



HEARING NOTES

City Council Resolution: 17-0003R

Quarterly Budget Briefings

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired By: Councilmember Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Time (Beginning): 3:10 PM
Time (Ending): 4:50 PM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: Approximately 60

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric Costello Shannon Sneed
Leon Pinkett Danielle McCray
Sharon Middleton Bill Henry
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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

NOTE: Resolution will remain active throughout the term; no vote will be taken.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Robert Cename, Department of Finance
- Daniel Ramos, Department of Finance

Major Issues Discussed

1. A virtual WebEx meeting was held simultaneously for this Resolution along with three additional Bills and/or Resolutions:
 - 17-0003R – **(This Resolution)** - Quarterly Budget Briefing – 3rd Quarter Projection

- 17-0004R — Budget Oversight Hearings for the Baltimore City Public Schools
 - 20-0527 – Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – **Budget Overview**
 - 20-0533 – Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – **Budget Overview**
2. The representative from the Department of Finance gave a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy of the presentation is on file.** Some highlights from the Presentation were:
- The projection is based on data through March 31, 2020. [Third Quarter - Fiscal Year 2020]
 - Talked about the laws pertaining to close-out and having a balanced budget
 - Talked about laws pertaining to the use of the Rainy Day Fund
 - Some of the actions taken to close FY 2020 budget
 - Extra COVID-19 expenses
 - Some supplemental(s) will be forthcoming
 - There is a non-essential firing freeze in place
 - Pause in non-essential spending
 - Have “paused” Capital Projects (PAYGO)
 - Is projecting an enormous deficit in future, therefore would like to hold on to the Rainy Day Fund until next fiscal year in case we need it
3. The committee/councilmembers asked questions, stated concerns and asked for verification/clarification for certain data. Some highlights of same were:
- I. **PAYGO Projects**
 - What kind of PAYGO projects will have to be paused? And, what type?
Answer: The list is not available yet.
 - Comment: We must be mindful of which projects will be paused!
 - II. **COVID-19 Expenditures**
 - As of the third quarter you are projecting \$51.7 million for COVID related expenses. How much do you think can be recouped in the future? And, what kind of federal funding will be received?
 - Please go over again how funds from the federal government are received
 - How do the funds received figure in to balancing the budget?
 - Is our deficit related to COVID related activities?
 - III. Comment: The federal funds received bypassed the State; that was good! Is any additional funding coming and will the State be bypassed again?
 - IV. **Revenue Projection**
 - Looking at all of the projected deficits (everything in the red), where do you project we will struggle the most? **Answer: Tourism and parking revenue**
 - V. **Supplemental(s)**
 - When will the Council receive the supplemental(s)? **Answer: In early July**
 - VI. What do you consider as “non-essential” spending?
 - VII. **Reporting – Emergency Spending**
 - Full reporting must be complete for the emergency spending, when do you anticipate that report? **Answer: Prior to July 1, 2020**
 - VIII. How is funding for the rental program being spent? Can you talk a little about this?
Answer: The Department of Housing could answer your questions.
4. Hearing called to recess.
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Further Study

**Was further study requested?
If yes, describe.**

Yes No

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 4, 2020

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Resolution – Quarterly Budget Briefings	Resolution #17-0003R
Committee: Budget and Appropriations	Chair: Eric Costello
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020	Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY				What is your position on this bill?	Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*
<u>ATTENDANCE ONLY</u>					
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email			
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com			
<i>See hearing Notes</i>					

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

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100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget and Appropriations Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

3:00 PM Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member Bill Henry, Member Danielle McCray, Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Member Shannon Sneed

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

17-0003R

Quarterly Budget Briefings

For the purpose of calling on the Chief of the Finance Department's Bureau of Budget and Management Research to brief the City Council on how the City's actual finances compare to its budgeted projections in a timely manner after the close of each quarter in the City's fiscal year.

Sponsors: Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, President Young, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Bill Henry, Brandon M. Scott

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT