


<b>FROM</b>	NAME & TITLE	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 E. FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>th</sup> FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0537/SALE OF CITY PROPERTY -3200 EAST BIDDLE STREET		

DATE:

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 North Holliday Street

June 23, 2020

The Department of Planning was referred City Council Bill #20-0537/ Sale of Property- 3200 East Biddle Street, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 3200 East Biddle Street (Ward 26, Section 20, Block 6150A, Lot 004) and no longer needed for public use.

At the request of the community and on behalf of the City of Baltimore, the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) acquired 3200 E Biddle Street, formerly Ainsworth Paint Factory, and entered into the Voluntary Cleanup Program with the Maryland Department of the Environment over a decade ago. Buildings on the property were demolished by BDC, while underground storage tanks and pipes remain for remediation by a developer. The property is fenced, secured and has been vacant since demolition. The City and BDC did not intend to develop the site for City use. A Baltimore city based, minority-owned business submitted an unsolicited bid to BDC in October 2019 for the property, as they've outgrown their current site and wish to buy property within the city to place vehicles, equipment and an office trailer. BDC issued a RFP for the site in Q1 2020; no additional proposals were received. With the passage of the Sales Ordinance, BDC will enter into a land disposition agreement with the local business.

Given this background, the Department of Planning staff determines that this property is no longer needed for public purpose and supports this legislation. The Department of Planning recommends that the City Council approve City Council Bill #20-0537 and allow for the sale of 3200 East Biddle Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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