



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0123

Franchise - Underground Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: November 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:14 PM

Time (Ending): 2:19 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 30

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

- Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a
- Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
- Agency reports read?..... yes no n/a
- Video or audio-digitally recorded?..... yes no n/a
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
- Evidence of notification to property owners?..... yes no n/a
- Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember Mark Conway
Seconded by:.....Councilmember Odette Ramos
Final Vote:.....Favorable with Amendment

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Nikki Thompson, Office of the President
- Victor Tervalá, Department of Law
- Eric Tiso, Planning Commission

- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Mara James, Department of Finance
- Kris Misage, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- David Garza, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Natasha Mehu, Office of the Mayor

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Agency representatives testified on behalf of their respective agencies. Liam Davis stated that the franchise agreement would be for 25 years and that the Department of Transportation (DOT) would like to waive the franchise fee, for the State of Maryland, but if the Board of Estimates decided not to waive the fee then DOT's recommendation would be for an annual fee of \$3,380. He presented a proposed technical amendment to correct the number of the Developer's Agreement.
3. The bill will be referred to the Board of Estimates.
4. The committee voted to approve the amendment.
6. The committee voted to recommend the bill favorably with amendment.
7. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair Yea
 John Bullock: Yea
 Mark Conway: Yea
 Ryan Dorsey: Yea
 Antonio Glover: Absent
 Robert Stokes: Yea
 Odette Ramos: Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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cc: Bill File

