



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 22-0140R

Informational Hearing - Permit Reforms

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: March 7, 2023

Time (Beginning): 3:30 PM

Time (Ending): 4:08 PM

Location: City Hall; Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers and WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~10

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Ryan Dorsey Odette Ramos Robert Stokes

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:

Seconded by:

Final Vote:

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Odette Ramos, Sponsor
- Alice Kennedy, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Jason Hessler, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Kimberly Washington, Baltimore City Fire Department

- Derrick Ready, Baltimore City Fire Department
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members, and read the bill into the record.
 2. Councilmember Ramos commented about proposed amendments.
 3. Alice Kennedy gave a presentation “ePermits Overview”. She provided information about the programs strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. She discussed goals and recommendations to improve the program, which are outlined in the handout. The software system for processing permits is being updated. There is also a training module and education module to teach applicants.
 4. The committee discussed: adequate number of personnel; cross-training; streamlining the permit process; and a review of an inspector’s assessment of plans.
 5. The hearing was recessed.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:..... Yea
John Bullock: Yea
Mark Conway: Absent
Ryan Dorsey: Yea
Antonio Glover: Absent
Odette Ramos: Yea
Robert Stokes:..... Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: March 8, 2023

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