



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 23-0381

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello

Hearing Dates: Thursday, May 25, 2023

Time (Beginning): 2:10 PM

Time (Ending): 3:15 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 35 in-person
 Approximately 10 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance: Budget Overview

Eric T. Costello
 Robert Stokes, Sr.
 Sharon Green Middleton

Danielle McCray
 Ryan Dorsey

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – excused absence

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 type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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Final vote taken	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Laura Larsen, Department of Finance, BBMR

Major Issues Discussed

1. The budget season started off with a budget overview from the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, BBMR. A PowerPoint presentation was given by agency representative. *A copy is on file.*
 OCS Electronic File



2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

- Vacancies by Union
 - Does these vacancies include Firefighters? Answer: Yes
 - During the upcoming budget hearings
 - Requested by Chairman Costello: provide more details on the vacant positions
- Department of Public Works
 - Do you have the data for the number of jobs that were filled as a result of the recent job fair?
- Recreation Centers
 - When will they receive more funding for programs?
 - More funds are needed!
 - More funding and programs are needed for the older adults as well!
- Equity
 - Where are the positions for equity?
 - How can we address our equity issues without the positions?
- New Upcoming Office of Aging
 - Was there any mention of the new office?
 - More detailed information on same is needed
- Water Rates for Baltimore County
 - Increased rates, how does it impact revenue for the City?
 - Is it already factored into this budget?
- Vacancies within the Police Department
 - Do you have any positions that can be performed by non-sworn in personnel?
 - I thought we had more vacancies within the Department
 - Requested by Councilmember Ramos: Provide vacancies by department to include the vacancies where you are realizing more savings
- Timely payments (Accounts Payable) – is of concern\
- CDL Workers
 - Have you increased the salaries for these workers yet?

3. Hearing recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe. If yes, describe. Yes, see “red and yellow” highlights in Major Issues Discussed.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 13, 2023

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Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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What is
your
position on
this bill?

Lobbyist:
Are you
registered in
the City?*

ATTENDANCE ONLY

First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email		For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
hanna harsen, BBMR							

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City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Thursday, May 25, 2023

2:00 PM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 2349 801 3058, Password:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Robert Stokes Sr.
Excused 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Absent 1 - Kristerfer Burnett

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2024 year.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing was recessed; to reconvene on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Overview

ADJOURNMENT