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FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CCB #12-0084 / MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - RENEWAL THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016		

TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

DATE: June 8, 2012

At its regular meeting of June 7, 2012, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #12-0084, for the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #12-0084 and adopted the following resolution; nine members being present (eight in favor, one recused).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #12-0084 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Chief for Economic and Neighborhood Development
 Mr. Alex Sanchez, Chief of Staff
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
 The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
 The Honorable Bill Cole, 11th District
 Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
 Mr. Nicholas Blendy, DHCD
 Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
 Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

June 7, 2012

REQUEST: Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2016

For the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Tiso

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Cole, Stokes, and Mosby

GENERAL AREA

The Midtown Community Benefits District is generally bound by Interstate-83 on the east, north to Calvert Street, north to 20th, west to Howard St, south to North Ave., and west to Tiffany Alley, south to MLK Boulevard, east on MLK to Read Street, south east to Park Avenue, and south to Franklin, east on Franklin to Morton Alley, north to Centre Street then east to Interstate-83

HISTORY

- Ordinance #95-613, approved June 1995, established the Midtown Community Benefits District.
- Resolution #99-019, approved June 1999, renewed the Midtown Community Benefits District.
- Resolution #03-043, approved June 2003, renewed the Midtown Community Benefits District.
- Resolution #04-052, approved June 2004, renewed the Midtown Community Benefits District.
- Resolution #08-001, approved June 12, 2008, was the last renewal of the Midtown Community Benefits District.

ANALYSIS

The Midtown Community Benefits District is an approximately 175-block area, established in 1995 to provide supplemental security services, sanitation and promotional services. Property owners in the district pay a tax surcharge of \$0.132 per \$100 of assessed value. The FY 2013 budget projects that \$1,672,906 in surcharges will be collected. With other contributions and interest, the total income will be \$ 1,742,506.

The Midtown Community Benefits District Authority has a staff of twenty full-time employees and two part-time employees split among Administrative staff, Clean Team, Green Team, and the Safety Team. The Midtown Community Benefits district Management Authority Board of Directors prepares an operating budget for each fiscal year. The budget is presented to the community at the Spring Town Hall Meeting for comment in March. The Board includes two representatives from each of the four community organizations, one Mayoral representative, one City Council representative, a business representative, two non-profit representatives, and four at-large members.

Some of the Midtown's services over the last year included:

- Vacuum vehicles clean streets five days per week;
- Trash cans are emptied seven days per week;
- 17 acres of green space is served in partnership with the City's Department of Recreation and Parks;
- Off-duty police officers patrol the neighborhoods on Authority-provided Segways 2-3 days per week; and
- Safety cameras are being installed on Charles Street.

The current cycle expires June 2012, hence the need for Resolution #12-0084 which will extend the Authority through June 30, 2016.

Community Input: The following community organizations have been notified of this action: The Midtown Community Benefits District, the Mt. Vernon-Belvedere Association, the Mt. Royal Improvement Association, the Mt. Vernon Cultural District, the Madison Park Improvement Association, Inc., the Charles Street Development Corporation, and the Charles-North Community Association



Thomas J. Stosur
Director