



**HEARING NOTES**

**Council Bill: 20-0495**

**Pesticide Control and Regulation**

**Committee:** Health  
**Chaired by:** Kristerfer Burnett  
**Hearing Date:** Thursday, May 7, 2020  
**Time (Beginning):** 5:00 PM  
**Time (Ending):** 6:20 PM  
**Location:** Virtual "WebEx" Meeting  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 60

<b>Bill Synopsis in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Attendance sheet in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Agency reports read?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Video or audio-digitally recorded?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Evidence of notification to property owners?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
<b>Final vote taken at this hearing?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

**Major Speakers**  
*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
- Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works
- Mara James, Department of Finance
- D'Paul Nibber, Health Department
- William Vandrasek, Department of Recreation and Parks
- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Department
- Ingrid Brailsford, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Bonnie Raindrop on behalf of **Ruth Berlin**
- Kate Breimann, Speaker
- Devon Payne-Sturges, Speaker
- Bonnie Raindrop, Speaker
- Emily Scarr, Testified

- Jay Feldman, Testified
  - Jenny Kunze, Testified
  - Lisa Radov, Testified
  - Tyler Smith, Testified
  - Five to six additional speakers testified, (Called-In)
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### **Major Issues Discussed**

1. Councilwoman Clarke, primary sponsor of the bill gave opening remarks. Some highlights of discussion were:
  - Explained what the bill does and does not do
  - Baltimore City Public Schools are pre-empted from the legislation
  - Baltimore Gas and Electric withdrew their opposition to the bill
  - She plans to propose an amendment in the future to extend the bill for an additional one year
  - Pesticides are poisonous:
    - Causes underlying conditions
    - There are three (3) in particular that will be discussed today; one being Round-up
    - We plan to discuss what those pesticides can and/or does do to people in the long run
2. Several representatives from city agencies discussed their agency report; some in favor of the bill, some deferred to other agencies and some proposed amendments.
3. The representative from the Department of Recreation and Parks testified and showed some slides. **A copy of same is on file.** Mr. Vondrasek stated, "I am not a supporter of pesticides and is a beekeeper but, I feel if used responsibly some pesticides can be useful." He also requested that some of the pesticides listed in the legislation be reconsidered. **Councilwoman Clarke asked him to submit a list of what he wanted to keep.**
4. The committee/council members received a multitude of written testimony all in support of the bill. **Copies of same are on file.**
5. Four (4) representatives (all in support of the bill) were invited to speak by Councilwoman Clarke on behalf of:
  - *Maryland Pesticide Education Network*
  - *MD Institute for Applied Environmental Health*
  - *Environment Maryland*
  - *Smart on Pesticides Coalition*

Some highlights of their discussion included:

- Health studies
- Risk assessments associated with pesticides
- Importance of protecting the health of people
- Toxin effects on humans
- Effects of using Round-up
- Increased exposure to pesticides is very harmful to people
- The chemicals that are used in our food and goes into our bodies are widespread and the use of it is alarming and continues to increase

- Pesticides contributes to respiratory problems
  - Beekeepers are losing their hives at an alarming rate due to pesticides
  - Many farmers require pollination in order for their crops to grow
  - Pesticides effects our fruit, plants, wildlife, and etc.
6. Several other speakers testified; all in support of the bill.
  7. The chairman gave closing remarks, informing the public that the hearing would be in recess until a work session is scheduled. "We will continue to work on the bill, the committee and agency representatives will review all proposed amendments and schedule a work session sometime in the future."

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**    **No**

**If yes, describe.**

1. See numbers #3 and #7 above, "Major Issues Discussed."

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*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: May 11, 2020

cc: Bill File  
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## Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

<b>Subject:</b> Council Bill – Pesticide Control and Regulation	<b>Bill #</b> 20-0495
<b>Committee:</b> Health	<b>Chair:</b> Kristerfer Burnett
<b>Date:</b> Thursday, May 7, 2020	<b>Time:</b> 5:00 PM
<b>Location:</b> Virtual "WebEX" Meeting	

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	<u>Testify</u>	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: blue;"><i>See list of Major Speakers "Hearing Notes"</i></p>							

\*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



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City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Health

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Thursday, May 7, 2020

5:00 PM Virtual Webex Meeting: Dial: +1-408-418-9388, Access code:  
712 912 600, Event Password: 5591

Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?  
MTID=e0f3ba371d7a4d95de42b6ee83c3d918d](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0f3ba371d7a4d95de42b6ee83c3d918d)

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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 4 - Kristerfer Burnett, Bill Henry, Mary Pat Clarke, and Edward Reisinger

**Absent** 1 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

##### 20-0495

##### **Pesticide Control and Regulation**

For the purpose of regulating the use and application of pesticides in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; requiring certain notices at the time of pesticide purchase; requiring certain notices prior to and after pesticide application; requiring marker placement after certain pesticide applications; prohibiting the use of certain pesticides in specified areas; prohibiting the use and application of glyphosate and chlorpyrifos; prohibiting neonicotinoid pesticide use on City-owned property; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Edward Reisinger, President Brandon M. Scott

Hearing called to recess.

#### ADJOURNMENT

