

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President, City Council
Members of City Council

FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director



DATE: August 6th, 2008

RE: City Council Bill 08-0158



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0158 introduced by City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake at the request of The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development) for the purpose of repealing the existing Park Heights Urban Renewal Plan and replacing it by designating as a "Renewal Area" an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Park Heights, bounded generally by Druid Park Drive on the south, Wabash Avenue on the west, Northern Parkway on the north, and Greenspring Avenue on the east; approving a Renewal Plan for Park Heights; establishing the objectives of the Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing that where there may be a conflict between the provisions of the Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development, the provisions of the Planned Unit Development control; authorizing the acquisition by purchase or by condemnation of any properties needed for urban renewal purposes; providing that the Department of Housing and Community Development may demolish, sell, or lease acquired properties; creating disposition lots and providing for controls on specific lots; providing that streets and alleys within the disposition lots may be sold in whole or in part consistent with the redevelopment of the lots; providing that scattered City-owned sites within the Renewal Area may be sold or leased for development or rehabilitations; providing that properties identified as "Public" may not be sold; providing for review by the Department of Housing and Community Development of development or rehabilitation plans in the Renewal Area with respect to their conformance with the provisions of the Renewal Plan; providing that the provisions of the Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Project Area; providing for the term of the Plan; establishing procedures for amending the Plan; approving appendices and exhibits to the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and providing for the application of the Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

The Baltimore City Parking Authority, Inc. reviewed the proposed legislation, supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0158, and looks forward to participating in this renewal effort.

