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HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0117R

Informational Hearing - Baltimore Public Sanitation - Homeless Encampments

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: September 21, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:05 AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 40 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray Mark Conway

Phylicia Porter James Torrence

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:			
Seconded by:			
Final Vote:			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Bill Wells, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

Faith Leach, Deputy Mayor of Equity, Health, and Human Services

Yvonne Moore-Jackson, Department of Public Works

Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works

Col. Kevin Jones, Police Department



Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and discussed the need for innovative and equitable solutions to homelessness and the issues in encampments.
2. Councilwoman Porter explained the background for the resolution, the importance of addressing the needs of people living in homeless encampments and residents of surrounding communities, and opportunities to leverage the City's resources to address the issue.
3. Bill Wells presented on the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services work related to homeless encampments (presentation in file). Representatives for other agencies summarized the written reports.
4. Agency representatives responded to committee member questions.
5. Members of the public testified about their personal experiences with homelessness and the need for the city to act with more urgency in providing housing and services.
6. Chairwoman McCray explained that the committee will meet again on the resolution in the coming months and recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

The committee will meet again on the resolution in the coming months. Additionally, the agencies will provide the following documents / information:

1. The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services will submit its Public Space Management Project Plan and Strategic Investment Plan.
2. The Police Department will report the number of calls for service annually regarding homeless encampments for the past 5 years.

Committee Vote:

D. McCray:
J. Bullock:
M. Conway:
R. Dorsey:
P. Porter:
J. Torrence:
I. Schleifer:



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: September 22, 2022

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