



HEARING NOTES

City Council Resolution: 21-0076R

Investigative Hearing - Baltimore Gas & Electric Decision Making

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilmember John Bullock

Hearing Date: February 1, 2022

Time (Beginning): 2:29 PM

Time (Ending): 4:07 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 60

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Odette Ramos Robert Stokes

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

Motioned by: Councilmember

Seconded by: Councilmember

Final Vote:

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Odette Ramos
- Victor Tervalva, Department of Law
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

- Corren Johnson, Department of Transportation
 - Faviola Doanato-Galindo, Representative, Baltimore Gas and Electric
 - Danielle Bradshaw-Lee, Representative, Baltimore Gas and Electric
 - Phong Li, Greater Remington Association
 - Jed Weeks, Bikemore
 - Dianne Emerson, Executive Director, Waverly Main Streets
 - Ervin McDaniel, Resident
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilman John Bullock opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Odette Ramos commented on the bill. She indicated that the bill was introduced to specifically address concerns about Baltimore Gas Electric's (BGE) performance when conducting maintenance and repair projects that impact City streets. She emphasized that the resolution outlined a number of specific issues that she would like BGE to respond to.
3. Liam Davis presented the Department of Transportation's report.
4. Committee members discussed the City's Envista portal use, which flags potential conflicts for BGE, Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works repair projects. The committee discussed the need for better community notification about repair projects.

The committee also discussed:

- Street cut repair violations
 - Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations
 - Citations for substandard street repair work
 - A means for reporting poor substandard street repair work
 - The number of City inspectors available to inspect street cuts
 - Use of regular versus emergency permits by BGE to complete repairs
 - BGE's monitoring, evaluation and inspection of completed projects
 - Department of Transportation's new street cut policy
5. Faviola Donato-Galinda testified on behalf of Baltimore Gas and Electric. She detailed the process for BGE's work in the City and put forth suggested recommendations for improvements. She also emphasized that BGE will comply with all of the City's contractual obligations and ADA requirements.
 6. A point was made that BGE does not conduct street repairs related to street lights. BGE makes marks on the street or sidewalk when it makes a cut, but the cuts are not related to street lights. BGE only conducts repairs related to gas and conduits. BGE's markings may appear near street lights, but BGE is not responsible for street lights
 7. The committee heard public testimony.
 8. The hearing was recessed.
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Further Study

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

Yes No

The hearing was recessed to gather more information.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair
John Bullock:
Mark Conway:
Ryan Dorsey:
Antonio Glover:.....
Odette Ramos:
Robert Stokes:.....

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: February 2, 2022

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