

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0213R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Cohen, Burnett,
Bullock, Clarke, Middleton, Sneed, Stokes, Reisinger Schleifer

Introduced and read first time: April 27, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Office of the Mayor, Healthy Department, Baltimore
City Public School System, Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, Department of
Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – COVID-19 Emergency Spending**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Finance and other representatives
4 from the Department of Finance to provide the City Council with an update on COVID-19
5 emergency spending.

6 **Recitals**

7 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City is in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic;

8 **WHEREAS**, The pandemic has caused a severe world-wide economic slowdown;

9 **WHEREAS**, The City will likely end this fiscal year with a \$42.3 million deficit due to the
10 financial consequences of the pandemic;

11 **WHEREAS**, The City will likely collect \$100 million less than anticipated during the fiscal
12 year starting in July due to the pandemic;

13 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City has tapped into emergency funds to pay for necessities to protect
14 our residents during this dangerous time;

15 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City will receive financial assistance for emergency spending related to
16 the pandemic from the federal government and the State during this crisis, but this financial
17 assistance will not be enough to offset the economic downturn the City is facing;

18 **WHEREAS**, The City Council needs to know the amount of emergency spending the Finance
19 Department has used so far regarding the pandemic and its economic consequences;

20 **WHEREAS**, The City Council needs to know how the Finance Department approves the use of
21 emergency funds;

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, The City Council needs to know both the dollar amount and the percentage of
2 emergency funds that has been directed towards minority businesses and firms as well as local
3 businesses and firms generally; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The City Council needs a list of all contracts awarded by the Finance Department
5 with emergency funding including the dollar amount of each contract, the name and address of
6 each business awarded a contract, and a description of the services each business awarded a
7 contract provides.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
9 Council invites the Director of the Department of Finance and other representatives from the
10 Department of Finance to provide the City Council with an update on COVID-19 emergency
11 spending.

12 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
13 Director of the Department of Finance, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.