern Projects

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent was available to answer questions from the committee.

David Barker, Chairman of the Backcreek Conservancy gave a brief overview of the discussion topic and spoke the recreational boating industry, businesses located on the shores Back Creek, nutrients phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment and toxins that affect Backcreek, Shoreline Stewardship Project, Water Quality Program, Anne Arundel Clean Boating Coalition and answered questions from the committee.

Backcreek Summer Interns: Jordan Long and Phillip Archuleta were present and spoke on Water Quality Data Monitoring and answered questions from the committee.

Backcreek Summer Intern: Austin Gordon was present and spoke on Drone Operations to monitor the shoreline and answered questions from the committee.

Backcreek Summer Intern: Ada Garcia was present Drone Operations/Videography used to monitor the shoreline and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-253-17](#) Presentation: Annapolis Conservancy Board

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent was available to answer questions from the committee.

Joanna Ogburn Chair, representing the Annapolis Conservancy Board gave a presentation on the discussion topic and spoke on the board's membership, Public Urban Landtrust, private donations for open space and conservation easements, tax benefits for land conservation, the String of Pearls Non- Profit and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-269-17](#) Update: Office of Environmental Policy

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent gave a brief overview of the discussion topic and spoke on the Department of Natural Resources Response approving changes to the Forest Conservation Act and No Net Loss and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

[ID-252-17](#) Update: Forest Conservation Projects

Attachments: [Current Projects 6 26 17.pdf](#)

Planning and Zoning Director Gutwald gave an overview of the discussion topic and spoke on 929 West Street Grading Permit issued, 2010 West Street received application for Forest Stand Delineation, 1750 Forest Conservation Plan and Forest Stand Delineation approved, Parkside Preserve waiting for final approval, the Public Works Garage grading permit under review and building permit received and answered questions from the committee.

5. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**Cyndi Gaines
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