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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO22-0029

Baltimore City Fire Department Apparatus Maintenance and Replacement

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired by: Mark Conway

Hearing Date: December 7, 2022

Time (Beginning): 1:00 PM

Time (Ending): 3:00 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 50 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Conway

Kristofer Burnett

Zeke Cohen

Eric Costello

Antonio Glover

Phylicia Porter

Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:			
Seconded by:			
Final Vote:			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Charles Svehla, Fire Department

Chris Caisse, Fire Department

Ty Spencer, Fire Department

Berke Attila, Department of General Services

Richard Langford, IAFF Local No. 734

Joshua Fannon, IAFF Local No. 964



Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order, introduced the committee members in attendance, and discussed the goals for the hearing.
2. Fire Department representatives presented on apparatus maintenance and replacement (presentation in file). Berke Attila discussed the background and history related to Department of General Services (DGS) equipment purchasing. Richard Langford and Joshua Fannon discussed the fire unions' concerns with the condition of the City's apparatus.
3. Agency representatives responded to committee member questions.
4. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

The committee requested the following additional information:

1. A timeline for the Fire Department and DGS to address apparatus maintenance and replacement issues, including what additional apparatus is needed, the estimated timing and cost for obtaining the necessary apparatus, and how the Fire Department and DGS will keep the apparatus fleet up to date moving forward.
2. The number of mechanic vacancies in DGS for fire apparatus specialists.
3. An analysis comparing the NFPA Standards for apparatus maintenance and replacement to the Fire Department / DGS's current practices.
4. The status of any ARPA requests submitted to fund apparatus maintenance and/or replacement.



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: December 9, 2022

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