



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 24-0522

Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2025

Committee: Ways and Means

Chaired by: Eric Costello

Hearing Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time (Beginning): 5:15 PM

Time (Ending): 6:35 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 45 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Ryan Dorsey
- Danielle McCray
- Sharon Middleton
- Eric Costello
- Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer

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 type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" 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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Approximately Twenty-Six (26) speakers, **In-Person testimony**

Major Issues Discussed

- Chairman Costello and President Mosby gave opening remarks, and noted the purpose and rules of Taxpayers’ Night.

2. Approximately 26 attendees gave oral testimony; (each speaker was allocated at least two minutes to speak). Some highlighted comments, topics and/or areas of concern were:
 - Enoch Pratt Free Library
 - i. Understaffing in libraries
 - ii. Budget cuts in the library are not sustainable
 - Funding and lack of action with the Easterwood Skateboard Park
 - Hospitals and universities, such as Johns Hopkins, should pay more taxes to the city
 - Housing
 - i. \$15M in rental assistance
 - ii. More funds for Black renters
 - iii. \$2.5M for more housing inspectors
 - iv. \$2M for eviction counseling
 - Increase funding for the Parks and Recreation (BCRP) budget
 - Annual budget process
 - i. Increase community participation in budget process
 - Green spaces and environmental justice
 - i. Review funding for waste incinerators in the city
 - ii. Questions surrounding funding for BRESKO (Baltimore Refuse Energy Systems Company) waste incinerator
 - iii. Incinerators impact on community's health, particularly children
 - iv. The budget should include funds for composting, more green spaces, and community coalitions in the city
 - v. More fresh food options in the Curtis Bay community
 - vi. Funds for Co-Ops
 - Schools
 - i. Schools do not have adequate cooling and heating systems
 - Capital Budget
 - i. Realign capital budget to utilize funds for community grants
 - Additional and transparent funds for youth violence prevention

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

N/A

Niya N. Garrett

Niya N. Garrett, Committee Staff
 Cc: Bill File
 OCS Chrono File

Date: May 17, 2024



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✓ David	Yaffe

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✓ Nicole	Fabricant
✓ Samantha	Gowing
✓ David	Wheaton
✓ Taylor	Smith-Ham5
✓ Maynor	Flores Lucero
✓ Stephanie	Saxton
✓ Jordan	Taylor

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✓ Tisha Guthrie	

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

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24-0522 - Annual Property Tax - FY 2025 (Taxpayers' Night)

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 5 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
- Absent** 2 - Kristerfer Burnett, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2025

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Hearing recessed.

ADJOURNMENT