

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0390
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Cole, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Henry, Middleton, Curran, Young, Welch, Conaway, Kraft, Spector, Reisinger, Holton, Branch
Introduced and read first time: August 10, 2009

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **The Baltimore Grand Prix**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing support for the efforts of Baltimore Racing Development, LLC, to
4 develop and conduct the Baltimore Grand Prix; designating Baltimore Racing Development,
5 LLC, as the sole entity authorized to develop and conduct the Baltimore Grand Prix; and
6 providing for a special effective date.

7 **Recitals**

8 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore Racing Development, LLC (BRD), a privately-owned Maryland
9 limited liability company, is engaged in developing a professional car race (Baltimore Grand
10 Prix or The Race) to be run on certain streets and roadways within the City of Baltimore; and

11 **WHEREAS**, BRD is working to have the Baltimore Grand Prix sanctioned by the Indy Racing
12 League (IRL), the American-based open wheel racing sanctioning body, for a period of years
13 beginning in 2011; and

14 **WHEREAS**, BRD has expended significant capital and effort to retain professionals necessary
15 to conduct the Race, generate goodwill, and develop the expertise required to make such an
16 event successful; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The Mayor and the City Council have been provided with information about the
18 Baltimore Grand Prix including, but not limited to, information about BRD's commitment to
19 hiring and working with locally-based minority and women's business enterprises, and the
20 Mayor and City Council believes that the Race will provide significant economic and other
21 benefits to Baltimore City and its residents, workers, businesses, and other stakeholders; and

22 **WHEREAS**, The Mayor and City Council believes that BRD is the entity best-suited to
23 develop and conduct the Baltimore Grand Prix; and

24 **WHEREAS**, BRD is conducting certain studies about the potential effects of the Race on
25 traffic flow, noise, neighborhoods, and businesses within the City of Baltimore, and BRD intends
26 to propose and implement plans that would mitigate potential negative effects of the Race; and

27 **WHEREAS**, BRD must be able to consult and coordinate with various agencies and
28 departments of the government of Baltimore City in order to develop and implement all aspects
29 of the Baltimore Grand Prix.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 after considering information about the Baltimore Grand Prix, the City of Baltimore supports the
3 efforts of Baltimore Racing Development, LLC, to develop and conduct various studies of
4 the Baltimore Grand Prix’s impact on the local economy, traffic impacts, accessibility to
5 properties within the downtown impact area, noise, public safety, capital costs and other impacts,
6 and the City hereby designates Baltimore Racing Development, LLC, as the sole entity
7 authorized to develop and conduct the Baltimore Grand Prix from the date of enactment of this
8 bill to July 1, 2011.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the relevant agencies and departments of
10 Baltimore City and their personnel are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions
11 necessary to study, evaluate, make recommendations on, and to coordinate with BRD on the
12 development and conduct of the Baltimore Grand Prix.

13 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
14 Mayor, the Baltimore City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the
15 Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the
16 Director of the Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Director of the Baltimore Area Convention
17 and Visitors Association, the Secretary of the Maryland State Department of Business and
18 Economic Development; the Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority; the Director of the
19 Baltimore Development Corporation; the President of the Greater Baltimore Committee, the
20 President of the Downtown Partnership, and the President of the Baltimore Convention and
21 Tourism Board.

22 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
23 is enacted.