

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 9, 2026

4:30 PM

Special Meeting - Joint Meeting

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

Rules and City Government Committee

Call To Order

Alderman Smith-Brown called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Alderman Smith-Brown and Alderman Thorp

Absent: 1 - Alderman Schandelmeier

Approval of Agenda (any changes to the agenda should be made here)

Alderman Thorp moved to approve the Special - Joint Meeting agenda.
Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Business and Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

[RCG 6.4.26](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [RCG 6.4.26](#)

Alderman Thorp moved to postpone RCG 6.4.26 until the next meeting July 23rd, 2026. Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Legislation

[O-16-26](#)

Forest Conservation - Program Amendments to Conform with State Law

For the purpose of amending Chapter 21.71 (Forest Conservation) of the Code of the City of Annapolis to add and update definitions; to add afforestation requirements, exemptions for linear projects and solar photovoltaic facilities, and public notice and comment procedures for the clearing of priority retention areas; to expand reforestation mitigation options; to update forest conservation fund contribution requirements; to amend forest mitigation bank credit provisions to authorize the use of qualified conservation; and generally dealing with Chapter 21.71 of the City Code.

Sponsors: Savidge

Attachments: [O-16-26 First Reader](#)

[O-16-26 Legislative Summary](#)

[O-16-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)

[O-16-26 Fiscal Impact Report - Updated 6.22.26](#)

[Amendment 2 - Savidge](#)

[Amendment 3 - Savidge](#)

[Amendment 4 - Savidge](#)

[Amendment 5 - Savidge](#)

[Amendment 6 - Savidge](#)

[O-16-26 Summary of Amendments 2 through 6](#)

[O-16-26 State Change to MD Forest Conservation Act](#)

[O-16-26 Forest Conservation Appeals Changes in Bill](#)

City Attorney Kupersmith and Urban Forester Adams were present to answer questions from the committee.

Amendment #2 - Alderman Thorp moved to Recommend Amendment #2 Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #3 - Alderman Thorp moved to Recommend Amendment #3 Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #4 - No action taken.

Amendment #5 - No action taken.

Amendment #6 - Alderman Thorp moved to Recommend Amendment #6 Favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

No action taken on O-16-26.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Kalyn Jackson
City Council Associate

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