



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0122

City Franchise - Installation of 5 Utilities/Ductbanks

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: November 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:00 PM

Time (Ending): 2:10 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 29

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey 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 Odette Ramos
Seconded by:.....Councilmember Mark Conway
Final Vote:.....Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Victor Terval, Department of Law
- Eric Tiso, Planning Commission
- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development

- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Lauron Thomas, Office of the Mayor
- Mara James, Department of Finance
- Kris Misage, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- Victor Tervalá, Law Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Ramos commented on the bill. The franchise will accommodate John Hopkins University's new "Agora Center" and will be located near the old Wyman Park Medical Center. She supports the bill.
3. Agency representatives testified on behalf of their respective agencies. Liam Davis testified that the franchise agreement will last for 25 years and that the Department of Transportation will recommend an annual franchise fee of \$910.00.
4. Matt Stegman and Victor Tervalá explained the Board of Estimates process for setting franchise fees and reporting the fee to the Council.
5. The bill has been referred to the Board of Estimates.
6. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably.
7. 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: Absent
 Robert Stokes: Yea
 Odette Ramos: Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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