

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT, Mayor



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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0167

High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing Tax Credit - Citywide - Application Extension

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

Hearing Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:15 AM
Time (Ending): 10:40 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 60

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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
Video 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: Councilmember Middleton
Seconded by: Councilmember Schleifer
Final Vote: Favorable with Amendments

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Victor Terval, Law Department
Justin Lane, Baltimore Development Corporation
Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
Annie Milli, LIVE Baltimore
Robert Cenname, Department of Finance
Eric Tiso, Planning Department

- David Bramble, Speaker/Public Testimony
- Jayson Williams, Speaker/Public Testimony
- John Laria, Speaker/Public Testimony
- Rayan Potter, Attorney/Public Testimony
- Caroline Hecker, Speaker/Public Testimony
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Major Issues Discussed

1. The chairman thanked the Mayor for his participation in extending the tax credit and for moving forward with economic development. He also briefly talked about the new task force that Mayor Scott is creating to evaluate Baltimore City's existing tax credits.
2. Per the Budget Director, the new workgroup/task force must take an honest/critical look at the city's tax credits and come back to the table with some opportunity for improvements.
3. Committee member Dorsey asked the Budget Director if he could share any information established from working with the group. **Answer: No, not yet.** Member Dorsey also stated that he is concerned overall about this particular tax credit in general and is looking forward to seeing more about this credit. **Requested by Dorsey: Please submit information as soon as it is available.**
4. Five (5) speakers gave public testimony; all in support of the bill/tax credit. Some highlighted comments were:
 - This ordinance is an important issue, the bill will help support the initiatives of the new task force
 - We need help getting projects completed
 - Our company continues to invest in downtown Baltimore and in city neighborhoods
 - Has served on several task forces regarding tax credit issues and some tax credits are impediments
5. Chairman Costello talked about his proposed amendments. Vote taken on amendments. Vote taken on bill; passed – Favorable with Amendments. Hearing concluded.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

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

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: November 12, 2021

cc: Bill File
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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 11-9-21

BILL #: 21-0167

BILL TITLE: High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing Tax Credit - Citywide - Application Extension

MOTION BY: Middleton SECONDED BY: Schleifer

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	<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"/>
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TOTALS	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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

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



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Bill – High-Performance Market-Rate Housing Tax Credit – Citywide – Application Extension	Bill #: 21-0167
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: WebEx Meeting	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing Notes</i>					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

10:00 AM Virtual Webex Hearing: 1797145443@bmore.webex.com,
Access Code: 179 714 5443, Password: Public, Link:
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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

21-0167

High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing Tax Credit - Citywide - Application Extension

For the purpose of extending the period within which applications may be accepted for the High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing Tax Credit - Citywide and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: Eric T. Costello, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Robert Stokes, Sr., Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Antonio Glover, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, James Torrence, Zeke Cohen, Phylicia Porter, Mark Conway

A motion was made by member Middleton, seconded by member "Yitzy" Schleifer, that Ordinance 21-0167 be recommended favorable with amendments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Costello, Burnett, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

No: 1 - Dorsey

ADJOURNMENT