

## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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### HEARING NOTES

Bill: LO22-0030

#### Legislative Oversight – Crime Prevention and Violence Prevention

**Committee:** Public Safety and Government Operations

**Chaired by:** Mark Conway

**Hearing Date:** October 11, 2023

**Time (Beginning):** 1:50 PM

**Time (Ending):** 3:40 PM

**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 35 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mark Conway

Odette Ramos

Phylicia Porter

Kristerfer Burnett

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised 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 type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by: .....			
Seconded by: .....			
Final Vote: .....			

#### Major Speakers

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Richard Worley – Commissioner – Baltimore Police Department (BPD)

Kevin James – Acting Deputy Commissioner- Baltimore Police Department

Jessica Mervonis – Interim Executive Director Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)

Terrance Nash – Assistant Director Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement



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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order.
2. Commissioner Worley from BPD made a presentation about recent Crime Statistics
3. Chairman Conway opened the floor to questions from the committee. Topics included:
  - a. The need to consider previous districts in reports for comparison.
  - b. What has been the strategy to deter auto theft and how are we communicating with residents about this and other public safety issues.
  - c. How do we address a feeling of insecurity among residents even though violent crime is trending downward?
4. Director Mervonis from MONSE made a presentation about the GVRs.
5. Chairman Conway opened the floor to questions from the committee. Topics included:
  - a. How has redistricting affected the GVRs?
  - b. What housing assistance is available for returning citizens?
  - c. What differences can someone expect to see in a district that has rolled out the GVRs?
6. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

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### Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

- Add Citation Docket to crime stat reports.
- Include district-level stats in reports.
- What is the amount of funding the BPD receives for communications and public interactions?

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### Committee Vote:

M. Conway: ..... Yea  
K. Burnett: ..... Yea  
Z. Cohen: ..... Absent  
E. Costello: ..... Absent  
A. Glover: ..... Absent  
P. Porter: ..... Nay  
O. Ramos: ..... Yea

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Anthony Leva, Committee Staff

Date: October 12, 2023

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