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| FROM | NAME & TITLE | THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR | CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO |  |
| | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET | | |
| | SUBJECT | CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0727/ SALE OF PROPERTY - FORMER BEDS OF ALLEYS BOUNDED BY BARCLAY STREET, 24 TH STREET GREENMOUNT AVENUE, AND 23 RD STREET | | |

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

August 5, 2011

At its regular meeting of August 4, 2011, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #11-0727, for the purpose of condemning and closing certain alleys bound by Barclay Street, 24th Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23rd Street, as shown on Plat 336-A-33 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached agenda, summary and previous staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #11-0727 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present (eight in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #11-0727 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliope Parthemos, Deputy Mayor
 Mr. Peter O'Malley, Chief of Staff
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
 The Honorable Bill Henry, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
 Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
 Ms. Karen Randle, Council Services
 Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW
 Mr. Paul Barnes, DGS

- 13. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0725/CITY STREETS – OPENING – CERTAIN ALLEYS BOUNDED BY BARCLAY STREET, 24TH STREET, GREENMOUNT AVENUE, AND 23RD STREET** (Administration – City Council President Young)
For the purpose of condemning and opening certain alleys bounded by Barclay Street, 24th Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23rd Street, as shown on Plat 336-A-33 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)
- 14. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0726/CITY STREETS – CLOSING – CERTAIN ALLEYS BOUNDED BY BARCLAY STREET, 24TH STREET, GREENMOUNT AVENUE, AND 23RD STREET** (Administration – City Council President Young)
For the purpose of condemning and closing certain alleys bounded by Barclay Street, 24th Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23rd Street, as shown on Plat 336-A-33A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)
- 15. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0727/SALE OF PROPERTY – FORMER BEDS OF CERTAIN ALLEYS BOUNDED BY BARCLAY STREET, 24TH STREET, GREENMOUNT AVENUE, AND 23RD STREET** (Administration – City Council President Young)
For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the former beds of certain alleys bounded by Barclay Street, 24th Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23rd Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)
- 16. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0728/CITY STREETS – OPENING – CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS BOUNDED BY HOFFMAN STREET, PROCTOR STREET, EAST PRESTON STREET, AND GREENMOUNT AVENUE** (Administration – City Council President Young)
For the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets and alleys bounded by Hoffman Street, Proctor Street, East Preston Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 321-A-32 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)
- 17. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0729/CITY STREETS – CLOSING – CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS BOUNDED BY HOFFMAN STREET, PROCTOR STREET, EAST PRESTON STREET, AND GREENMOUNT AVENUE** (Administration – City Council President Young)
For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys bounded by Hoffman Street, Proctor Street, East Preston Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 321-A-32A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)

15. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0727/SALE OF PROPERTY – FORMER BEDS OF CERTAIN ALLEYS BOUNDED BY BARCLAY STREET, 24TH STREET, GREENMOUNT AVENUE, AND 23RD STREET

On November 4, 2010, the Planning Commission reviewed and approved subject to compliance with the Department of General Services' requirements, the closing of right-of- ways. The right-of-ways to be closed are located within the Barclay neighborhood area. The right-of-ways are alleys located in the rear of the 400 block of E. 23rd Street behind the addresses of 400 through 418 E. 23rd Street. CCB#11-0727 is the required legislation needed to formally sell the aforementioned right-of-way properties. This is the fourth step in a four step process. This request is consistent with the previous Planning Commission action, and staff remains in full support.

Recommendation: Approval

16. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0728/CITY STREETS – OPENING – CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS BOUNDED BY HOFFMAN STREET, PROCTOR STREET, EAST PRESTON STREET, AND GREENMOUNT AVENUE

On April 21, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed and approved subject to compliance with the Department of General Services' requirements, the closing of right-of- ways. The right-of-ways to be closed are located within the Johnston Square neighborhood area. The right-of-ways are a portion of Wirton Street and a 10 foot alley from Hoffman Street southerly to a 10 foot alley north of Preston Street. CCB #11-0728 is the required legislation to formally open the aforementioned street right-o-way properties, which are no longer needed for public purposes. This is the second step in a four step process. This request is consistent with the previous Planning Commission action, and staff remains in full support.

Recommendation: Approval

17. CITY COUNCIL BILL #11-0729/CITY STREETS – CLOSING – CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS BOUNDED BY HOFFMAN STREET, PROCTOR STREET, EAST PRESTON STREET, AND GREENMOUNT AVENUE

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Recommendation: Approval



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

November 4, 2010

REQUEST: Street Closing/Three Alleys (5 Feet, 10 Feet, And 25 Feet) between the 400 Blocks of East 23rd and 24th Streets

RECOMMENDATION: Approval, subject to comments from the Department of General Services.

STAFF: Kenneth Hranicky

PETITIONER: Department of Housing and Community Development

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA:

Site Conditions: The right-of-ways to be closed are located within the Barclay neighborhood area. The right-of-ways are alleys located in the rear of the 400 block of E. 23rd Street behind the addresses of 400 through 418 E. 23rd Street. The alleys are interconnected with each other and are of varying widths and lengths to occupy approximately 2,490 square feet and have the combined length of approximately 241 feet.

General Area: The area is characterized by residential uses. The area is located in R-8 zoning district.

HISTORY

- Ordinance Number 78-927, approved December 13, 1978, established the Barclay Urban Renewal Plan.
- Amendment No. 2, dated September 1, 1988, approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance No. 251, dated March 23, 1989.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS

The proposal to close the alleys is compatible with LIVE Goal 1, Objective 2: Strategically Redevelop Vacant Properties Throughout the City.

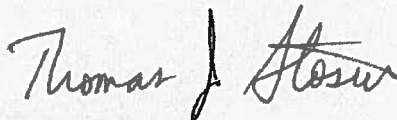
ANALYSIS

The Department of Housing and Community Development has requested the closing of these alleyways to consolidate this area with other adjoining City-owned properties into one lot and

offer it for redevelopment. The alleys abut two churches and their consent has been given for these closings. All remaining abutting properties are under City control.

It is staff's finding that these streets and alleys are not needed to provide access to adjacent properties. Thus, the subject streets and alleys are no longer needed for public purposes and can be closed; the right-of-ways declared surplus property and sold.

In advance of today's hearing on this matter, staff mailed the East Baltimore Community Corporation, Inc., East Baltimore Midway/Barclay Community Development Corporation, Inc., Eastern District Police-Community Relations Council, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc., North Baltimore Civic/Home Improvement Association, People's Homesteading Group, Inc., Barclay Leadership Council, Station North Arts & Entertainment District, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Saint Paul Peace and Harmony Free Will Baptist Church notification of this action.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director