



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 23-0400

Port Covington Community Benefits District – Amendment - Boundaries

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Time (Beginning): 10:45 AM
Time (Ending): 11:50 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 50 in-person
Approximately 20 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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/he
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Motioned by:	Councilmember Costello		
Seconded by:	Councilmember Middleton		
Final Vote:	Favorable		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Jon Laria, Speaker
Caroline Hecker, Speaker
Hilary Ruley, Law Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello, primary sponsor of the legislation gave opening remarks. He talked about the background of the Benefit District and about why the map is being amended.”
2. Chairman Costello went over the agency reports with the agency representatives.
3. Mr. Laria also talked about the background of the District: Some highlights of his testimony were:
 - Votes from residents needed to approve the legislation/amendment
 - What the amendment would do to the district and/or boundaries of same
 - Showed map of boundary/District
 - Talked about events and promotions that occurred within the District, stating information is provided on their website
 - Discussion surrounding “Locke Landing”
 - Locke Landing does not have any TIF’s objectives, therefore should make some kind of contribution to the District
 - About what Locke Landing should or should not be contributing to the Special District
 - Amendment
 - Two amendments were submitted
 - *Opposed* the legislation as is
 - Hopes an equitable solution(s) can be made regarding Lock Landing property
4. Ms. Hecker testified and talked about how the legislation will affect the District. She also commented on the Locke Landing Property; about what Locke Landing should and/or should not be paying for.
5. Committee/councilmembers asked questions, gave comments and/or asked for clarification. Some were:
 - Questions about the Special District/Property Owners/Other Entities within the District/MAP
 - Explain how the calculation works:
 - How formula (assessments/value) was established
 - When was the formula established?
 - Why wasn’t Locke Landing purchased?
 - If this property is excluded what happens? Who will pick up the costs?
 - What is Under Armour’s role and/or responsibilities to the Special District?
 - After the development how much will the residents have to pay?
 - Board Members
 - Explain what the breakdown is for the Board members who are making decisions for the District
 - Who is on it and how was the Board created
 - Who are the board members and what are their term limits
 - Per Mr. Laria, “believes Locke Landing should have a representative on the Board
 - Special Events/Promotions/Developments
 - Comment: Listening to updates of the area and/or District is very interesting!
 - Tell us about some of the promotions/events and/or developments happening in the District which connects with the rest of the City.

- Requested by member Middleton: Would like a briefing and/or an update regarding the promotions, events, and etc. happening in the District which connects with the rest of the City.

- Motions were made to vote on the two (2) amendments that were submitted by Mr. Laria; both motions failed. Vote taken on legislation; passed Favorably.
- Hearing concluded.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

- See "red and yellow" highlighted" in number 5 above.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello:.....Yea
 K. Burnett:.....Absent
 R. Dorsey:Absent
 D. McCray:Yea
 S. Green Middleton:Yea
 I. Schleifer:..... Yea
 R. Stokes:.....Yea

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
 cc: Bill File
 OCS Electronic File

Date: August 7, 2023

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: 8-1-23

BILL #: 23-0400

BILL TITLE: Port Covington Community Benefits District – Amendment - Boundaries

MOTION BY: Costello SECONDED BY: Middleton

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTALS	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, E-T-C

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: M.M.C



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Ordinance – Port Covington Community Benefits District – Amendment - Boundaries	Bill #: 23-0400
Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023	Time: 10:31 AM
Location: Council Chambers	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Jon</i>	<i>LARIA</i>	<i>111 S. CALVERT ST 27th FLR BALTO, MD 21202</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Hecker</i>	<i>25 S. Charles St 21st fl. Balto, MD 21201</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

City of Baltimore

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City Hall, Room 408
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

10:31 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Eric T. Costello, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

Absent 2 - Kristerfer Burnett, and Ryan Dorsey

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

23-0400

Port Covington Community Benefits District - Amendment - Boundaries
For the purpose of amending the boundaries of the Port Covington Community Benefits District.

Sponsors: Eric T. Costello

A motion was made by member Costello, seconded by member Middleton, that Ordinance 23-0400 be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Costello, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

Absent: 2 - Burnett, and Dorsey

ADJOURNMENT