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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0042

Real Estate Records – Modernization

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:50 AM
Time (Ending): 11:25 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] yes [ ] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [ ] no [ ] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Dorsey
Seconded by: Councilmember Middleton
Final Vote: Favorable/Amend

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Bill Henry, Comptroller
• Andrew Frank, Comptroller's Office
• Hilary Ruley, Law Department
• Todd Carter, Baltimore City Information Technology (BCIT)

- Mara James, Finance Department
  - Anthony Defranco, Department of Legislative Reference/City Archives
  - Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
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### Major Issues Discussed

1. A representative from the Comptroller's Office talked briefly about the history of the bill and stated the legislation will bring greater transparency to the Office.
  2. The chairman went over the agency reports with the attending representatives.
    - The representative from the Law Department talked briefly about the city's retention schedule for records.
    - The representative from the BCIT suggested the need to look at other things and other entities across city government to leverage technology.
    - The City's Comptroller stated that when it comes to asset management he is looking forward to working with other agencies across city government
    - The representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development talked about their proposed amendment; **to change a word from fair to assessed**. Several agency representatives and committee members commented on the proposed amendment.
      - Four options were discussed:
        - Fair
        - Assessed
        - Fair & Assessed
        - Or "none of the options above"
        - **Also see further study below.**
      - The representative from the Department of Legislative Reference informed the attendees that the City Archives falls under their Department and that they support the legislation.
    - 3. An amendment proposed by the Comptroller's Office was voted on and the motion was favorable. The hearing was concluded.
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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes  No

If yes, describe. At the request of Chairman Costello, five representatives from the following agencies;

- Law Department
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Mayor's Office
- Council President's Office, and
- Comptroller's Office

are to come together to discuss and submit a solution for the **DHCD proposed amendment**; such as leave the language as it, if not determine which would be the best option, define the word "value", etc. And if necessary submit a floor amendment on Monday, May 3, 2021 at the City Council meeting.

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**Committee Vote:**

**E. Costello:**.....Yea  
**K. Burnett:**.....Yea  
**R. Dorsey:** .....Yea  
**D. McCray:** .....Yea  
**S. Green Middleton:** .....Yea  
**I. Schleifer:** .....Yea  
**R. Stokes, Sr.:** .....Yea

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: April 29, 2021

cc: Bill File  
OCS Electronic File

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: April 27, 2021

BILL #: 21-0042

BILL TITLE: Real Estate Records – Modernization

MOTION BY: Dorsey      SECONDED BY: Middleton

FAVORABLE

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

UNFAVORABLE

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, Eric T. Costello / m-m c

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: m-m c



## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> Council Bill – Real Estate Records - Modernization	<b>Bill #:</b> 21-0042
<b>Committee:</b> Ways and Means	<b>Chair:</b> Eric T. Costello
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, April 27, 2021	<b>Time:</b> 10:02 AM
<b>Location:</b> WebEx Meeting	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		See hearing notes					

\*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Ways and Means

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

10:02 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:  
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Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?  
MTID=e61f829fb45314ba96b4273f98b871b76](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e61f829fb45314ba96b4273f98b871b76)

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21-0042  
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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present** 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

#### **ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

21-0042

##### **Real Estate Records - Modernization**

For the purpose of modernizing the methods by which the Comptroller shall make certain information regarding the City's real estate records available to the public; making certain stylistic changes; and conforming and correcting related provisions.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

A motion was made by member Dorsey, seconded by member Middleton, that Council Bill 21-0042 be recommended favorable with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Costello, Burnett, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**