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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0576/ SALE OF PROPERTY – FORMER BEDS OF A 13-FOOT ALLEY AND A 20-FOOT ALLEY		

TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

DATE: October 29, 2020

The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0576, which is for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of a 13-foot alley, extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20-foot alley, and the former bed of a 20-foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The Planning Commission reviewed the associated development of a surface parking lot in their meeting of February 20, 2020, where they recommended approval of the street closing. These surrounding lots will be redeveloped into a surface parking lot that will provide satellite parking in support of the various training programs at the Hoen Building, located at 2101 East Biddle Street. There will be several parking lots in the area serving this purpose. The alleys, as they exist now, are in very poor condition, with broken concrete and weeds growing through the surface. The alley on the north side of the property is beginning to vanish through disuse. The Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) reviewed and approved the proposed parking lot on August 27, 2019. Upon redevelopment of the property, the alleys will no longer have no purpose to remain, and so they may be formally opened, closed, and sold.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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