



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 and in part other Committee members as needed

Hearing Dates: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Budget Hearings – Day Two – May 31, 2023

Baltimore Development Corporation

Time (Beginning): 9:00 AM

Time (Ending): 9:55 AM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 40 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Finance/Bureau of Budget and Management Research

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 12:10 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 70 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Law Department

Time (Beginning): 12:30 PM

Time (Ending): 1:45 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 25 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Mayor's Office of Minority & Women Owned Small Business

Time (Beginning): 2:30 PM

Time (Ending): 3:35 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 35 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually



Baltimore City Information Technology/Broadband Digital Equity/Chief Data Officer

Time (Beginning): 3:35 PM
Time (Ending): 5:35 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 35 in-person
Approximately 10 virtually

Department of Public Works

Time (Beginning): 6:05 PM
Time (Ending): 11:35 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 80 in-person
Approximately 5 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance: Day Two

Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Sharon Green Middleton
Kristerfer Burnett
Danielle McCray
Ryan Dorsey
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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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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Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers – Day Two (*This is not an attendance record.*)

- Collins Tarbert, Baltimore Development Corporation
 - Michael Moiseyev, Finance Department
 - Lauren Larsen, Finance Department
 - Robert (Bob) Cenname, Finance Department
 - Ebony Thompson, Law Department
 - Christopher Lundy, Mayor's Office of Minority & Women Owned Business
 - Todd Carter, Baltimore City Information Technology
 - Kenya Asli, Broadband and Digital Equity
 - Justin Elszasz, Chief Data Officer
 - Jason Mitchell, Department of Public Works
 - Yvonne Moore-Jackson, Department of Public Works
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Major Issues Discussed

Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC)

1. The representative from BDC gave a PowerPoint presentation (*a copy is on file*).
2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

- Commercial Corridors
 - Does BDC have the capacity to undertake more projects for the commercial corridors?
 - Which corridors are you looking at? People do want to open businesses here!
 - To do more what will it take? Answer: **We will research and report back**
 - What challenges are you having implementing programs and what can the Council do to assist you?
 - Have you had any conversations regarding helping residents/communities with starting businesses and/or how to use resources?
 - What are you doing in this area? Talk about this!
 - Such as:
 - Helping community leaders to better understand codes
 - Where to go to gather needed information, and etc.
 - **Requested by member Dorsey: Provide the cost per length of roadway, if possible**
 - Policy analysis , is this something I could come to BDC for? For things such as:
 - Increased density
 - Financial gains, community development
 - Real estate, building codes, and etc.
- Public Market Strategy
 - What can we do to enhance same?
 - What is being done for getting vendors to fill the stalls?
 - Attracting grocery stores
 - What is BDC doing in this area?
 - Do you think we should use more “incentive packages?”
 - Black-owned Businesses
 - More outreach and technology is needed in this area
 - Would like someone from BDC to meet with these businesses
- Food Markets
 - How do process a market study to determine which community need a food market? And, especially if its been over 20 years for not having a market in the community!
 - The Oliver community is in need of a full-service food market too! **Would like to reach out to you to discuss same; per member Stokes**
- BOOST Program
 - Is BDC a part of this program? **Answer: Yes**
- TIF Projects
 - Do you have the economic impact of our TIF projects?

3. Hearing recessed.

Finance Department/Bureau of Budget & Management Research (BBMR)

1. Two PowerPoint Presentations were given; one for BBMR and the other for the Finance Department *Copies are on file*.
2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

- **BBMR**

- Performance Measures/Matrixes
 - Talk about your efforts to refine the performance measures in the budget books
 - Agency matrixes – is of concern
 - Would like to see more outcomes
 - Like to know how matrixes are selected
 - Consistency – is of concern
- Several committee/councilmembers commended Ms. Larsen on her job performance
- Budget 101 for Council Members
 - Can we take it a step further next budget cycle?
 - Would also like to have economic modeling tools as well
- Community Engagement
 - How are you engaging with the communities?
- Budget Process – New Ability of Council
 - How will you continue to help us with our new ability to move funding around?
 - We will need more time for public feedback
 - Transparency is important to make sound decisions as a Council!
- Highway User Revenue
 - In the Executive Summary there was great detail about revenue and it was very helpful but, I did not see a detailed page for Highway User Revenue

- **Finance Department**

- New Jobs
 - There are so many vacancies!
 - Requested by President Mosby: Provide an itemized list of new jobs by:
 - Agency and title
 - To include the interagency savings and the methodology for same
 - Including if position(s) are revenue generated
- New Procurement Director
 - Concerns: backlogs, city contracts, want to have more competition and less sole sources
- Mainframe Upgrade
 - Where are we with this? Talk about this
 - Who is the appropriate contact person in Finance to meet with to continue this discussion?

- Kirwan Blueprint
 - Concerned – timeline around the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the past year – talk about this
 - When did Finance find out about the increase? Talk about the timeline associated with same
 - What was the variable that dropped the City under the index?
 - Mr. Cennamo talked about the calculation and/or formula for how “poor kids” changed. As a result, it effected other jurisdictions with large portions of poor kids.
 - Requested by Chairman Costello: Provide the committee (by the end of week) the entire timeline for this matter; to include events associated with same.
 - Requested by member Ramos: Provide the calculation used for wealth as well
- Neighborhood Walks
 - Director Moiseyev received a commendation for participating in neighborhood walks
 - Per member Middleton, would like to see more agency representatives do the same!
- Financial Literacy
 - Do you have any current initiatives to help with financial literacy for colleges, schools, youthworks, and etc.?
- I-83 Corridor
 - Some of the revenue received from camera citations was supposed to be used for the I-83 corridor. Talk about this
- Risk Management (Service 707)
 - Two (2) positions were eliminated from this service, why?
 - Talked about the importance of having an up to date standard operating procedures for safe work environments
 - Want to make sure everyone has a safe work environment
 - Concern; Having one person for multi-agency to address risk management.
 - Risk Management Accidents – Written reports for accidents – the process for same is of concern
- Finance Department Overall
 - Telephone Services
 - Per constituency, it is hard getting someone on the phone in your Department – talk about this
 - Are you looking at additional staffing to help with the needs of the department?
 - What is your current vacancy rate?
 - Reimbursements due to residents such as for ring cameras, talk about this
 - Talk a little more about the process for check released for ring cameras
 - Workday
 - Small businesses are still not getting paid on time – is of concern

- Payroll/Checks/Pay
 - Some employees are overpaid and/or underpaid, overdrafts, etc. – is of concern
 - Concern: Employees/paychecks paid on time
- Requested by member Stokes: Provide a brief narrative of the duties and responsibilities associated with the new Accountant position who with review overpayments
- Requested by member Burnett: Provide an analysis for what it would take to pay employees on a weekly basis
- Accounts Payable Unit
 - How many payments are still outstanding?
- Tax Sales Reform/Property Tax System
 - Looks forward to working with the Department in these areas
 - Will the timelines change?
- COVID Emergencies / Pandemic
 - Talk about what you have learned from the past pandemic in the event another comes; possible strategies and/or best practices

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Law Department

1. A representative for the Law Department gave a PowerPoint presentation *(a copy is on file)*.
2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

- Payouts (Police Department)
 - Talk about this
 - What is the process for payouts?
- Priority of Payouts – small cases should be a priority too!
- Is there a limit to when (statue of limitation) a complaint can be filed?
Answer: Yes
- Car Insurance for Baltimore City Residents
 - Insurance should be based on drivers' record not accidents
 - We should file a lawsuit regarding high car insurance rates in the city.
Please look into this
- BOPA Lawsuit/Trademark
 - Talk about this
 - Wanted to receive notification regarding this investigation
- Abandon Property
 - Talk about the new position for this
- Environmental Issues
 - What is the possibility of implementing a public health police power?
What are your thoughts about this?
- Reporting Requirements – Disclosures
 - Comments regarding same
- Opioid Crisis/Drug Overdoses

- Do you know where we are going on this issue/crisis? (With legislation?)
- Police Power
 - Where are we with legislating our own Police Department?
 - What can we legislate and/or not legislate around the Department?
 - Where does the line start and finish?
 - Do you track the Officers who have multiple claims against his/her?

Answer: No
- Damages to City Property
 - Is interested in stopping crashes
 - Concern: no process in place to get a police report or to get the value of damages to property(s)
 - Recouping money from damages is less than 1%!
 - Per Dorsey, would like to work with the Law Department to get a system in place so we can do better
 - Is it even feasible to go after the money owed?
 - **Requested by member Dorsey: As a follow-up, would like for Law and Transportation Departments to get together to iron out what can be done and/or needed to address this issue.**
- Role of the Law Department
 - How does it work? Who do you work for? The advice that is given?
 - Is it for the Mayor?
 - Is it for the Council?
 - What does the “best of interest to the city” mean to the Law Department?
- Legal Awareness/Engaging the Community about what your Department does
 - Are you engaged? **Answer: Yes, we absolutely give back!**

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Mayor’s Office of Minority & Women Owned Small Business (MWBOO)

1. The MWBOO Director gave a PowerPoint presentation (*a copy is on file*). Some highlights from the Presentation were:
 - Programs
 - Baltimore Main Streets Program
 - Department updates
 - Moving from the Law Department to the Mayoralty
 - Using new software like B2G to track contracts and goals
 - Legislation to expand into additional counties such as Prince George and Montgomery.
 - Looking to expand staff including new compliance and inspection officers.
2. The Committee questioned MWBOO Director and Deputy Director. Topics included:
 - Looking at success stories, including youth development programs and micro businesses at locations like Lexington market.
 - Questions regarding the large budget for staff – but only allocating for a slight increase from the current fiscal year.
 - This does not include all the staff the department hopes to hire.
 - Cost saving by absorbing other government responsibilities.

- This is revenue neutral. Funds are moving from the Law department.
- Baltimore Main Streets
 - Existing out payments for the current fiscal year.
 - i. Funds are still outstanding – going to BOE June 7 – hope to distribute funds by June 9th.
 - Missed payments have had a significant impact on two of the Main Streets.
 - Chairman Costello noted significant concern regarding the management of the program and its funding which was described as woefully inadequate.
 - A needs assessment have been done for all eight main streets
 - Hoping to distribute funds in one lump sum for next fiscal year – 45-60 days into year.
 - i. The Council asked for that to be no later than July 31st.
- Hiring of bilingual staff.
- Contractor accountability.
- The need for additional funds for business buildout on Greenmount Ave.
- Requested by Chairman Costello: For a commitment that Baltimore Mainstreet Funds for FY2024 be distributed no later than July 31, 2023 and he asked for a meeting with the Interim Director to discuss the Mainstreet Program

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Baltimore City Informational Technology/Broadband Digital Equity/Chief Data Officer

1. Two PowerPoint presentation were given; one by the Director of BCIT and the other by the Chief Data Officer *(Copies are on file)*. Some highlights from the Presentations were:
 - **BCIT**
 - Streamlining and assessment of staff in the department.
 - Broadband and digital equity initiatives.
 - CCTV camera status and liaising with BPD for their use.
 - New security measures
 - Redesign of web assets
 - Will not include a redesign of the City Council site which is on a separate system.
 - Permit systems.
 - New tax collection system.
 - The 311 Call Center.
 - i. CIO noted working on the closed but not closed issue that has been a problem for residents.
 - ii. Will be adding detailed messages into Salesforce.
 - iii. Adding chatbot for basic information.
 - iv. Adding Spanish to the 311 system.
 - Enterprise Delivery Services
 - Updating security and standardizing infrastructure
 - Equipment for workers in hybrid or remote work.
 - Offered confidential briefing for Councilmembers.
 - Broadband and Digital Equity

- Increasing access and using rec centers, libraries, and senior centers for public internet access.
 - Plan is to also pull cable to install public Wi-Fi in public housing.
 - Public Wi-Fi is slated to be piloted in the PA and North Ave area in Spring 2024.
 - 30,000 Chromebooks for low-income residents.
 - 3.2 million in grants for broadband access.
 - **Chief Data Officer**
 - Goal is to use data in city services and governance in the areas of:
 - Operations – such as the Collapsed Rooftop AI System
 - Stewardship – with programs like Open Baltimore
 - Capacity - - with initiatives like the Baltimore Data Academy.
 - No general funds for FY 23 – Used ARPA monies.
 - New process form MPIA request tracking using 311
2. The committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:
- **BCIT**
 - 311 Center
 - Are surveys being conducted for residents that use the service?
Answer: Yes, they are
 - How are agencies using the service?
 - Closed does not mean closed.
 - Resolved vs. closed.
 - Why do some service request types not exist in 311 app?
 - Bilingual Services – coming in Q2 24.
 - Councilwoman Ramos noted the need for an announcement and rollout.
 - Parking enforcement
 - Councilman Dorsey has been working on an analysis of salesforce/311 in parking enforcement.
 - New salesforce app coming in Q4 2023 implementation.
 - Simultaneous translation services for public meetings and hearings
 - This is also an ADA issue as well.
 - Permits
 - Please include DPW in notifications about permits.
 - Digital Equity
 - ISP to compete in July for contract for Wi-Fi service.
 - Access in the Fallstaff neighborhood – using the parks may be a solution to no rec centers.
 - City website update
 - ARPA Funds
 - **Chief Data Officer**
 - Open Check Book
 - Has not been updated in two years.
 - Paused by the Workday Implementation.
 - No associated cost with the software.
 - Increase of data sets for reporting
 - Includes lobbyist registration, tax sale, and GIS data.

- June 30th Open Baltimore report is due
- City website update
- Comcast franchise agreement
 - Up in 2026
 - How can more competition be brought to Baltimore.
 - Update on preparations for negotiations with Comcast
- **Requests:**
 - For a timeline for when a notes function and other updates to the 311 Center will be available
 - That the Department look into funding allocations for translation services
 - A timeline for updating Open Checkbook

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Department of Public Works

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

- Service 671 – Positions
 - The positions changed from 26 to 16 in Administration, why?
 - Is there a change in functionality?
- Weekly Curbside Workers
 - Someone said Solid Waste does not know what they need! Is this true?
- Clean Corp Program
 - Are you considering expanding this program? **Answer: Deferred to Planning Department**
- Street Sweeping
 - Some streets are not being swept – what is going on there?
 - Some lanes have not been swept due to bike lanes, is this true?
Answer: Yes
 - i. **Per DPW – the “white flex poles” are a deterrent to sweeping streets**
 - The enforcement for folks who don’t move cars on applicable days – talk about this
 - Do you have the capacity to determine which streets receive mechanical street sweeping?
 - Is street sweeping happening on every street every month?
 - **Requested by member Schleifer: Provide an up-to-date map for all street sweeping routes in his district**
 - Parking citations in violation of mechanical street sweeping, is there a process where a citation is given and afterward someone may want to abate same (a recourse)?
 - i. **Requested by Chairman Costello: Asked Finance Department to look into abating citations in cases when street sweeping did not occur, due by September 2023**
- Compost Facility
 - We are now three (3) years into a ten (10) year plan!

- What is the status of the compost facility; regarding phase one development?
- Transfer Station(s)
 - Where does the revenue go? **Answer: General Funds**
 - **Requested by member Glover: Provide how much revenue these stations general in a year**
- Water Billing / Water Accountability Act
 - Inaccurate water billing – is still a concern
 - How much more money is needed to get this right?
 - i. This is a big problem; especially for older adults!
- Service 675 – Residential Inspections for Water Projects
 - Concern: Quality assurance for those inspections is needed!
 - The inspectors assigned to the Hampton/Ashburton areas need training!
 - **Requested by member Torrence: Provided the following:**
 - i. **Current training for inspectors in both the Hampton and Ashburton areas**
 - ii. **Traffic mitigation, and**
 - iii. **Damage Reports**
- Water for All
 - Is the discount once a year or once a month? Talk about this and how it is applied
 - The credits given, is it based on income status? Is it treated as income or as a gift?
 - **Requested by member Ramos: Provide in writing the law pertaining to the Water for All Program**
 - Water Rate Increases
 - i. Talk about this for the City and County
 - ii. Talk about the processes for same
 - iii. How do we receive revenue from the County?
- Ashburton Water Project
 - Talk about the deadline associated with this project
 - **Requested by member Burnett: Provide follow-up updates on a quarterly basis; first report due by June 30, 2023**
- Concerns:
 - Sidewalks unrepaired for years
 - Patchwork/Resurfacing
 - Concrete repair work
 - Is looking for ways to get these things done and to address the backlog as well
 - Comprehensive and sound review of every project performed are needed
 - Crews are walking away from projects and never returning!
 - Is looking at how much money you are spending on contractual services!
 - **Requested by member Dorsey: Asking DPW to go out and look at Swansea Road in his district to see if it needs to be fixed/repared!**

- Permit Administration
 - Who is the contact person for same?
 - Why isn't DPW permitting in the same system as DHCD? Why are they in separate systems?
- Collaboration between DOT and DPW – is of concern
 - sound and effective communication needed
 - taking clear ownership of responsibilities needed
- What is the restoration timeline for repairs?
- There has been much escalated costs since the Pandemic, how can we address same?
 - And it has had a tremendous effect on construction work!
 - Past behavior of some contractors is of concern, how will you address same?
 - Requested by member Torrence: Would like to be briefed on past performance of the contractors who have performed bad work
 - Requested by Chairman Costello: Provide a written narrative for the policy you use for repairs; to include information regarding DOT street cut policy
- Safety of DPW Workers
 - What in your budget did you ask for to address this issue?
 - Delivering effective services is critical!
 - Issues have not been taken seriously by agencies!
 - Department is not at the level of prevention!
 - More safety inspections are needed
 - Site line Supervisors need to know that standards are going up!
 - How are you going to communicate the need and importance of the safety of the workers?
- Complete Streets Ordinance
 - Concern: That streets are repaired and restored in a better condition!
 - Would like to see DPW work out a step-by-step progress plan for completing repairs, roadways and projects!
 - Another water project is coming up in the 14th district!
 - i. Some of the streets in district were just beautifully resurfaced and we do not want them cut up again!
 - ii. If they are, it will be a huge neighborhood protest!
- Community Outreach
 - What are you doing in this area?
 - What are you doing to help fill vacancies?
 - How can we put more city residents to work?
- Do you have a Spanish speaking liaison?
- Capital Projects for Sewer and/or Water
 - Are quality controls in place?
 - Concern: Effective utility work
- Property Maintenance
 - Are we using any different type of materials to board up vacant buildings?
 - Want to make sure homeless people are not and/or can't get into them
 - Do you use cement and/or cement blocks?

- i. Concern: To figure out ways to reduce costs
- 2nd Floor Level of Rowhouses
 - i. Is there any conversation regarding changing the policy for same
 - ii. Turning water off in vacant buildings – is of concern; why is this not happening?
- Frequent flyers on properties, how do you address this?
- Zero Waste Initiative
 - Have the study been completed? **Answer: No**
- The Ten (10) Year Solid Waste Plan
 - Talk about what is in the Plan
- Bresco
 - Bresco is scheduled to end, talk about this
 - Is looking forward to looking at the new plan in depth! What are some of the things to be included in the Plan?
 - Concern about meeting timelines
- Weekly Trash Collection
 - Last year weekly trash collection did not start
 - i. Recycling efforts has dropped significantly since 2017
 - ii. Recycling was down by 43% according to a spreadsheet submitted by DPW
 - iii. How much savings were there? **Answer: None because overtime and fatigue costs went up. We need to hire more crews and get the vehicles needed**
 - iv. Currently, how many households on average are recycling weekly?
 - v. Trash Cans
 - 1. Prior to you rolling out those cans we had a conversation stating it would be a mistake to do so!
 - 2. The decision to roll out those cans is why things are the way they are!
 - 3. Was the timing associated with the roll-out of bins a mistake? **Answer: No**
 - **Requested by member Schleifer: Provide an itemized list for why there is no savings to include a “hard date” for when weekly recycling will start. Also, provide the contract for the roll out of the bins/trash cans**
- Sanitation Workers
 - There is an increase in administration costs but not in salaries for the sanitation workers!
 - Concern: DPW pay scale; some are getting paid very well but not the sanitation workers!
 - How much pay increases did the laborers working in trucks get during the past year?
 - When did they last receive pay increases?
 - **Requested by member Schleifer: Provide in writing a total for the “reclassified positions” that make over six (6) figures**

- Are any of the employees who make over six figures allow to work remotely for an extended period of time? **Answer: No, none**
- ARPA Funding
 - Did DPW receive any ARPA funding? **Answer: Yes**
 - **How much ARPA funding did you request? Answer: \$270 million was requested but received \$15 million**
 - **Requested by President Mosby: Provide an itemized breakdown for the ARPA funding you received**
- Projects Completed on Time
 - The percentage for same looks to be below standard
 - i. How do you set this target?
 - ii. Talk about what's going on here
- Lead Based Pipes, how are you assisting homeowners with abating the lead?
 - Have you applied for State assistance for same?
 - **Requested by member Torrence: Provide by September 2023, the funding amount for assisting homeowners who want to remove lead-based pipes**
- Wastewater Backup Increases
 - This information was in the budget since 2017; why did you remove it from this budget?
 - **Requested by Burnett: Provide the expenditures for the SOS/Cleanup Program; to include the number of wet and dry weather backup data**
- Hiring for Consumer Advocacy and Customer Appeals
 - It is supposed to be an Oversight Committee - talk about this
- Vacancies
 - How many crews were available in FY 2023 for Solid Waste?
 - How many are staffed currently?
 - What is the expectation for what will be budgeted in FY 2024?
 - What are your strategies for filling vacancies?
 - What are your expectations for recruitment and retention?
 - Hiring and Retention – is of concern
 - i. Do you know what the retention rate is?
 - ii. Do you conduct surveys and know why people are leaving?
- Does DPW have a Succession Plan?
 - Is there a way to take a snapshot “quantitatively” of your succession plan?
- Small Businesses
 - What are you doing to unbundle some of the larger contracts for small businesses? What are you doing here? Talk about this
 - We need innovative ways for Bonds to promote small business and women owned businesses, are there any?
- Workload/Backlog/Vacancies
 - Who can you hire to provide work for city? What is the process?
- Clean Corp Program
 - Do you hire people who are associated with the program?
- Technology for Route Optimization
 - Talk about this, what was the increase for same?

- i. Is this a one-time increase? **Answer: No, a yearly cost for the software**
- Biowaste Consultant – Talk about this
- Do you plan to use the same vendor for cleaning encampments?
- Patapsco / Back River / Waste Water
 - Where are you with improving staffing?
 - What are your vacancy rates for Patapsco, Back River and Waste Water?
- Director Mitchell's Position
 - Where are we with Director Mitchell's replacement?
 - What is the plan to maintain the culture within the Department?
 - Have seen much improvement within the Department under the direction of Director Mitchell!
 - Several committee/councilmembers thanked Director Mitchell for his job performance
 - A member stated, "We want you to stay."
- Inlet Cleaning and Inspections
 - There are over 52,000 inlets
 - i. What is the process for cleaning and inspections? How does it work?
 - ii. Concern: Flood areas
- Illegal Dumping
 - Lost tickets and/or citations – is of concern
 - i. What are we doing to close the gap between DPW and DOT to addressing this issue?
 - ii. Direct collaboration is needed between the two (2) agencies
- E.coli Outbreak
 - Can you clarify if DPW met the public notification requirement?
Answer: Yes, DPW met the requirements
- Would you welcome having an Inspector General Agent working in DPW?
- Meter Shop
 - The Shop closed for nine (9) months and employees were sent home? Why?
- NW Transfer Station
 - Concern: Long Wait time
 - i. What can be done to alleviate same? **Suggestions made: For residential drop-offs:**
 1. Increase dumpster sizes
 2. Two (2) drivers on location
 3. Make another ramp
 4. Or add two (2) more dumpsters

4. Budget hearings recessed; to reconvene on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

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

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Laura	Larsen	Finance				
Bob	Cannone	Finance				
Michael	Moiseyev	Finance				
Ebony	Thompson	Law Dept				

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

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23-0381: Budget Hearings FY2024

See attached schedule

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Hearing called to recess; to reconvene on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0381

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

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)

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DAY TWO (2) - BUDGET HEARINGS

BDC, BBMR, Finance Department, Law Department, Minority & Women Owned Small Business Development, BCIT, Broadband Digital Equity, Chief Data Officer, DPW

ADJOURNMENT