



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0246

York Corridor Business Improvement District – Establishment

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: September 13, 2022

Time (Beginning): 2:23 PM

Time (Ending): 2:42 PM

Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Council Chambers / Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Ryan Dorsey Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a

Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a

Agency reports read? yes no n/a

Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a

Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a

Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a

Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by: Councilmember Mark Conway

Seconded by: Councilmember Odette Ramos

Final Vote: Favorable with Amendment

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Michele Toth, Department of Law
- Martin French, Planning Commission
- Pedro Aponte, Department of Finance

- Sadaf Omar, Baltimore Development Corporation
- KC Kelleher, Department of Real Estate
- Ray Davis, Business Owner, Member of the York Road BID Board
- Sarah Ceponis, Organizer for Corridor Businesses
- Marty Bacon, Business Owner

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Conway explained the purpose of the bill. He provided a brief history of the initiative to create the business district and expressed support for the bill.
3. Martin French presented the Planning Commission’s report and explained findings. He presented a technical amendment for the bill.
4. The chair read into the record letters of support from various community groups and residents.
5. Agency representatives testified on behalf of their respective agencies.
6. The chair called for public testimony.
7. Ray Davis testified in support of the bill.
8. Sarah Ceponis testified in support of the bill. There are 125 business owners. Thirteen are out of state. The property tax averages about \$85.00 per month. There has been much engagement with the community about implementation of the Business Improvement District.
9. Marty Bacon testified in support of the bill. He emphasized that the bill is much needed. He hopes that the initiative is successful.
10. Councilmember Ramos asked for clarification about the law that governs establishment of a business district. The York Corridor Business Improvement District (YCBID) is being established under the law which allows for benefits district, however, YCBID would only impact certain businesses.
11. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorable as amended.
12. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair Yea
 John Bullock: Yea

Mark Conway:Yea
Ryan Dorsey:Yea
Antonio Glover:Yea
Robert Stokes:Yea
Odette Ramos:Yea

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Date: September 14, 2022