


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 #14-0459 / CITY STREETS - CLOSINGS - CERTAIN ALLEYS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY WEST 29 TH STREET, FOX STREET, WEST 28 TH STREET. AND HUNTINGDON AVENUE		

TO

DATE:

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

December 19, 2014

At its regular meeting of December 18, 2014, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #14-0459 for the purpose of condemning and closing a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27A 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 that recommended approval of closing the aforementioned streets and/or alleys. Thus the Planning Commission recommended approval of City Council Bill #14-0459 and adopted the following resolution six members being present (six in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #14-0459 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. Kaliopé Parthemos, Chief of Staff
Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
Mr. Leon Pinkett, Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
Ms. Sheila Wyche, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
Ms. Barbara Zektick, DOT
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW
Mr. David Framm, DGS
Ms. Melissa Krafchik, PABC
Ms. Caroline Hecker, Applicant



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION
Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

AGENDA

December 18, 2014 – #1883

No Working Session
Regular Session – 3:00 p.m.



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

Please Note that the Consent Agenda items have been moved to the beginning of the Planning Commission Hearing.

3:00 PM

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANS/ 414 LIGHT STREET (Eleventh District)**
- 4. CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0459/ CITY STREETS - CLOSING - CERTAIN ALLEYS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY WEST 29TH STREET, FOX STREET, WEST 28TH STREET, AND HUNTINGDON AVENUE (City Council President – Administration)**
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- 5. CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0460/ CITY STREETS - OPENING - CERTAIN ALLEYS IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY WEST 29TH STREET, FOX STREET, WEST 28TH STREET, AND HUNTINGDON AVENUE (City Council President – Administration)**
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- 6. CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0461/ SALE OF PROPERTY - FORMER BEDS OF A 3-FOOT ALLEY AND A 4-FOOT ALLEY BOUNDED BY WEST 29TH STREET, FOX STREET, WEST 28TH STREET, AND HUNTINGDON AVENUE (City Council President – Administration)**
For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and

Huntingdon Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date. (Twelfth District)

7. CIP TRANSFERS

REGULAR AGENDA

8. CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0466/ REZONING - 1209 NORTH ROSE STREET
(Councilman – Warren Branch)

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1209 North Rose Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District. (Thirteenth District)

9. FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL – URBAN RENEWAL – INNER HARBOR PROJECT I
- 414 S. LIGHT STREET (Eleventh District)

10. MINOR AMENDMENT AND FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL/ NORTH CHARLES
VILLAGE PUD - 3200 SAINT PAUL STREET (Twelfth District)

11. MAJOR SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLANS/ 3622 CAIRNES LANE** (Seventh District)

This agenda was prepared on the assumption that all necessary materials have been made available in sufficient time for consideration by the Commission at this meeting. There are occasionally changes in this agenda when relevant materials have not been delivered to the Department on schedule. **For any item marked (**), please call the Department at 410-396-4488 for most current information.**

The meeting will be held in the Phoebe B. Stanton Boardroom of the Department of Planning, located on the 8th floor of 417 East Fayette Street.



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

SUMMARY

December 18, 2014



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Director

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CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLANS/ 414 LIGHT STREET** (Eleventh District)
This project is for the former McCormick site, a 1.92± acre parcel that is currently used as a surface parking lot. The proposed subdivision will create two lots from the single existing lot, and proposes a high-rise mixed-use building with internal garage (477 parking spaces) on the eastern lot. The new building will have 12,500 sq ft of retail use, and 392 residential units. The western half will continue as a parking lot, though it will be reconfigured. This site is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, and partially within the Floodplain. In a future phase, the western half of the site may be developed with another high-rise building.

Recommendation: Approval

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On November 20, 2014 the Planning Commission found and approved the properties known as the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue are no longer needed for public use, could be declared excess rights-of-way property, and can be closed. This action is needed in order to formally close the no longer needed alleys and can be surpluses.

Recommendation: Approval

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Recommendation: Approval

6. CITY COUNCIL BILL #14-0461/ SALE OF PROPERTY - FORMER BEDS OF A 3-FOOT ALLEY AND A 4-FOOT ALLEY BOUNDED BY WEST 29TH STREET, FOX STREET, WEST 28TH STREET, AND HUNTINGDON AVENUE (City Council President – Administration)

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Recommendation: Approval

7. CIP TRANSFERS

Recommendation: Approval



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

November 20, 2014

REQUEST: Street Closing/Alleys Southwest of West 29TH Street and Fox Street

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Alexandra Hoffman

PLANNING DISTRICT: Northern

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNER: Katie-Rose Imbriano

PETITIONER: HKMJB Investments, LLC

OWNER(S): Mayor and City Council

SITE AREA

Site Conditions: The subject portions of Right-of-Way are two alleys southwest of the intersection of West 29th Street and Fox Street.

General Conditions: The subject portions of Right-of-Way are located in the Remington neighborhood of North Baltimore. The neighborhood is predominately residential in character, with corner commercial uses scattered throughout the neighborhood, with industrial and more intense commercial uses on the periphery.

ANALYSIS

This proposed street closing would impact two alleys: one off the 300 block of West 29th Street and the other off of the 2800 block of Fox Street (see Figure 1: Block Plat, attached). The Petitioner, HKMJB Investments, LLC, owns all of the properties adjacent to the subject portions of Right-of-Way except for Lot 22. The owner of Lot 22, Gloria Ruiz, has stated in writing that she does not use that portion of the alley and therefore has no objection to the proposed action.

A utility investigation has been completed and there are utilities to be abandoned.

It is staff's finding that the subject portions of Right-of-Way are not needed to provide access to adjacent properties since all of the properties are under single ownership. Thus, the Right-of-Way is no longer needed for a public purpose and can be closed, declared surplus property and sold.

The Petitioner, HKMJB Investments, LLC, owns a liquor store on Lot 24/25, which is served by a parking lot on Lot 26/31 and Lot 64/68. The alleys as they exist today divide the store from the parking lot and bisect the parking lot. The alleys have been informally gated for many years to deter dumping and crime. The Petitioner has requested the proposed action in order to pursue the consolidation of their properties.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

The Remington Neighborhood Alliance, the Greater Remington Improvement Association, and the property owner for Lot 22 referenced above have all been notified of the requested action.



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Director

Figure 1: Block Plat

