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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO25-0015

Briefing – City of Baltimore Tax Credits

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Time (Beginning): 9:10 AM
Time (Ending): 10:15 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 25 In-Person
Approximately 15 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray
Paris Gray

Sharon Green Middleton - excused absence

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a

This legislative oversight will remain open throughout the legislative term; no vote will be taken; quarterly budget hearings.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Robert (Bob) Cenname, Department of Finance
- Faith Leach, Mayor's Office



Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from the Department of Finance gave a Point Presentation. **A copy is on file.**

- o Topics Covered:

- Workgroup

- Background and History of
- Mission/Goals/Scope
- Findings 1 through 6

He also stated that the workgroup was getting ready to move into the deliberation stage.

2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and gave comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concerns were:

- o **Questions:**

- Regarding Finding #1 and lowering property taxes under 2 percent (comments made) and asked:
 - What would be the justification(s) for lowering property taxes and where do you see the burden of doing so fall?
- Regarding Finding #3 in the Presentation (Subsidies)
 - Other than for staffing, what are the other barriers?
- Brownfield Tax Credits
 - What conversations are you having at the State level regarding the amount the City contributes to same?
- Talk more about the tier tax credits proposal
- What are some incentives offered to property owners?
- Homestead Tax Credit
 - Outreach – What are you doing in this area to close gaps and/or to inform the public?
- Are these initiatives ideas or actual plans?
- Ten Year Plan – what is the timeline for when the plan comes out?

- o **Concerns:**

- Property tax reform – would like to see “lowering the overall burden on the city’s property owners.” Can you talk more about this?
- Possibility of Increasing Solid Waste Fees – Who would pay this fee?

3. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

If yes, describe.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: April 24, 2025

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bob	Cenname	Finance					
Faith	Leach	Mayor's office					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:

1-408-418-9388, Access code: 2336 046 7096

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LO25-0015 - Briefing - City of Baltimore Tax Credits

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 2 - Danielle N. McCray, and Paris Gray

Excused 1 - Sharon Green Middleton

Absent 2 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Antonio "Tony" Glover

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO25-0015 Briefing – City of Baltimore Tax Credits

For the purpose of inviting the City's Department of Finance to present and brief the City Council on the recommendations, outcomes and/or conclusions resulting from the Tax-Credit Task Force.

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT