

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 21-0026R

Investigative Hearing - COVID-19 and Small Business Re-Openings

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM
Time (Ending): 11:20 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 55

Committee Members in Attendance:

- Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr., Danielle McCray, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file? Attendance sheet in the file? Agency reports read? Video or audio-digitally recorded? Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? Evidence of notification to property owners? Final vote taken at this hearing? Motioned by: Councilmember Stokes
Seconded by: Councilmember Middleton
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Colin Tarbert, Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC)

## Major Issues Discussed

1. Primary sponsors of the Resolution gave opening remarks (Councilmembers Porter and Conway). Some highlighted areas of their remarks included:
    - The impact COVID has had on the City and businesses
    - The importance of supporting small businesses
  2. The representative from the Baltimore Development Corporation gave a PowerPoint presentation and showed two (2) short videos.
  3. The committee/councilmembers asked the representative questions, made comments and/or stated concerns. Some highlights for same were:
    - Questions
      - Can you talk about BDC's community outreach efforts beyond and/or outside of central Baltimore city?
      - Can you about talk about some of your outreach efforts that are implemented electronically and how those efforts are processed?
      - What support is BDC offering businesses and where is the information located and/or available?
      - How is BDC monitoring the health and safety of businesses? (As far as COVID restrictions are concerned?)
      - Does BDC have a list of all the businesses who received funding? **Answer: Yes, but do not want to publish it now, but will publish the list later; sometime in July 2021**
      - What are some of the "lessons learned" as a result of COVID that will help BDC to becoming stronger and/or doing things better?
      - As councilmembers how can we help support BDC? **Answer: BDC would love to come back before the committee within the next 60 days to give another update.**
    - Comments
      - Some committee/councilmembers thanked BDC for their leadership and team!
      - Also thanked BDC for how their staff is addressing equity issues
  4. Chairman Costello gave closing remarks stating, "he supports BDC." Vote taken. Hearing concluded.
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## Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe.

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**Committee Vote:**

**E. Costello:**..... **Yea**  
**K. Burnett:**..... **Yea**  
**R. Dorsey:** ..... **Yea**  
**D. McCray:** ..... **Yea**  
**S. Green Middleton:** ..... **Yea**  
**I. Schleifer:** ..... **Yea**  
**R. Stokes, Sr.:** ..... **Yea**

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: April 23, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 4-20-21

RESOLUTION #: 21-0026R

RESOLUTION TITLE: Investigative Hearing – COVID-19 and Small Business Re-Openings

MOTION BY: Stokes      SECONDED BY: Middleton

- FAVORABLE                       FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS  
 UNFAVORABLE                       WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, ETC / m-m c

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: M. M. Currin



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> <b>Council Resolution</b> – Investigative Hearing – COVID-19 & Small Business Re-Openings	<b>Bill #:</b> 21-0026R
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> <b>Tuesday, April 20, 2021</b>	<b>Time:</b> 10:00 AM
<b>Location:</b> WebEx Meeting	

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

\*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

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:  
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?  
MTID=e379b6cf277d03ef726c9181d2fbaca5](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e379b6cf277d03ef726c9181d2fbaca5)

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

#### **ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

21-0026R **Investigative Hearing - COVID-19 and Small Business Re-Openings**  
For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Development Corporation to brief the City Council on their efforts to support small businesses and economic development in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter, Mark Conway, John T. Bullock, Danielle N. McCray, Odette Ramos, James Torrence, Robert Stokes, Sr., Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover

A motion was made by member Stokes, Sr., seconded by member Middleton, that City Council Resolution 21-0026R be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Costello, Burnett, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**