

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 16-0302R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello, President Young, Councilmembers Stokes, Clarke,
Henry, Branch, Middleton, Mosby, Curran, Holton, Welch, Spector, Scott, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: April 18, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Stormwater Enterprise Fund Usage**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the Departments of Public Works and Finance to report on the
4 collection, use, and planned use of Stormwater Enterprise Fund fees, and the volume and
5 value of participation credits and mitigation variances accepted to date.

6 **Recitals**

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Baltimore collects the Stormwater Enterprise Fund fees from City
8 residents, commercial property owners, and nonprofit property owners.

9 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council represents the parties listed above.

10 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council approved the collection, fee amount, and associated
11 regulation of the Stormwater Management.

12 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council must understand how the Department of Public
13 Works (DPW) is expending these resources for maximum effectiveness and public
14 accountability.

15 **WHEREAS**, in order to fully understand the current state of the Stormwater Management
16 program, the Council calls on the Director of DPW, the Director of Finance, and the Director of
17 the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to report to and to testify before the City
18 Council on:

- 19 • Total spending on stormwater management prior to the institution of the enterprise fund;
- 20 • Total Stormwater Enterprise Fund fees actually collected to date;
- 21 • Total Stormwater Enterprise Fund fees currently billed, but not yet collected;
- 22 • Financing and debt service strategy and costs;
- 23 • Current availability of funds;

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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- 1 • Anticipated allocation of funds (operating v. capital);
- 2 • Current and planned operating budgets, including status and duties of new FTE or
3 contracted staff support;
- 4 • Current and planned capital budgets, including projects in design and slated for
5 construction in FY16 through FY20;
- 6 • Descriptions and justifications for individual projects, programs, and partnerships
7 outlined in the appendices of the MS4 Annual Report;
- 8 • Timetables pertaining to the planned operating and capital budgets;
- 9 • Total number of hours of Stormwater Participation Credits redeemed;
- 10 • Total dollar value of Stormwater Participation Credits redeemed;
- 11 • Total number of Stormwater Mitigation Variances approved;
- 12 • Total dollar value of Stormwater Mitigation Variances approved;
- 13 • Total number of hardship exemptions approved;
- 14 • A narrative description explaining how partially-paid water bills are applied to each of the
15 four utilities: Water Enterprise Fund, Sewer and Wastewater Enterprise Fund, Stormwater
16 Enterprise Fund, and Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
18 Council calls on the Departments of Public Works and Finance to report on the collection, use,
19 and planned use of Stormwater Enterprise Fund fees, and the volume and value of participation
20 credits and mitigation variances accepted to date.

21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
22 Director of Public Works, the Director of Finance, the Director of the Bureau of Budget and
23 Management Research, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.