



**HEARING NOTES**

**Bill: 21-0118**

**Area of Special Sign Control – Designation – North Harbor**  
**WORKSESSION/VOTING SESSION**

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

**Hearing Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
**Time (Beginning):** 10:10 AM to 10:30 AM **Recessed; Reconvened** 10:40 AM  
**Time (Ending):** 10:45 AM  
**Location:** **Virtual “WebEx” Meeting**  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 80

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Eric T. Costello                      Kristerfer Burnett  
Robert Stokes, Sr.                 Ryan Dorsey  
Danielle McCray                    Isaac “Yitzy” Schleifer

**Per Chairman - Excused Absent:** Sharon Green Middleton

<b>Bill Synopsis in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Attendance sheet in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Agency reports read?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Video or audio-digitally recorded?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Evidence of notification to property owners?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Final vote taken at this hearing?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Motioned by:</b> .....	<b>Councilmember Stokes</b>		
<b>Seconded by:</b> .....	<b>Councilmember Burnett</b>		
<b>Final Vote:</b> .....	<b>Favorable with Amend</b>		

**Major Speakers**  
*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Caitlin Audette, Planning Commission
- Shelonda Stokes, Downtown Partnership
- Alyssa Domzal – Downtown Partnership

### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello discussed the agency reports with the agency representatives. All stood by their report.
2. A representative from the Planning Commission went over their agency report in-depth. Some highlights from her discussion were:
  - o Approved the Bill but an amendment is included in the report (the current boundaries were not clear but was clarified with the amendment)
  - o Approved the Finding of Fact
  - o Have some architectural concerns but can be addressed later, sometime in the future
  - o The bill will have a cost benefit (revenue)
  - o An equity analysis for completed as well
3. Two representatives from Downtown Partnership testified. Some highlights from their testimony were:
  - o Talked about what the impact of the bill will do for the community
    - Will bring vitality to the community
    - Goal was to include (inclusive) as many residents in the community as possible
    - Did extensive outreach throughout the community
  - o Talked about the processes for signage control
  - o Worked very closely with the Planning Commission
  - o Talked about how the posting/advertisement was conducted/completed
4. Vote taken on proposed amendments; motion to vote on bill as amendment was made and passed.
5. Hearing concluded.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?  
If yes, describe.

Yes     No

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### Committee Vote:

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

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: October 13, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 10-12-21

BILL #: 21-0118

BILL TITLE: Area of Special Sign Control – Designation – North Harbor

MOTION BY: Stokes      SECONDED BY: Burnett

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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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<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

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

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

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

10:00 AM  
Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
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Worksession: 21-0118  
Hearing Reconvened from 9-28-21  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 6 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.  
**Excused** 1 - Sharon Green Middleton

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR WORKSESSION

##### 21-0118

##### **Area of Special Sign Control - Designation - North Harbor**

For the purpose of approving the application of Downtown Partnership of Baltimore to designate an Area of Special Sign Control known as the North Harbor District; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr.

A motion was made by member Stokes, Sr., seconded by member Burnett, that Ordinance 21-0118 be recommended Favorable with Amendments. The motion carried by the following vote.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT