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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 16-0654		

DATE: May 10, 2016

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0654 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation).

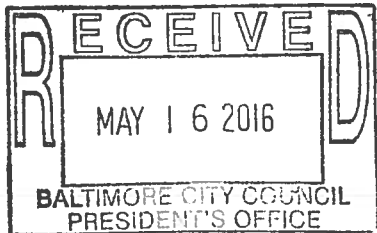
The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or provide sale, all its interest in certain properties known as Block 4756A, Lots 001A and 001B (2000 West Cold Spring Lane and right-of-way at West Cold Spring Lane) and no longer needed for public use.

The properties proposed for sale are located in an area located to the west of the Jones Falls Expressway and Light Rail rights-of-way, and to the north of Cold Spring Lane. The Baltimore Development Corporation introduced this sales ordinance to facilitate the relocation of an existing BGE substation currently located along West Old Cold Spring Lane to a portion of what is known as the Camp Small site. In exchange, BGE will convey an approximately 16 acre site (known as the Melvale Open Space) to the City, located south of West Cold Spring Lane and adjacent to the Jones Falls and the Light Rail right-of-way, along with an option for the City to purchase an adjacent 10 acre site (known as the Melvale Development Parcel).

Approval of City Council Bill 16-0654 will enable a Land Disposition and Swap Agreement between BGE and the City to go forward, creating more useable open space and providing the potential for future transit oriented development to occur in this area. Several sanitary sewer lines are in the vicinity of Lots 001A and 001B that could be affected by the proposed sale. Should these or other public utilities fall within the land area proposed for sale to BGE, full width easements would need to be included in the land conveyance for the continued protection of and access to the utilities.

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 16-0654 provided any impacted public utilities are protected under a full width easement.

Sincerely,



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