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November 6, 2017

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0132 – City Streets – Opening – Water Street and Hollingsworth Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0132 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and open Water Street, extending from Grant Street easterly 157.35 feet, more or less, to South Calvert Street, and condemn and open Hollingsworth Street, extending from Water Street southerly 159.6 feet, more or less, to East Lombard Street, as shown on Plat 234-A-37 in the Office of the Department of Transportation. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Victor K. Tervalo', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Victor K. Tervalo
Chief Solicitor

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