

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council

Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM:

M. J. Brodie, President Worke

DATE:

October 1, 2010

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 10-0595

Sale of Property - 2 Parcels of Land Known as "Canal Parcel" and

"Lot 3", Located in Ward 03, Section 7, Block 1816

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) supports City Council Bill 10-0595. This legislation was introduced at the request of BDC to authorize the disposition of the Two Parcels of Land located in Ward 3, Section 7, Block 1816, the first parcel being known as "Canal Parcel" consisting of approximately 0.317 acres of land and the second parcel being known as "Lot 3" consisting of approximately 0.149 acres of land which are designated as a part of Lot 2, and Lot 3, respectively, in Ward 03, Section 07, Block 1816.

These properties, which were formerly part of a canal, were filled by the City in the 1990s. Title boundaries and ownership interests along the canal, located between the current Living Classrooms Foundation Crossroads School land owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Harbor Point peninsula, had been unclear as a result of the environmental remediation associated with the former Allied Chemical chromium plant at Harbor Point. A recent vertical subdivision and accompanying title work, approved by the Planning Commission, described and created the Canal property as legal parcels for the first time.

The Sales Ordinance will allow the City to quitclaim any interest it may have in the canal properties to the adjacent property owner, Honeywell International, and for the future incorporation of the properties into the neighboring Harbor Point mixed-use development project. The City will retain its interest in the northern portion of the canal, currently occupied by the Living Classrooms Foundation Cross Roads School Campus.

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