



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 23-0153R

Investigative Hearing - Vacant Building Water Shut Offs

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired by: Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: July 11, 2023

Time (Beginning): 2:40 PM

Time (Ending): 3:25 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 45 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Sharon Green Middleton	John Bullock	Mark Conway	Ryan Dorsey
Antonio Glover	Odetta 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
Hearing televised 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:Glover
Seconded by:.....Ramos
Final Vote:Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Alan Robinson, City Administrator’s Office
- Hilary Ruley, Law Department
- Jason Hessler, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works
- Sophia Gebrehiwot, Mayor’s Office

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton called the hearing to order and read the bill title and purpose.
2. Councilwoman Ramos discussed the background for the resolution and the problems created when the city fails to turn off water service for vacant buildings.
3. Agency representatives summarized the written reports and responded to committee member questions.
4. Chairwoman Middleton invited public testimony – there was none for this resolution.
5. The committee voted to recommend the resolution favorably.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

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



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: July 13, 2023

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City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Economic and Community Development

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

2:05 PM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2339 633 2045, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?
MTID=m33ab062e95989ab7de9126056498d937](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m33ab062e95989ab7de9126056498d937)

23-0153R

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, Antonio Glover, Odette Ramos, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[23-0153R](#)

Investigative Hearing - Vacant Building Water Shut Offs

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Real Estate, the Baltimore Fire Department, and the Office of the City Administrator to report on why Section 116.4.6 of the Baltimore City Building Code, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to inform the Department of Public Works that there is a vacant building and that the water must be shut off, is not being implemented, the impact of not implementing this section of the Building Code, and a path toward implementation.

Sponsors: Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylcia Porter

A motion was made by Glover, seconded by Ramos, that this City Council Resolution be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Middleton, Bullock, Dorsey, Glover, Ramos, and Stokes Sr.

Absent: 1 - Conway

ADJOURNMENT



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: City Council Resolution – Investigative Hearing - Vacant Building Water Shut Offs	Bill #: 23-0153R
Committee: Economic and Community Development	Chair: Sharon Green Middleton
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023	Time: 2:05 PM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Council Chamber	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
<u>CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY</u>			Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email					
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD**

DATE: 7/11/2023

BILL#: 23-0153R

TITLE: Investigative Hearing - Vacant Building Water Shut Offs

MOTION BY: Glover, Antonio

SECONDED BY: Ramos, Odette

FAVORABLE

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

UNFAVORABLE

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Middleton, Sharon, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullock, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conway, Mark	<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"/>
Glover, Antonio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ramos, Odette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS	6	0	1	0

CHAIRPERSON: Sharon Green Middleton

COMMITTEE STAFF: Matthew L. Peters

