

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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HEARING NOTES

Council Resolution: 21-0062R

American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearings
2nd Quarter Review

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 12:20 PM
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

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This Resolution will remain open throughout the legislative term – no vote will be conducted, on-going quarterly meetings.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Christopher Shorter, City Administrator
Shamiah Kerney, Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs
Mara James, Department of Finance

Major Issues Discussed

1. **City Administrator Shorter** gave opening remarks and commended Director Kerney and her staff for all the work her Office is and/or has done.
2. **The Director for the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs** gave a PowerPoint presentation. *A copy is on file.*
3. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - **Revenue Stabilization**
 - Where is this located in the Presentation? **Answer: It is not included**
 - **Estimation for Revenue Loss**
 - How many fiscal years can the loss be applied too? **Answer: Starting in fiscal year 2020**
 - What was the final number for revenue loss during fiscal year 2020?
 - Can you walk us through how you went from \$103 million to 93 million in revenue loss during fiscal year 2020?
 - **ARPA Funding/Processes/Timeline/Etc.**
 - Several discussions regarding timelines, deadlines, eligibilities, proposals, etc.
 - Discussion and/or clarification regarding some terminology and about processes for moving funding forward
 - Questions regarding what funding have already gone before the Board of Estimates (BOE) to date and about the overall process for same, such as: awarding and spending
 - Discussion regarding how city laws ties into sending items and/or funding to the BOE – **Requested by Chairman Costello: At the next quarterly meeting the Administration should be able to answer how city laws ties into sending items and/or funding to the BOE**
 - **Premium Pay**
 - Is premium pay the same as back pay? Or is it moving forward? **Requested by Chairman Costello: Be prepared to discuss premium pay at the next quarterly meeting.**
 - **List of Questions Sent Prior to Hearing – a copy is on file**
 - Answers to be submitted by Friday, February 18, 2022, COB
 - **Funding**
 - Funding that go to different agencies, are these organization bound by the same rules as the grantees? **Answer: Yes**
 - Do everyone have to be registered as non-profits? And in good standing? **Answer: Yes**
 - How much non-profit grants have been awarded to date? **Answer: None at this time**
 - Why are there two (2) different channels for distributing grants to non-profits?
 - Concern: Want to make sure the processes are consistent, adequate and the same for everyone
 - **Capital Expenditures**
 - Can you talk about some of the capital expenditure projects

- Comments
 - We need to consistently improve the delivery of government services
 - Comments regarding the importance of water and sewer infrastructure
 - Hope the Council is included in the decision-making process
 - Comments regarding ten (10) endorsements
 - Want to make sure we have the full picture when it comes to endorsements
- Equity
 - How are you applying funding through the equity lens?
 - We have to get it right!
 - Have we looked at and/or used equity lens for how funding is applied to organizations?
- Proposals
 - Requested by Councilwoman Ramos: Can we get the entire list for all non-profits and city agencies' proposals when it becomes available?
- Health Department
 - Have they spent any more money? Can you talk about this?
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhood & Engagement (MONSE)
 - Discussion regarding the funding for MONSE – *a copy of the spreadsheet is on file*
 - Non-profits in the spreadsheet
 - How were they established and/or awarded?
 - How was the funds to be distributed determined?
 - Requested by City Administrator Shorter: Would like MONSE to attend the next meeting to discuss how funds were established
 - Requested by Chairman Costello: A representative from MONSE is to attend the next meeting to discuss:
 - How list was determined
 - Their capability
 - How list is consistent with law
 - Any updates regarding same
 - Comment: Looks forward to have a conversation at a later date regarding the scope of MONSE Office.

4. No public testimony was taken. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe. See requests noted in "Yellow" highlighted in the Major Issues Discussed section above.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

Date: February 22, 2022



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Resolution – American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearing – 2nd Quarter Review	Resolution #: 21-0062R
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

What is your position on this bill?	Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*
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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	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, February 15, 2022

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2334 484 6349, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=efc3d1e9449b7506cfc344edc489b0f13)
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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

21-0062R

American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearings

For the purpose of calling for quarterly budget oversight hearings regarding the disbursement and management of \$641 million in federal funding to the City of Baltimore through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to improve transparency and accountability for the pivotal task of responding to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors: President Nicholas J. Mosby, Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Danielle N. McCray, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Robert Stokes, Sr., Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos, James Torrence, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT