

# **City of Annapolis**

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401*



## **Standing Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**Special Meeting**

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

## **Rules & City Government Committee**

1. Call To Order

Chairwoman Finlayson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

3. Business before Committee

**a. Approval of Minutes**

[RCG091118](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

**b. Appointments and reappointments to Committees**

[AP-28-18](#) The Appointment of Elizabeth W. Ramirez to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*Elizabeth W. Ramirez was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-29-18](#) The Appointment of Darin Gilliam to the Arts in Public Places Commission

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

*Darin Gilliam was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-30-18](#) The Appointment of RaQuelle Blake to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*RaQuelle Blake was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-31-18](#) The Appointment of Genevieve Teresa Torri to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*Genevieve Teresa Torri was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-32-18](#)

The Appointment of Chrisa Rich to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*Chrisa Rich was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-33-18](#)

The Re-Appointment of Cynthia Towle-Krewson to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*Cynthia Towle-Krewson was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-34-18](#)

The Re-Appointment of David Arthur to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*David Arthur was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-35-18](#)

The Re-Appointment of Barbara Salazar Torreon to the Arts in Public Places Commission

*Barbara Salazar Torreon was present and answered questions from the committee.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

[AP-36-18](#)

The Re-Appointment of Robert Henry Waldman to the Planning Commission

*Robert Henry Waldman was present and answered questions from the committee. Attorney Alan Hyatt was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Waldman.*

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

**Aye:** 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

4. Legislation before Committee

[O-8-18](#)

**Adequate Public Facilities - Adequate School Facilities - Standards -**

For the purpose of amending the test for additional school capacity by requiring schools with enrollment greater than ninety five percent of the State-Rated Capacity to be listed as closed on the annual school utilization chart; and matters generally relating to adequate school facilities.

**Alderman Arnett moved to approve the following amendments:**

**Amendment #1**

**Page 2, Line 19, Leave code as written (drop strike out) and strike out ninety five.**

**Amendment #2**

**Page 2, Lines 25-26, Leave strike-out of one hundred twenty, strike ninety five and insert one hundred. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Savidge and Arnett

**Nay:** 1 - Finlayson

*Alex Kopicki, representing Soltice Partners, was present and addressed the committee. Attorney Alan Hyatt, representing Hyatt & Weber, P.A., was present and addressed the committee.*

*Assistant City Attorney Elson, Comprehensive Planner Dr. Nash, and Planning and Zoning Director Gutwald were present and answered questions from the committee.*

*Amendment 1*

*Page 2 Line 19 drop strike out of 100 percent*

*Amendment 2*

*Line 25 and 26 change to 100 percent*

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**Arnett moved to recommend favorably. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken.**

**The motion CARRIED by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Savidge and Arnett

**Nay:** 1 - Finlayson

[O-14-18](#)

**Development Review Process Amendments -** For the purpose of clarifying the notice requirements for community meetings; clarifying the project applicability requirements for required community meetings; designating the Office of the Mayor as the point of contact for obtaining a list of associations whose membership could be affected by a proposed development; making minor editorial corrections; and matters generally relating to the review process for all significant and substantial projects.

*no action taken*

**c.** [ID-268-18](#)

Business Signage (in reference to O-19-18): Alderman Rodriguez

*no action taken*

[O-19-18](#)

**2018 Zoning Code Updates and Amendments -** For the purpose of updating and amending the zoning code by eliminating the restriction on existing lot width or

area for variance applications; removing the “finished side out” fence installation requirement; removing the retail and/or office requirement for multi-family residential projects in the BCE zoning district; removing the sign permit application requirement outside of the Historic District; extending the time-period for displaying exempt temporary community, civic, or public interest signs from sixty to ninety days; permitting free-standing signs in certain zoning districts; removing the minimum lot width requirement for freestanding signs in certain zoning districts; removing obsolete language; and matters generally relating to updating and amending the zoning code.

*no action taken*

[O-37-18](#)

**Ethics Code - Financial Disclosure Updates** - For the purpose of amending the City of Annapolis Ethics Code definition of “official”; including Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (“HACA”) officials in the financial disclosure reporting requirements applicable to City employees and appointed officials; removing obsolete language concerning the financial disclosure reporting of HACA officials; and amending the information required for the examination of a financial disclosure statement.

*no action taken*

5. Adjournment

**Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.**

**Teekia Green**  
**City Council Associate**