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November 5, 2020

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 20-0576 - Sale of Property- Former beds of a 13 foot alley  
and a 20 foot alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0576 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell its interest in the properties 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. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5(b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Ashlea Brown  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Dana P. Moore, Acting City Solicitor  
Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
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