

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0270

Sale of Property – 5545 Kennison Avenue

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Time (Beginning): 4:00 PM
Time (Ending): 4:40 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 50 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello Ryan Dorsey
Robert Stokes, Sr. Sharon Green Middleton
Danielle McCray

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Excused Absence

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember McCray
Seconded by: Councilmember Costello
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Mara James, Department of Finance
Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development

Public Testimony (Speakers)

- Karen Braden
- Stephen Ward, Grove Park Association
- Terrence Thrweatt
- Calvin Watkins
- Dr. Shirley Thomas
- Danell Williams
- Miguel N.
- Robyn Pettiford
- Caroline Hecker, on behalf of CommuniCare Health

Major Issues Discussed

1. The chairman went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
2. A committee member asked the representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development to explain the Request for Proposal process for selecting a committee.
3. Eight (8) people gave testimony **in opposition** to the sale of the property. Some highlighted comments and/or concerns were:
 - The sale does not have the support of the community
 - Have concerns regarding how the Request for Proposal was implemented
 - This sale will change the dynamics of the community
 - Want something built in the community that will be an asset and attract new residents such as:
 - A multi-purpose center
 - Charter School
 - Recreation Center
 - Will have an adverse impact on the community such as:
 - Noise
 - 24/7 ambulatory care
 - Unwanted visitors, etc.
 - Is disheartened that our own City Council does not stand up for us (community)
 - Do not believe a nursing home fits the community!
 - Our community is a “hidden gem”
 - Will fight the sale until the end!
 - Is afraid that the integrity and authenticity of community will be lost!
 - We deserve to have something in the neighborhood that will flourish!
 - Please place the nursing home somewhere else!
4. The representative on behalf of CommuniCare Health stated:
 - This bill only authorizes the City to sale the property; not build a nursing facility.
5. Vote taken on bill; passed – Favorable. Hearing concluded.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello:.....Yea
K. Burnett:.....Absent
R. Dorsey:... ..Yea
D. McCray:..... Yea
S. Green Middleton:Yea
I. Schleifer:Excused
R. Stokes, Sr.: Yea

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: May 26, 2023

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: May 25, 2023

BILL #: 22-0270

BILL TITLE: Sale of Property - 5545 Kennison Avenue

MOTION BY: McCray SECONDED BY: Costello

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>exc</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, *ETC*

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: *M.M.C.*



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Location: Council Chambers	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

What is your position on this bill?	Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*
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CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY



First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
X Braden	Karen	PO Box 31641 21207	✓		✓		
KC	Kelleher	Real estate / comptroller	✓	✓			
CALVIN	WATKINS	PO BOX 31641	✓		✓		
X STEVE	WARD	PO BOX 31641 GP1A	✓		✓		
Dr. Shirley	Thomas	Grove Park			X		
Donell Withers	Williams	Grove Park					
Terrance							

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Miguel	N.	5508 ELDERON AVENUE BALTIMORE, MD 21215	✓	✓			

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Thursday, May 25, 2023

4:00 PM U Burns Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2332 034 1685, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m0c85f3dd6937709ae7137fca7798ac4a)
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22-0270

Rescheduled from 5pm

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Robert Stokes Sr.
Excused 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Absent 1 - Kristerfer Burnett

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

22-0270

Sale of Property - 5545 Kennison Avenue

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 5545 Kennison Avenue (Block 8190; Lot 015) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by member McCray, seconded by member Costello, that Ordinance 22-0270 be recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Costello, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, and Stokes Sr.

Absent: 1 - Burnett

ADJOURNMENT