

City of Annapolis

Special Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, March 21, 2016	7:00 PM	Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr. City Council Chambers
Call to Order		
	Mayor Pantelides called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.	
Invocation		
	Given by Alderman Kirby.	
Pledge of Allegiance		
	Led by Mayor Pantelides.	
Roll Call		
	Tonight's roll call began with Alderwoman Finlayson.	
Presen	t: 7 - Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwo Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett	oman Finlayson, Alderman
Absen	t: 2 - Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer	
Approval of Agenda		
	Alderman Arnett moved to amend the agenda to postpone O-10-16 Adjustments on second reader until the Special Meeting on April 2 CARRIED on voice vote.	
Approval of Agenda		
	Alderman Arnett moved to approve the agenda as amended. Secon voice vote.	ded. CARRIED on
<u>Ceremonial Items</u>		
<u>ID-83-16</u>	City Council Citation - Tami Hook, Boards and Comm 20 Years of Service to the City of Annapolis	issions Recorder
	This Ceremonial Item was presented.	
Petitions, Reports and	d Communications	
A. Reports by Co	mmittee	

Standing Committee Dates: Finance Committee Wednesday, March 30, 2016 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm Finance Committee Tuesday, April 5, 2016 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm

B. Comments by the General Public

Ryan Lee-Buzzuto, 909 New Jersey Ave, S.E., Washington, DC 20003 spoke on O-36-15 Adequate Public Facilities.

Mayor Pantelides declared petitions, reports and communications closed.

Appointments

<u>AP-09-16</u>	The Appointment of Robert Hruby to the Building Board of Appeals	
	Alderman Paone moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Hruby to the Building Board of Appeals. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.	
	The meeting was recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 p.m.	
<u>AP-10-16</u>	The Appointment of Christopher B. Flynn to the Housing Authority City of Annapolis (HACA) Board	
	Alderman Kirby moved to postpone AP-10-16 until the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2016. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.	
<u>AP-11-16</u>	The Appointment of Martin L. Doordan to the Housing Authority City of Annapolis (HACA) Board	
	Alderman Paone moved to confirm the Maryor's appointment of Martin L. Doordan to the Housing Authority City of Annapolis (HACA) Board. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.	

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar

Alderman Arnett moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

First Readers

<u>CA-2-16</u>	Amending the City's Maximum Penalty- For the purpose of amending the
	Maximum Penalty applicable to misdemeanors, infractions and violations
	to that proscribed by State Law.

Sponsors: Budge

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

This Charter Amendment CA-2-16 was referred to the Rules & City Government Committee.

O-15-16 Lease of City Dock Space to Chesapeake Marine Tours - For the purpose of authorizing for fiscal year 2022 the lease of certain municipal property located at the City Dock to Chesapeake Marine Tours, Inc. for the docking and mooring of certain boats.

Sponsors: Pantelides, Arnett, Budge, Littmann, Pfeiffer, Paone, Finlayson and Pindell Charles

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

This Ordinance O-15-16 was referred to the Economic Matters Committee.

This Ordinance O-15-16 was referred to the Environmental Matters Committee.

O-16-16 Title 12 Updates and Amendments - For the purpose of updating and amending Chapters 12.04, 12.20, 12.24, 12.28 and 12.32 of the Annapolis City Code to permit an authorized agent of the City to exercise limited authority related to parking enforcement, residential parking permits, towing and other parking matters; to permit the use of modern technology related to parking meters, parking permits and other parking matters; and matters generally relating to Chapters 12.04, 12.20, 12.24, 12.28 and 12.32.

Sponsors: Pantelides

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

This Ordinance O-16-16 was referred to the Public Safety Committee.

This Ordinance O-16-16 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

This Ordinance O-16-16 was referred to the Transportation Board.

R-14-16Major City Dock Special Event Parking Rules - For the purpose of
establishing parking rules to be effective during Major City Dock Special
Events.

Sponsors: Budge

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

This Resolution R-14-16 was referred to the Economic Matters Committee.

This Resolution R-14-16 was referred to the Transportation Board.

This Resolution R-14-16 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

Proposed Motion to Postpone O-36-15 to April 25, 2016

- O-36-15 Adequate Public Facilities For the purpose of adding review criteria and certification for adequate school facilities to Title 22 of the Code of the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to the adequacy of school facilities.
 - Sponsors: Arnett and Littmann

Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-36-15 until the Special Meeting on April 25, 2016. Seconded. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:.

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

End of Consent Calendar

Business and Miscellaneous

<u>GT-17-16</u>	Transfer from Truxtun Park Swimming Pool, Fire Station Paving, Truxt	
	Park Skatepark, Trail Connections, General Improvements (2015 Bonds)	
	Greenfield Street, WYRE Tower, Roof Repair Program, and City Dock	
	Infrastructure Transfer to Maintenance Facilities, and City Hall	
	Restoration- Public Works	

Assistant Director Public Works Patrick was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve GT-17-16. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

<u>GT-18-16</u> Transfer from 2015 Improvements, and City Dock Infrastructure Transfer to General Roadways- Public Works

Assistant Director Public Works Patrick was present and answered questions from council.

Alderman Arnett moved to approve GT-18-16. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Public Hearings Cont.

CA-1-16 Departmental Reorganization - For the purpose of amending the Annapolis Charter concerning: dissolving the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs; and reassigning certain duties and granting certain authority to the Department of Finance, the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Department of Public Works and the City Manager.

Sponsors: Pantelides

Spoke in Favor: Paul Thorn, 1728 Cedar Park Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

amendment.

Mayor Pantelides accepted into the record an Email from former Mayor Ellen O. Moyer dated March 14, 2016 which states the following:

City Reorganization

The City of Annapolis just issued 114 pages of legislation deleting and moving public services in a move the Pantiledes Administration calls an efficiency move. I would feel more confident about the proposed changes (who is going to read 114 pages) if he had described them as in the interest of good government. Efficiency is a code word for conservatives which ultimately means reduced government services. Why is government in business?

What ever happened to the word effective? Effective comes closer to the concept of excellence for standards and public service performance. Excellence is a high standard that most of us strive for in our own employment, business, volunteer or recreational life. Who chooses efficiency over effective in our everyday life?

The proposed reorganization obliterates the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental protection, a department created during my administration in 2002. Why? Look at the words...neighborhood, environmental protection...they bring into focus values important to our quality of life. This Department was proactive in initiating actions that brought roof top green roofs to businesses in the city, creating the first sustainability green awards, initiating strong storm water legislation. Because of the work of this department Annapolis became the first City in the USA to achieve an international sustainable city award.

But there is another reason for the creation of the soon to be torn apart DNEP. It is size and management oversight. Handling Permits for new construction and inspections is a politically unpopular job. The City is now considering extending the inspections to the Housing Authority. Permits is proposed to be shifted to the Planning Department that already carries a myriad of responsibilities

(Authority over inspections, by the way, is also addressed in the Historic Preservation Legislation where It is steeped in controversy. if it is controversial in one set of legislation I guess the powers that be just shift it to another forum. Besides environmentalists do not like the current Director of DNEP...solution, kill the department)

Big is better, a favorite concept of this administration, relates to increased bureaucracy, increased regulation, challenges to oversight and accountability, reduced personal attention and reduced quality in public service. Moving the handling of permits to a smaller unit, DNEP, 14 years ago, provided for better management oversight and quality of service

So the reorganization, chopping DNEP into parts shuffled off to Planning and Public Works (title ho hum) reduces the focus on Neighborhood and Environmental Protection and into once again bigger more bureaucratic, authoritarian, customer unfriendly, harder to manage units. What is the gain? The salary of a Department Director, in this case a Woman Executive, is returned to the general fund.

The City also intends to eliminate another department headed by a woman, the Department of Human Resources. Again I ask you to consider the title... Human Resources. This is a department focused on employee relations and it is soon to disappear and be moved to Finance (title ho hum). I am not sure what the relationship of Human Resources is to Finance. Human Resources is a Department that deals with employee relations and grievances, that boosts employee morale, negotiates union and non union contracts and Health services for employees and retirees. To be sure there is a relationship to dollars and cents with these functions but the focus in Human Resources is on different skills and values than the number cruncher that doesn't much care about addressing employee relations. What is the gain? The salary of a Department Director is returned to the General Fund. And down the road, I speculate, look for union busting, reduced employee salaries and health care, hardly a gain for our human resources.

So if you adhere to the value of efficiency over effective and Big is Better over Small is Beautiful, you should love this reorganization. Gone too is the focus on words that describe values that engage citizens in their environment, neighborhood and human relationships. The Mayors door is open once a month to meet with and listen to the constituents he serves. This proposed reorganization reflects the once a month listening program and a disdain for genuine public service and citizen engagement, both values important to sustain a democratic representative government.

Ellen Moyer March 14, 2016

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on CA-1-26 closed.

Public Hearings

- O-13-16 Annual Operating Budget: Fiscal Year 2017 For the purposes of adopting an operating budget for the City of Annapolis for Fiscal Year 2017; appropriating funds for expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017; defraying all expenses and liabilities of the City of Annapolis and levying same for the purposes specified; specifying certain duties of the Director of Finance; and specifying a rate of interest to be charged upon overdue property taxes.
 - 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-13-16 left open until the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2016.

- **<u>R-09-16</u>** Public Safety Employee Funeral Representation For the purpose of establishing a policy that upon the death of a retired or active duty public safety employee, a public safety representative shall attend the funeral of the employee with the consent of the legal authorized representative of the deceased employee's family.
 - Sponsors: Kirby

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on R-09-16 closed.

<u>R-10-16</u> Position Classifications and Pay Plan - For the purpose of approving the FY 2017 position classification and pay plan effective July 1, 2016.

Sponsors: Pantelides

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on R-10-16 left open until the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2016.

<u>R-12-16</u> FY 2017 Fees Schedule Effective July 1, 2016 - For the purpose of specifying fees that will be charged for the use of City services for FY 2017.

Sponsors: Pantelides

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on R-12-16 left open until the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2016.

<u>R-13-16</u> FY 2017 Fines Schedule Effective July 1, 2016 - For the purpose of specifying fines that will be charged for FY 2017.

Sponsors: Pantelides

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

Mayor Pantelides declared the public hearing on R-13-16 left open until the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2016.

Second Readers

<u>O-09-16</u>	Removing Members of Boards and Commissions - For the purpose of providing a formal process for the removal of appointed members of City boards and commissions for cause.
Sponsors:	Budge and Arnett
	Alderman Budge moved to postpone O-09-16 until the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2016. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
<u>O-10-16</u>	Water Service Billing Adjustments - For the purpose of clarifying the procedures for requesting an adjustment to water or sewer service billing, and matters generally relating to water or sewer service billing adjustments.
Sponsors:	Pantelides
	Alderman Arnett moved to postpone O-10-15 until the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2016. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
<u>R-05-16</u>	Shiley Park - For the purpose of designating certain City-owned land at the eastern end of Shiley Street in West Annapolis as a public park; and matters generally relating to said park.
Sponsors:	Paone
	Alderman Paone moved to adopt on second reader. Seconded.
	Alderman Littmann moved to amend R-05 -16 as follows: Amendment No. 1 Page 1 line 46 insert: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that no permanent structures shall be erected in the park that may

impair future access to Shiley Street in the event of an emergency. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Budge moved to adopt R-05-16 as amended on second reader. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

- Aye: 7 Mayor Pantelides, Alderman Budge, Alderman Paone, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Littmann, Alderman Kirby and Alderman Arnett
- Absent: 2 Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Alderman Pfeiffer

Pursuant to 2.16.090B of the City Code, the City Council shall propose a motion to postpone to date certain not to exceed 90 days, or vote to adopt or defeat R-31-15.

<u>R-31-15</u> Rental Unit Licenses - For the purpose of waiving fees associated with the licensure and inspection of HACA residential rental units.

Sponsors: Finlayson

Alderwoman Finlayson moved to postpone R-31-16 until the Special Meeting on April 25, 2016. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC City Clerk