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# CITY OF BALTIMORE

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## HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**The Honorable James Torrence**  
**CHAIR**

### HEARING NOTES

25-0102

*Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management*

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**Hearing Date:** 2/3/2026

**Hearing Start Time:** 5:30 PM

**Hearing End Time:** 5:35 PM

**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

**Total Estimated Attendance:** 13

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTENTION
<b>Final Vote:</b>	4	0	1	0

#### Committee Members in Attendance:

- **Chair** James Torrence
- **Vice Chair** Odette Ramos
- Zac Blanchard
- Jermaine Jones

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### ***MAJOR SPEAKERS***

*(This is NOT an attendance record.)*

- **Gabe Stuart-Sikowitz – Dept of Finance**
  - **Luckey Desiree – Dept of Law**
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### ***NOTES***

- Chair Torrence opened the hearing and read the bill into the record
- Vice Chair Ramos, the bill's sponsor, made opening comments
- Council Member Jones – who serves on the board of the Community Benefits district also made comments on the bill in support.
- The floor was open to agency reports
  - Department of Finance – Does not oppose
  - Law Department – Approved for form and legal sufficiency
- The floor was open to questions from the members – no questions from the members
- The floor was open to public testimony– no members of the public wished to testify
- The Chair opened the floor to a motion on the bill

- Councilmember Ramos motioned the bill as recommended favorable
  - The bill passed with the following vote: 4 yea – 1 absent
- The hearing was adjourned

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***FURTHER STUDY REQUESTED***

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***SEE FINAL VOTE RECORD IN BILL FILE***

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Hearing Packet in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance Sheet in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Vote Record in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input 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 bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners in bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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