

HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO22-0019

Quarterly Legislative Oversight Hearing - Department of Public Works

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: August 17, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 12:05 PM

Location: Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 40 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray Mark Conway

James Torrence Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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 type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised 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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Yvonne Moore-Jackson, Department of Public Works

Richard Luna, Department of Public Works

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and explained the purpose and goals of the hearing.
2. Yvonne Moore-Jackson presented for the Department of Public Works (DPW) on the Bureau of Solid Waste's waste diversion efforts (presentation in file).

3. Agency representatives responded to committee member questions and requests.
4. A member of the public testified about unresolved water billing problems and the need to end incineration in the city.
5. Chairwoman McCray noted that the next hearing on LO22-0019 would be on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and recessed the hearing.

Further Study

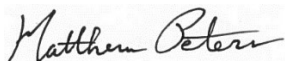
Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

The Committee requested the following additional information from DPW:

1. Monthly recycling tonnage received at each drop-off location from 2020 to present.
2. Updated monthly data on recycling tonnage collected from 2019 to present.
3. Details on the Cleaner, Greener, Beautiful-Baltimore Community Engagement Initiative, including the application process, eligibility, and targeted assistance to community organizations.
4. DPW's plan for restoring weekly recycling collection service.
5. A breakdown of causes for Bureau of Solid Waste employee unavailability for work.
6. Current rates for residential and commercial waste diversion.
7. Information on how DPW is collaborating with other agencies around composting and using composted material.
8. DPW's equity plan and a map showing locations of its waste reduction activities throughout the city.
9. The amount of waste the city is currently sending to the incinerator and how it compares to previous years.
10. The cost of one complete city-wide recycling pickup.



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: August 18, 2022

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