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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0754		

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

DATE: August 18, 2011

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 11-0754 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

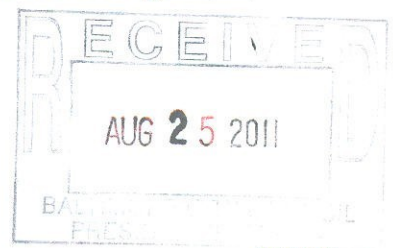
The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of certain streets and alleys in the area bounded by Ensor Street, Monument Street, Aisquith Street, and Orleans Street and no longer needed for public use.

Ordinance 70-760 established the Oldtown Urban Renewal Plan and was last amended by Ordinance 07-498. The area is bounded by the Jones Falls Expressway, Broadway, Monument Street, and Fayette Street. Within the Urban Renewal Area is the Oldtown Mall, bounded roughly by Aisquith Street, Orleans Street, and Ensor Street. Beginning in 2007 a series of meetings, workshops and steering committees were held to make recommendations for redevelopment of the Mall and other key areas. The plan is to create a mixed-use commercial center that would include a grocery store, mixed-income residential units and landscaping, with greater connectivity to the surrounding area.

Redevelopment of the Oldtown Mall requires the opening, closing and incorporation of several alleys and street beds. City Council Bill 11-0754 and companion legislation (City Council Bills 11-0752 and 11-0753), if approved, will allow for the opening, closing and sale of necessary streets and alleys for consolidation and development. The rights-of-way proposed to be closed and sold are as follows:

- A portion of Forrest Street extending southeasterly from Ensor Street and measuring approximately 52 feet by 158.3 feet by 45 feet by 134.1 feet;
- An irregularly-shaped alley located to the rear of 426 through 450 Oldtown Mall and between Forrest Street and East Street, measuring approximately 181 feet by 35.1 feet by 69.9 feet by 43.2 feet by 22.8 feet by 52.4 feet by 4.4 feet by 61.8 feet by 9.7 feet by 43.2 feet by 26.8 feet;
- A portion of East Street extending southeasterly from Ensor Street and measuring approximately 65.5 feet by 64.3 feet by 60.8 feet by 38.6 feet;

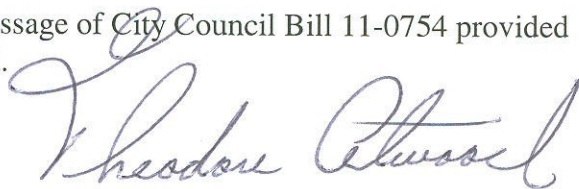
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- A varying-in-width portion of Forrest Street extending northwesterly from Orleans Street and located on either side of an unimproved City-owned parcel (Lot 4/5) and measuring approximately 14.2 feet by 37.6 feet by 69.7 feet by 231.9 feet by 45 feet by 213.6 feet by 60.7 feet by 172.4 feet by 60.6 feet by 198.6 feet by 139.4 feet by 71.2 feet;
- A varying-in-width alley located between Forrest Street and East Street, to the rear of the properties known as 449/457 through 469 Oldtown Mall, and measuring approximately 89.8 feet by 34.4 feet by 7.4 feet by 5.7 feet by 97.1 feet by 92.7 feet by 51.3 feet by 163.8 feet by 21.6 feet;
- An irregular portion of East Street extending from Orleans Street to the approximate mid-point of 447 and 449/457 Oldtown Mall east and west property lines (respectively), and measuring approximately 71.5 feet by 44.5 feet by 51 feet by 52.6 feet by 21.6 feet by 60.2 feet by 14.9 feet by 35.1 feet by 26.5 feet;
- A portion of McElderry Street extending northeasterly from Forrest Street and measuring approximately 60.6 feet by 158.4 feet by 60 feet by 166.7 feet;
- A roughly triangular portion of Orleans Street right-of-way adjacent to the westerly side of the East Street right-of-way and to the rear of the properties known as 427 through 447 Oldtown Mall, measuring approximately 108.6 feet by 141.2 feet by 5.5 feet by 71.5 feet; and
- An approximately 4-foot wide by 29-foot long alley extending southwesterly from a varying-in-width alley and projecting into the property known as 449/457 Oldtown Mall.

Any City-owned utilities not to be abandoned or relocated would be subject to a full width perpetual easement.

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 11-0754 provided the opening and closing ordinances are approved.



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