

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Minutes

Friday, February 24, 2017

10:00 AM

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Environmental Matters Committee

1. Call To Order

Chairman Littmann called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

2. Business before Committee

a. Approval of Minutes

[ENM011917](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Attachments: [ENM01.19.17.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

b. Appointments and reappointments to Committees

[AP-06-17](#) The Appointment of Eric Pickett Jr. to the Port Wardens

Attachments: [Eric Pickett resume .pdf](#)

[Eric Pickett Nomination letter.docx](#)

[AP-06-17signed.pdf](#)

Captain Eric Pickett Jr., 235 Gross Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 gave a presentation on his appointment to the Port Wardens and answered questions from the committee.

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

3. General Discussion

[ID-42-17](#) AEC Update

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

Diane Butler, 407 Third Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing the Environmental Commission gave an update and spoke on the commission's support of O- 38-16 (Forest Conservation Reforestation)

increasing the tree canopy, Greenscape and answered questions from the committee.

Paul Murphy, 105 Northwest Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 also representing the Environmental Commission was present and spoke on sea bins and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

4. Legislation before Committee

[O-2-17](#)

Water Service Agreement - 44 Hudson Street, LLC - For the purpose of authorizing a water service agreement providing for the extension of City water service to 44 Hudson Street, LLC located in Anne Arundel County; and matters generally relating to providing said water service outside the City limits.

Attachments: [O-2-17 44 Hudson Street, LLC Water Service Agrmt.docx](#)
[O-2-17 Staff Report.docx](#)
[O-2-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)
[O-2-17 SIGNED.pdf](#)

Acting Public Works Director Beauchamp gave a presentation on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Fred Delavan, 888 Bestgate Road, Suite 413, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, representing Blumenthal, Delavan, Powers & Palmer spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

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

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

[O-4-17](#)

Water Service Agreement - McDonald's Corporation - For the purpose of authorizing a water service agreement providing for the extension of City water service to the McDonald's Corporation located in Anne Arundel County; and matters generally relating to providing said water service outside the City limits.

Attachments: [O-4-17 44 McDonalds Water Service Agreement.docx](#)
[O-4-17 Staff Report.docx](#)
[O-4-17 Attachment A.pdf](#)
[O-4-17 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)
[O-4-17 SIGNED.pdf](#)

Acting Public Works Director Beauchamp gave an overview of the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably O-4-17 pending receipt of additional information. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

[O-38-16](#)

Forest Conservation Reforestation - For the purpose of prohibiting certain development projects from cutting or clearing certain forests within the City of Annapolis unless the applicant offsets that loss with newly planted acreage; and providing for an appeal process.

Attachments: [O-38-16 FCA No Net Loss and Appeal.pdf](#)
[O-38-16 Staff Report.docx](#)
[O-38-16 AG Opinion.pdf](#)
[O-38-16 Environmental Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)
[O-38-16 Planning Commission Findings.pdf](#)
[O-38-16 Fiscal Impact.pdf](#)
[O-38-16 Littmann Revised Proposed Amendments.docx](#)
[Urban Tree Canopy.docx](#)
[O-38-16 SIGNED.pdf](#)

Planning & Zoning Director Gutwald and Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent gave a presentation on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Diane Butler, 407 Third Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 representing the Environmental Commission spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Rob Savidge, 12 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Kurt Riegel, 307 Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Bevin Buchheister, representing the Environmental Commission spoke on the legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably O-38-16 with the amendment as follows:

Amendment # 2

Page 8, line 14 through 27, remove strike-out and revise language as follows:

“3. Calculations.

i. **For all existing forest cover measured to the nearest 1/10th acre cleared on the net tract area above the applicable forest conservation threshold, the area of the forest removed shall be reforested at a ratio of 1/4 acre planted for each acre removed.**

ii. **Each acre of forest retained on the net tract area above the applicable**

forest conservation threshold shall be credited against the total number of acres required to be reforested under (3)(i) of this subsection. The calculation of the credit shall be according to the criteria provided in the forest conservation technical manual.

iii. For all existing forest cover measured to the nearest 1/10th acre cleared on the net tract area below the applicable forest conservation threshold, the area of forest removed shall be reforested at a ratio of two acres planted for each acre removed below the threshold." **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend favorably O-38-16 with the amendment as follows:

Amendment # 3

Page 8, line 12, in the Table under items (5) and (6), in column "Threshold Percentage" strike "15" and insert "20" percent. **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend O-38-16 with amendments 1-5 (attached). **Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Aye: 2 - Alderman Arnett and Alderman Littmann

Absent: 1 - Alderman Pfeiffer

General Discussion II

[ID-41-17](#) FCA Projects

Attachments: [Current Projects 1 27 17.pdf](#)

Director of Planning and Zoning Gutwald gave an update of current Forest Conservation Act (FCA) projects and spoke on the approved conservation plan for the Annapolis Public Library, 1715 Forest Drive (MAIF building) has a public meeting scheduled in March on the Forest Conservation Plan (FCP) and Forest Stand Delineation (FSD), 9 Elliot Road planned development application and answered questions from the committee.

Office of Environmental Policy Director Broadbent was present and spoke on the update on the technical manual and answered questions from the committee.

This Informational Item was presented

5. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Cyndi Gaines
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