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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0299

Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Application Extension

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Time (Beginning): 10:30 AM
Time (Ending): 11:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 35

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello	Kristerfer Burnett
Robert Stokes, Sr.	Sharon Green Middleton
Danielle McCray	Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Ryan Dorsey	

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
Video 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Eric Holcomb, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)
Stacy Montgomery, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
Robert (Bob) Cennane, Department of Finance

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Bullock, primary sponsor of the legislation gave opening remarks stating, "Extending the date for the tax credits will provide some relief to homeowners who are making improvements to their property."
2. The representative from CHAP gave a brief overview on the legislation. Some other comments were:
 - Talked about the benefits for having the tax credits
 - This is the third (3rd) time coming before the Council to extend the credit
 - Does not want the credit to end and/or sunset
3. The chairman went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
4. The representative from Finance talked about why the Department opposes the legislation. He also stated, if approved, he would to see a shorter time period for extending the tax credits.
5. The committee/councilmember asked questions, stated concern(s) and made comments. Some were:
 - Comment
 - This is the most equitable credit provided by Baltimore City
 - Questions/Concerns
 - To CHAP – Can you talk about some of the cost savings associated with the credit?
 - Does the State and/or Federal laws impact these credits?
 - Can you talk more about the State and Federal eligibility guidelines?
 - When does the credit "kick in?"
 - Talk about this
 - Concern
 - Problems with Flipping Housing – concern: pertinent matters not going through CHAP before homes are sold!
 - Talk about what CHAP is doing to prevent same
 - The representative from the Finance Department was asked to talk about the Department's position on the following legislation:
 - Council Bill 21-0178 – Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Definition of "Historic Property" The committee held a hearing on this legislation in May 2022.
6. The hearing was called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

Date: February 2, 2023




Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	 Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eric	Holcomb	CHAP	✓	✓			✓
Stacy	Montgomery	CHAP	✓	✓			
Stephanie	Murdoch	DHCD	✓	✓			
ISAAC	Ambrose	CHAP	✓	✓			

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m508328b81967d206fc8beba6ab7a56de)
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22-0299

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

22-0299

Tax Credits - Historic Properties - Application Extension

For the purpose of extending the period within which applications may be accepted for the historic improvement tax credit and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: John T. Bullock, Eric T. Costello, James Torrence, Robert Stokes, Sr., Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT