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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 20-0546

Natural Resources - Forest and Tree Conservation

Committee: Judiciary
Chaired by: Councilmember Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: August 4, 2020
Time (Beginning): 10:35 AM
Time (Ending): 12:15 PM
Location: Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 65 people
Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric Costello Mary Pat Clarke John Bullock Leon Pinkett
Edward Reisinger Robert Stokes Shannon Sneed

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
Hearing televised 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: J. Bullock
Seconded by: L. Pinkett
Final Vote: Fav. with Amendments

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Amy Gilder-Busatti, Department of Planning
Victor Tervalá, Law Department
Robert Pipik, Department of Housing and Community Development
Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works
Charles Murphy, Department of Recreation and Parks

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello called the hearing to order and explained the purpose of the bill.
2. Agency representatives confirmed the recommendations in their written reports and discussed the proposed amendments. Amy Gilder-Busatti discussed the background for the bill, including State requirements and public engagement. She further summarized the changes the bill would make to the City’s forest and tree conservation program.
3. Members of the public testified in favor of the bill and noted benefits of trees for City residents.
4. The Committee considered and voted to recommend the proposed amendments.
5. The Committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with the amendments.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello: **Yea**
M. Clarke: **Yea**
J. Bullock: **Yea**
L. Pinkett: **Yea**
E. Reisinger: **Yea**
S. Sneed: **Yea**
R. Stokes: **Yea**



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: August 13, 2020

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