

TO:

July 7, 2023

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0388 introduced by Councilman Dorsey.

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District to extend the life of the plan; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

Ordinance 03-612 established the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District. The District fronts along the Harford Road corridor, from the south side of Parkside Drive and Walther Avenue northerly to Echodale Avenue. The Urban Renewal Plan is set to expire on October 28, 2023. City Council Bill 23-0388, if approved, would amend and extend the life of the Plan through and including October 20, 2024. This extension would keep in place all of the protections and standards provided in the Urban Renewal Plan while the businesses and surrounding community associations work together to consider what changes or additions to the Urban Renewal Plan may be needed to keep the Plan relevant and able to address future challenges.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 23-0388.

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