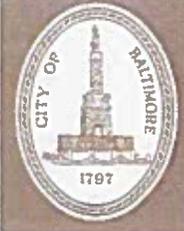


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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0081

Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 202

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021
Time (Beginning): 5:05 PM
Time (Ending): 6:55 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 105

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristofer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

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Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Robert (Bob) Cename, Department of Finance, BBMR
• Gwen DuBois, Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility
• Caitlin Goldbatt, Speaker
• Ran Richman, Speaker
• Anna Duke, Speaker

- Rob Ferrell, Organizing Black
 - Julie Merrell, Teacher
 - Matt Hill, Baltimore Renters United
 - Ethan Hasiuk, Jews United for Justice
 - Maydha Kapur, Greater Baltimore Democratic Socialists of American
 - Thomas James, Speaker
 - Jayla Scott, Speaker
 - Bilphena Yahwon, Speaker
 - Gassoh Goba, Speaker
 - Angela Burneko, Speaker
 - Michaela Brown, Organizing Black
 - Phillip Clark, Speaker
 - Margaret Palmquist, Speaker
 - Alayna Baron, Speaker
 - Samantha Master, CJSJ
 - Jacob Richardson, Speaker
 - Carter Washington, Speaker
 - Sandy Robson, Speaker
 - Elaine Millas, Speaker
 - Onyinye Alheri, Communities United/Critical Resistance
 - Randy Johnson, Teacher
 - Peter Matchette, Speaker
 - Jack Shock, Speaker
 - Matthew Lewis, Speaker
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello and President Mosby both gave opening remarks. Some of their remarks were:
 - Here to listen to you this evening!
 - Informed the attendees/panelists how the hearing will proceed
 - We know you want sustainable results
 - Talked about the role of city leaders
2. The representative from BBMR gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022.
A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file.
3. Approximately thirty (30) attendees gave oral testimony. Some highlighted comments, topics and/or areas of concern were:
 - Several speakers were in support of defunding the Police Department. Some reasons stated for same were:
 - To help create a Community Trust Fund
 - To invest more in black communities
 - To help remove Officers from responding to such issues such as mental health
 - To help address mental health issues
 - Investing in community safety
 - Other speakers supported the Police Department, stating:
 - The working people of the city supports the Department

- Is against cutting the Police Department's budget
- Concern – Crime Rate
- Concern – Murder Rate
- Support for creating a **LBGQT office** in City Hall
- More **participatory budget** process; more citizen involvement
- Teacher talked about **students' thoughts** regarding budget issues and/or needs
- Would like **homelessness** to end – permanent housing
- Want city leaders to make a **positive change**
- **Lead poisoning and mold** in household – is of a concern
 - Household **evictions** is of concern
- Comments about the **State's Attorney's Office**
- City's **crime and murder** rates – is of concern
- **Pollution**
 - Greenhouse gases
 - Trash
 - Waste
 - Burning too much trash/waste
- *Copies of written testimony received are on file.*

4. President Mosby gave closing remarks and thanked all who participated. He said, "I hope you (residents/public) will continue to participate in the budget process by listening next week when the budget hearings continue."

5. Hearing was called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote: Not Applicable

E. Costello:

K. Burnett:

R. Dorsey:

D. McCray:

S. Green Middleton:

I. Schleifer:

R. Stokes, Sr.:

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

cc: Bill File

OCS Electronic File

Date: May 28, 2021



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing notes</i>					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Thursday, May 27, 2021

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21-0081 Taxpayer's Night
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0081

Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2022

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess; to reconvene at a later date.

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL TAXPAYERS' NIGHT

ADJOURNMENT