

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, October 10, 2019

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0150R

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

[19-0150R](#)

Investigative Hearing - Entities Receiving City Funds: Are They Holding Up Their End of the Bargain?

For the purpose of inviting representatives of certain organizations located within Baltimore that both receive public funds from the City of Baltimore and lease any portion of their venue to the public for catered events, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development, the President and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and other City officials responsible for the development and contracting of diversity in minority small businesses and responsible for the achievement of the City MBE/WBE goals, and representatives of the Baltimore minority hospitality and event industry to appear before the City Council to discuss the capital funding subsidies that the City of Baltimore has provided to certain organizations that lease any portion of their venue to the public for catered events; to discuss why some of these organizations utilize exclusive vendor lists without any minority business representation; to discuss the selection criteria, if any, for the creation of the exclusive lists; and to discuss what solutions, legislative or otherwise, can be implemented for the inclusion of MBE/WBE businesses on the exclusive lists.

Sponsors: Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry, Shannon Sneed, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello

A motion was made by Member Costello, seconded by Member McCray, that City Council Resolution 19-0150R be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT