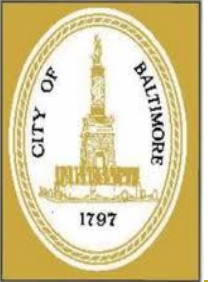


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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 20-0553		

October 20, 2020

TO:

Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 20-0553 introduced by Council President Scott on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Washington Village to revise an exhibit in the Renewal Plan to reflect the addition of a new disposition lot and to clarify and correct certain references in the Plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Urban Renewal Plan for Washington Village was established by Ordinance 79-1128 and was last amended by Ordinance 18-256. The Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the east, Russell and Paca Streets and the Carroll Camden Industrial Park to the south, Bush Street and Carroll Park to the west, and Mt. Clare Junction and the B&O Museum to the north.

City Council Bill 20-0553, if approved, would revise Exhibit 3 in the Urban Renewal Plan to allow for a new disposition lot and would change Exhibit 1 “Land Use” Plan to remove the “P” (Public Use) designation for the property known as 856 Washington Boulevard. This property, currently zoned C-1, is a single story structure which housed an Enoch Pratt branch library. The Pratt Library worked with the Baltimore Development Corporation to seek proposals that would allow for a mixed use development at this site, which would include a larger library space.

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FISCAL IMPACTS

The Department of Public Works does not expect to incur any significant costs as a result of the passage of this legislation. Amending this Urban Renewal Plan as proposed would provide the community with a new mixed use investment as well as a larger public library space.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 20-0553.



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