

SPECIAL MEETING
March 19, 2012

The Special Meeting of the Annapolis City Council was held on March 19, 2012 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Cohen, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Israel, Paone, Silverman, Pfeiffer, Arnett

Absent on Roll Call: Alderman Kirby arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Staff Present: City Attorney Hardwick, City Manager Mallinoff, DNEP Director Broadbent, Transportation Director Newell, Personal Transportation & Parking Specialist Banks, Fire Chief Stokes, Deputy Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management Simmons, Deputy Chief Remaley, Human Resources Director Rensted

PETITIONS, REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Swearing in of 2 Lateral Firefighters

Mayor Cohen invited Alderwoman Finlayson, Fire Chief Stokes, Deputy Fire Chief Simmons and Deputy Fire Remaley to join him as the new Firefighter Paramedics Christopher Dew and Amelia Haddaway take the oath of office.

Comments by the General Public

Kathleen Booth, 433 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 spoke in favor of O-53-11

Nevin Young, 1703 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 spoke in favor of O-53-11

Jessica Pachler, 506 President Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 spoke in favor of O-53-11

Kurt Riegel, 307 A Monterey Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke in favor of O-53-11

Stan Newquist, 5 Hill Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 spoke in favor of O-53-11

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION – 2ND READING

O-53-11 Keeping or Maintaining Chickens Within the City of Annapolis – For the purpose of allowing chickens, but not roosters, to be kept or maintained within the City of Annapolis.

- Alderman Pfeiffer moved to adopt O-53-11 on second reading. Seconded.

DNEP Director Broadbent was present and answered questions from Council.

The Housing and Human Welfare Committee reported favorable with amendments and the Rules and City Government Committee reported no action on O-53-11.

- Alderman Kirby moved to amend O-53-11 as follows:

Amendment #1

Page 1, Line 25, strike “set back at least five (5) feet from the property line.”
Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Cohen, Alderman Kirby, Pfeiffer, Israel

*NAYS: Alderman Paone, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Silverman,
Arnett*

DEFEATED: 4/5

Amendment # 2

Page 1, Line 26, insert “3. All persons keeping chickens shall receive approval from all abutting owners of their intent to keep chickens using the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs Backyard Chicken Registry and Approval Form. Prior to keeping any chickens, said form shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs along with accompanying fees and approved inspection.” Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- Alderman Israel moved to amend O-53-11 as follows:

Amendment #1

Page 1, Line 31, insert after passage, "AND, THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF PASSAGE, AND WITH NO FURTHER ACTION BY THIS COUNCIL, THIS PROVISION OF LAW SHALL BE DEEMED ABROGATED, OF NO FURTHER EFFECT AND STRICKEN FROM THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS." Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- Alderman Israel moved to amend O-53-11 as follows:

Amendment #2

Page 1, Line 32, insert, “SECTION III: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL THAT THE NUMBER OF PERMITS FOR MAINTAINING CHICKENS SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWENTY-FOUR (24) THROUGH THE USE OF A LOTTERY SYSTEM.” Seconded. Without objection amendment # 2 was withdrawn.

- Alderwoman Finlayson moved to amend O-53-11 as follows:

To limit the minimum acreage to ½ acre lots. Seconded. DEFEATED on voice vote.

- Alderman Arnett moved to postpone action O-53-11 until a second hearing has been held due to the subsequently substantive amendments to the ordinance, and to have legislative action on April 9, 2012. Seconded.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

*YEAS: Alderman Paone, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Silverman
Arnett*

NAYS: Mayor Cohen, Alderman Kirby, Pfeiffer, Israel

CARRIED: 5/4

R-63-11 Increasing Transit Fares for Transportation Services – For the purpose of increasing transit fares for use of transportation services in the City of Annapolis by amending the FY 2012 fee schedule.

- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-63-11 on second reading. Seconded.

Transportation Director Newell gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Council.

Personal Transportation & Parking Specialist Banks was present and answered questions from Council.

The Transportation Committee and the Transportation Board reported favorably on R-63-11

- Aldermen Silverman was out of the room during the vote.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

*YEAS: Mayor Cohen, Alderman Paone, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson,
Aldermen Kirby, Pfeiffer, Arnett, Israel*

NAYS:

CARRIED: 8/0

R-8-12 Filing of Grant Application with the Mass Transit Administration – For the purpose of authorizing the filing of an application with the Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Sections 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, and/or 5317 grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Transportation Director Newell gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Council.

The Transportation Committee and the Transportation Board reported favorably on R-63-11

- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-8-12 on second reading. Seconded.
- Aldermen Paone and Silverman were out of the room during the vote.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

*YEAS: Mayor Cohen, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Kirby, Pfeiffer,
Arnett, Israel*

NAYS:

CARRIED: 7/0

R-10-12 Submission of Proposed Union Agreements – For the purpose of postponing until after March 6, 2012, the submission to the Mayor of proposed memoranda of understanding between employee organizations and the City.

- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-10-12 on second reading. Seconded.

Human Resources Director Rensted was present and gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Council.

- Mayor Cohen dispensed with the legislative referrals to the Rules and City Government and the Finance Committees

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

*YEAS: Mayor Cohen, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Silverman, Kirby,
Pfeiffer, Arnett, Israel*

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Alderman Paone

CARRIED: 8/0/1

ORDINANCES – 1st READING

- O-11-12 Eliminating the Sick Leave Bank for Employees – For the purpose of eliminating the sick leave bank authorized in Section 3.20.140 of the City Code for City of Annapolis Employees.**

Referred to the Rules and City Government Committee

Human Resources Director Rensted was present and answered questions from Council

- O-12-12 Lease of City Property: Spring 2012 Boat Show – For the purpose of authorizing a lease from April 25-30, 2012 for the area of Susan B. Campbell Park, Annapolis City Donner Parking Lot, Ego Alley Water Space, and Old City Recreation Center and other property and water locations as described in the lease.**

Referred to the Economic Matters and Environmental Matters Committees

- Mayor Cohen scheduled O-12-11 for a public hearing with legislative action on April 9, 2012.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, MMC
City Clerk