

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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HEARING NOTES

Council Resolution: 21-0062R

American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearings

Committee: Finance and Performance
Chaired by: Councilman John T. Bullock
Hearing Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023
Time (Beginning): 4:50 PM
Time (Ending): 5:35 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 25 - In-Person
Approximately 15 - Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

John T. Bullock
Eric T. Costello
Danielle McCray

Table with 3 columns: Question, yes, no, n/a. Rows include Bill Synopsis in the file?, Attendance sheet in the file?, Agency reports read?, Video or audio-digitally recorded?, Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?, Evidence of notification to property owners?, and Final vote taken at this hearing?.

This Resolution will remain open throughout the legislative term – no vote will be conducted, on-going quarterly meetings.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Shamiah Kerney, Mayor’s Office of Recovery Programs
Mark Council, Speaker, Public Testimony

Major Issues Discussed

1. **Director Kerney** gave opening remarks and showed a PowerPoint presentation. **A copy is on file.** She also stated that the information and/or data that will be shown today is as of July 2023.
2. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and gave comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion and/or concern were:
 - Chairman Bullock asked the representative from the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs to talk about some of their successes.
 - Grant Funding
 - Talk about the rules for grant funding, and
 - Are we in the mode of losing any grant funding?
 - Expenditures/Spending
 - Where do you anticipate we will be at the end of the year? **Answer: Will research and report back.**
 - City Employees
 - Are there any programs available to support our city employees/workers? **Answer: Yes**
 - Comment: We want to make sure we are helping our city employees/workers; especially those who work on the front line!
 - Being a Monitoring Office
 - Comments regarding the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs transitioning to becoming "a monitoring office."
 - What are your current monitoring strategies?
 - Have any agencies and/or organizations been flagged for inconsistencies?
 - PowerPoint Presentation
 - Appreciated how the Presentation was presented this time!
 - In the case of inconsistencies, at what point do you say funds are going to be reallocated?
3. One (1) person gave public testimony. He was concerned about the homeless population. Some concerns and/or comments were:
 - When will the funds allocated for the homeless population be spent?
 - There is a dire need for the funds!
 - We are depending on the City for help!

A committee member suggested that the Speaker reach out to the Office of Homeless Services regarding his concerns.
4. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: October 4, 2023

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Resolution – American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearing	Resolution #21-0062R
Committee: Finance and Performance	Chair: John T. Bullock
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023	Time: 3:01 PM
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Angela	Blake						

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Performance Committee

Thursday, September 28, 2023

3:01 PM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - John T. Bullock, Chair Eric T. Costello, and Chair Danielle N. McCray

Absent 2 - Chair Phylcia Porter, and Chair Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0062R

American Rescue Plan Quarterly Oversight Hearings

For the purpose of calling for quarterly budget oversight hearings regarding the disbursement and management of \$641 million in federal funding to the City of Baltimore through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to improve transparency and accountability for the pivotal task of responding to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors: President Nicholas J. Mosby, Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Danielle N. McCray, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Robert Stokes, Sr., Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos, James Torrence, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT