

TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Supports

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0476 – Partial Release of Right-of-Way for Municipal Utilities and Services through the Residence at Roland Heights (Formerly Hedwin Property), the purpose the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the variable width right of way heretofore granted the City of Baltimore; the location and course of the variable width right of way to be released being shown on a plat numbered RW 20-36464; and providing for a special effective date.

Background

This right-of-way surrender is necessary was a part of the developer's agreement between the City of Baltimore and the developer, Roland Heights, LC, to complete development of a new subdivision at 1505-1507 Roland Heights Avenue, also known as the Residences at Roland Heights, Baltimore, MD, 21211. This agreement enabled the developer to do its own installation of water services, sanitary sewer, storm drain, conduit, street lighting and road improvements in accordance with Baltimore City standards.

Fiscal Impact

The City of Baltimore is already realizing the revenues from the Residences at Roland Heights, due to property taxes from this development. The City is also realizing other taxes from this development such as income taxes and energy and other such taxes.

Conclusion

This property is no longer needed for public use, there are no objections from other relevant City agencies, and this projected has added revenues, there is no negative fiscal impact from surrendering interest in this property. Therefore, the Department of Finance supports the passage of Council Bill 24-0476.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 24-0476.

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