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Annapolis Environmental Commission
July 15, 2020

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held a special meeting on July 15, 2020 as a virtual meeting. **Chair** Buchheister called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: **Chair** Buchheister, **Vice-Chair** Giblin, Stephenson, O’Leary, Rowel

Members Absent: Turgeon, Murphy, Bohanan

Staff Present: R. Hodo, J. Braithwaite

Chair Buchheister noted that the special meeting was called to allow the AEC to review and vote on the letter for the Public Works Maintenance Facilities and also the letter for Ordinance #O-20-20 as well as the Charter Amendment that describes the duties of this office.

2. Public Works Maintenance Facilities Comments

Ms. Stephenson shared the comment letter for the new Public Works Maintenance Facilities and the AEC went over the changes and additions made since the last meeting. Some of the additional comments were to provide educational opportunities, use as a learning lab to focus on the underprivileged communities, and coordinate stream restoration with Monarch Academy. The edits will be made to the document to bring it into final form.

Ms. Stephenson moved to approve the comment letter for the new Public Works Maintenance Facilities as revised. **Vice Chair** Giblin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

3. Ordinance #O-20-20 Comments and Charter Amendment

Chair Buchheister noted that this ordinance was referred to the AEC by the Council for review. The ordinance proposes to dissolve the OEP and establish a Deputy City Manager for Sustainability and Resiliency.

Vice Chair Giblin summarized what occurred at the Environmental Matters Committee meeting as it relates to Ordinance #O-20-20 specifically one of the Council members wanted the word “select” removed from the language but it is his belief that the word select was incorporated to allow them to select the projects that were “Deputy City Manager worthy.” Mr. Braithwaite suggested including “carving out the criteria for what projects that the Deputy City Manager must approve and the AEC was amenable to this suggestion. The AEC also would like to add “Environment” into the Deputy City Manager of Sustainability and Resiliency title and would like to see the position have some approval authority rather than just review.

Ms. Stephenson moved approval of the comment letter for Ordinance #O-20-20 as revised. Mr. O’Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. O'Leary moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

The next AEC meeting is Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 7:00 pm at 145 Gorman Street.

Tami Hook, Recorder