

City of Baltimore

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2020

10:06 AM
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20-0626

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Danielle McCray, Member Eric T. Costello, Member Edward Reisinger, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[20-0626](#)

Water Accountability and Equity Act - Modifications

For the purpose of clarifying tenants' access to programs at the Department of Public Works; protecting against conflicts of interest by employees at the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals and by hearing officers and their overseers at the Environmental Review Board; improving and specifying data collection metrics by the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals; clarifying a customer's right to dispute determinations by the Department of Public Works before the Department, the Office, or the ECB; deleting the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee from the list of members of the Committee for Office Oversight and replacing that member with the Mayor or the Mayor's designee; modifying the effective date of the "Water Accountability and Equity Act", as enacted by Ordinance 20-336 and modified in part by this Ordinance; mandating the publication for public comment of all proposed new or amended rules and regulations governing the operations of the Office of Customer Advocacy or ECB hearings or restricting the rights granted customers under the Water Accountability and Equity Act and this Ordinance; suspending water service cut-offs and the imposition of service restoration fees until the Water Accountability and Equity Act, as amended by this Ordinance, is fully effective; correcting and clarifying related provisions; and providing for special effective dates for certain provisions and activities.

Sponsors: President Brandon M. Scott, Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr.

A motion was made by member Costello, seconded by member Stokes, that bill 20-0626 be recommended favorably with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Middleton, Member McCray, Member Costello, Member Reisinger, and Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT