



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0130R

Informational Hearing – Routine Maintenance of City-Owned Lots and Buildings

Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations

Chaired by: Mark Conway

Hearing Date: May 24, 2023

Time (Beginning): 1:05 PM

Time (Ending): 2:23 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 35 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mark Conway Kristofer Burnett Zeke Cohen
Antonio Glover Phylicia Porter Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [ ] NO [ ] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [ ] YES [ ] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [ ] YES [X] NO [ ] N/A
Motioned by:
Seconded by:
Final Vote:

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Annie Fullas – DGS Marcia Collins – DPW
Liam Davis – DOT Michele Toth – City Solicitor
Stephanie Murdock – DHCD Kimberly Knox – Department of Planning
KC Keller – Comptroller & Real Estate

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## Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order, introduced the committee members in attendance, and invited the sponsor to make opening remarks.
2. Councilman Burnett discussed why the hearing was convened and gave background on concerns received from constituents and staff regarding the maintenance of facilities, and lots across the city. Stated his goal for a more coordinated effort regarding maintenance around the city.
3. Agency staff reviewed their reports and the roles that their agencies have in maintenance. This included:
  - a. Initiatives like the
    - i. Clean Corps Initiative
    - ii. Buy into Baltimore
    - iii. Adopt A Lot
    - iv. Creation of new offices (DPW's Facilities Management & Environmental and Safety Compliance)
  - b. Services such as mowing schedules
  - c. Security efforts in facilities such as surplus schools.
  - d. Budget and Procurement issues were cited by multiple agencies as concerns when addressing maintenance.
4. Agency staff responded to questions from council members. Question topics included:
  - a. The responsibilities and efficacy of the Clean Corps program
  - b. How preventative maintenance is conducted in buildings –the example of the Patterson Park Casino was used.
  - c. Security concerns at surplus schools and other facilities.
  - d. Asking for more proactive maintenance schedules from agencies. As well as communication regarding work orders which could be communicated to constituents.
  - e. Communication issues between agencies such as DPW and Clean Corps.
5. Chairman Conway invited public testimony – there were no individuals who testified at that time.
6. Chairman Conway recessed the meeting.

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## Further Study

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The committee requested the following information from the agencies:

- Agencies were asked to compile their capital budget for maintenance.
- DHCD was asked to report back about their recruitment strategies.

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**Committee Vote:**

M. Conway: .....  
K. Burnett: .....  
Z. Cohen: .....  
E. Costello: .....  
A. Glover: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
O. Ramos: .....

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Tony Leva, Committee Staff

Date: May 25, 2023

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