



City of Annapolis

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Standing Committee Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Monday, May 5, 2014

10:00 AM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Alderman Paone arrived at 10:35 am.

Alderman Finlayson was also in attendance.

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

2. General Discussion

[ID-164-14](#) Budget Discussions

Finance Director Miller discussed some proposals for changes to the budget.

The committee discussed Alderman Budge's proposed changes to the Mayors Budget.

Acting City Attorney Murnane discussed the Amusement Tax.

The committee discussed the Fee schedule.

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

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

The committee discussed a revolving fund for costs associated with special events. Mr. Ricky Truitt, APD, discussed the proposal.

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone a vote on the proposal on a revolving fund for special event fees. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The Committee discussed the speed camera program. Mr. Truitt commented on the program. Acting City Attorney Murnane commented on the program.

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

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

The committee discussed adding a Fireworks display application fee and a hazardous materials fee.

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

The committee discussed The proposed changes in the Public Works budget. The committee requested more information from DPW on the proposed cost cutting measures and fee increases.

Alderman Pfeiffer moved to request more information on the proposed changes. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The committee discussed proposed Weekend Temporary Sign License proposed by DNEP. Mr. Murnane discussed the proposal.

Alderman Pfeiffer moved to recommend favorably with a change of the proposed fee to \$100.00. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

The committee discussed proposed changes to Alcoholic Beverage License Fees and Fines. Mr. Truitt discussed current ABCB enforcement.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend that staff review policies and staffing with an eye to increasing enforcement.. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

The committee discussed Admissions and Amusement tax. Mr. Murnane discussed the tax.

Alderman Arnett moved to look in to education and enforcement as well as follow up with the comptrollers office about getting more specific information on current receipts. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

The committee discussed the Renewable Energy Park Proposal. Mr. Murnane discussed the proposal.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably and ask the administration research the viability of the proposal. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The committee discussed The Workers Comp Policy.

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

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

The committee discussed MIT Technology fees and Finance Department convenience fees. Mr. Miller discussed the fees with the committee.

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

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

The committee discussed the proposed changes in Planing and Zoning fees. Mr. Miller discussed the proposed changes

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably with the increase of any proposed fee to a minimum of \$35.00. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The committee discussed the proposed fee changes from DNEP. Mr. Miller reviewed the fees with the committee

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably with a proviso that the office of law review the proposed changes for legal sufficiency. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The committee discussed the changes proposed by Alderman Budge to the taxi permit and taxi fines.

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

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

The committee discussed the proposed revisions to the fee schedule from the finance department. Mr. Miller that the primary change proposed is to raise the minimum fee in all places from \$25.00 to \$35.00. The committee decided to defer these until the next meeting. The committee discussed proposed changes to the Recreation and Parks fees. The committee asked for more information on these proposed rate changes.

Alderman Pfeiffer moved to support raising the minimum fees and postpone judgement on all other listed fees. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

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

3. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.