

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.

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.

Alderman Arnett moved to recommend with amendments. 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