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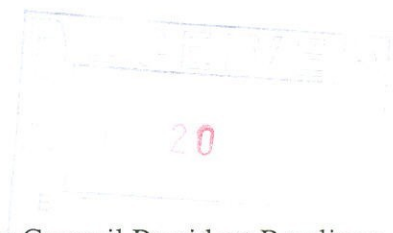
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DATE: November 19, 2009

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 - City Hall



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0404 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain properties that are known as 2306-2308 Riggs Avenue and 2950-2966 Mosher Street and no longer needed for public use.

The property noted in the legislation as 2306-2308 Riggs Avenue is identified in City records as 2306-2328 Riggs Avenue (Block 2353, Lot 3) and is owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. It is located on the north side of Riggs Avenue between N. Bentalou Street and Wheeler Avenue and is approximately 202 feet by 154 feet in size. The subject parcel is improved with eight vacant apartment buildings and a surface parking lot. A technical amendment is necessary to delete the incorrect property address of 2306-2308 Riggs Avenue and amend in the correct property address of 2306-2328 Riggs Avenue in lines 2, 4, and 15 of the legislation.

The property known as 2950-2966 Mosher Street (Block 2446-A, Lot 21) is owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and is located on the northerly side of Mosher Street, extending to N. Longwood Street. It is approximately 1.4 acres in size and is improved with nine vacant apartment buildings and a surface parking lot. A utility easement begins at the northeasterly corner of the property, parallels the eastern property line and extends to Riggs Avenue. A second easement exists that was formerly a portion of Riggs Avenue that projected into the lot. This street portion was closed to public use by Ordinance 67-1114 but the utility easements remain. Both of these utility easements would need to be retained in the deed should the Mosher Street property be sold.

Both the Mosher Street and Riggs Avenue properties were acquired by the Department of Housing and Community Development through a HUD foreclosure auction. As part of the conditions of the sale, these properties are to be redeveloped to remove the blighting influence on the surrounding community. Authorization for the sale of these properties will assist in the redevelopment process.

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Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 09-0404 as proposed to be amended, with the understanding that the relevant easements will be recorded in the deed.

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David E. Scott, P.E.
Director

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