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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0080

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello and in part other Committee members as needed

Hearing Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 – Day Four – Budget Hearings

Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success/Family League of Baltimore

Time (Beginning): 9:10 AM
Time (Ending): 10:35 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement

Time (Beginning): 10:35 AM
Time (Ending): 11:00 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

Time (Beginning): 11:05 AM
Time (Ending): 12:05 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Board of Liquor License Commissioners

Time (Beginning): 12:30 PM
Time (Ending): 12:55 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 25

Mayor's Office of Employment Development

Time (Beginning): 1:30 PM
Time (Ending): 2:30 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40



Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Time (Beginning): 2:30 PM
Time (Ending): 3:05 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 45

Department of Recreation and Parks

Time (Beginning): 3:10 PM
Time (Ending): 5:30 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 55

Baltimore City Public School System

See Hearing Notes for: Mayor and City Council Resolution 21-0082

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Tisha Edwards, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success
- Demaune Millard, Family League
- Andrey Bundley, Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement
- Irene Agustin, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services
- Tisha Edwards, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services
- Douglas Paige, Board of Liquor License Commissioners
- Nicholas Blendy, Board of Liquor License Commissioners
- Jason Perkins-Cohen, Mayor's Office of Employment Development
- Catalina Rodriguez-Lima, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

- Reginald Moore, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Kendra Moore, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Linzy Jackson, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Deepti Modha, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Edward Wheeling, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Erik Dihla, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Adam Boarman, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Keasha Brown, Department of Recreation and Parks
 - Ra Brave, Department of Recreation and Parks
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Several agency heads and their staff came before the committee/council member for day four (4) of the budget hearings.
2. PowerPoint presentations were given by the agency representatives. **Copies of all presentations received are on file.**
3. After each agency head concluded his/her presentation, the committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:

Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

- **Evictions**
 - Comments regarding potential evictions
 - Evictions – Do you have any projections for how many people will be affected? And, how much funding do you think will be needed to assist people?
 - Displacements – What is your projection? How much is set-a-side this? Or, is the funding in one pot?
- **Rental Assistance Program**
 - How do you advertise about the program?
 - Do the funds go directly to the landlords? **Answer: Yes**
- **Staffing at the Courthouse**
 - Do you have any staff assigned at the courthouse to address housing issues?

Family League

- **Community Schools**
 - Can you give an update on the community schools portfolio?
 - Were there any cuts made to the schools?
- **Trauma**
 - Do you reach out to the entire family when dealing with trauma informed care?
 - Comments – About young folks and their struggles – is of concern

Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement

- **Comments**
 - About the importance of growing young boys into men
 - About the squeegee kids

Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

- **Housing Vouchers/Security Deposits**
 - Has a plan been devised to distribute the vouchers?
 - What other plans are available to provide additional funding for this issue?

- This issue is time sensitive, critical and important; we must work together for the common good towards ending homelessness
- Were any funds dedicated to “from hotel to permanent housing?”
- Were any funds dedicated for security deposits? **Answer: Yes**
- What percentage of funds were spent on security deposits?
- Have you had any past experience working with security deposits? **Answer: Yes**
- **Request: Please keep the Council informed about need to know information, topics, issues and etc.**
- **Hotels**
 - Do not want the homeless population back on the streets
 - What is the plan for getting these people into homes?
- **Mobile Units**
 - Comment: Health Care have a mobile unit(s) but the homeless population doesn't have access to daily baths – is of concern
 - Comment: About the importance of getting permanent housing and getting another mobile unit.
- **Comment:** Is eager to hear some of your insight about how to address homelessness
- **LGBTQ Community**
 - Shelter and/or housing for the LGBTQ community – is of concern
 - Any thoughts on this issue?

Board of Liquor License Commissioners

- **Commendation/Recognition**
 - Several councilmembers commended the staff stating:
 - The Liquor Board has truly transform
 - It brings revenue to the city
 - The Liquor Board is one of three highest function agencies in the city
 - Commended staff on operations and work performance
- **Request:** Provide a snapshot of how many licenses you have on June 30,2021 and about how many licenses were renewed.

Mayor's Office of Employment Development

- **Apprenticeship Program(s)**
 - Comments regarding the possibility of having evening school for apprenticeship programs
- **Workforce Centers**
 - How are you helping our youth to work in offices and/or other organizations other than in the work of housekeeping?
 - What are some of your strategies to increase and/or improve workforce centers?
 - Can you talk about your strategies to employ our youth outside of Youth Works?
- **Ex-Offenders**
 - How many ex-offenders have applied for jobs? How many were accepted?
- **American Rescue Funding**
 - How do you see these funds being used in the MOED?
- **Transportation**
 - Can you speak to how you reduce transportation barriers to getting people to work?
 - Can we get bikes for some of them as a mode of transportation?

- **Financial Literacy**

- Comments: Regarding the importance of teaching our young folks financial literacy and for them working in banks when possible
- This is a dire need; having our children prepared before graduating high school!

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

- **Federal Support**

- What was done for people who did not qualify for federal support?

- **Language Barriers**

- Are you hiring people who can speak other languages?
- Language barriers; what are some of your strategies for working with the public? Talk a little more about what your staff and what your Office does!

- **Exploitation**

- Labor exploitation and slum landlords in the immigrant community: What is your office doing to address these issues?

Department of Recreation and Parks

- **Recreation Centers for Seniors**

- How are you bringing seniors back to the Centers?

- **Basketball Rims/Goals**

- When do you plan to replace and/or put the rims back up?

- **Swimming Pools**

- Capacity limitations for going to the pools; talk about this
- Comment: About the importance of getting the kids in the pools
- Is City Springs pool reopening?
- Oliver Pool – The showers, roof and bathhouse, what is the status of this?
- Comment: Regarding the possibility of building a swimming pool specifically to be used for competing within the city
- The pool near Liberty Elementary; will it be reopening? **Answer: Yes**

- **Lifeguards**

- Have you advertised yet to recruit lifeguards?
- Have you partnered with other agencies to assist in recruitment?

- **Mowing**

- Can you talk about your mowing contract(s)?
- When is the first day you starting cutting grass in the parks?
- Who is your procurement contact person? **Answer: Keisha Brown**

- **Apprenticeship Program**

- Do you have an apprenticeship program? **Answer: Yes, six (6) people are in the program**

- **Backlog – Trees**

- There is a perpetual backlog each year for stump grinding, removal of dead trees, pruning and the planting of new trees; is there an analysis done for the resources needed to address these issues?
- Tree and stump removal and/or grinding – is of concern
- Do you have a stump grinder? **Answer: Yes, four of them as well as a contractor**
- Are there any funds in your budget for stump removal?

- **Herring Run Park**

- When will the trail be fixed?
- When will the basketball court and tennis court be fixed and/or back up?
- **Request: Provide an update on the status of these issues**

- **Playgrounds**
 - The number of playgrounds that are fully functional needs to be increased since additional funds are coming. What are your strategies for same?
- **Park Rangers**
 - Would like to see more Park Rangers on staff
 - What are your strategies for getting and/or hiring more Rangers?
 - What is the difference between an Ambassador and a Ranger?
- **Comments/Questions**
 - What are you doing to focus on teenagers and older youth (between ages of 16 thru 24)
 - Are you partnering with the Youth Commission?
 - Do you get any input about things from the children and/or young folks from across the city?
- **Pesticide Law**
 - How are you planning for the new pesticide law?
- **Special Facilities**
 - Talk about the reopening of these facilities

Baltimore City Public School System

- See Hearing Notes for Council Bill 21-0082 – Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending

4. Hearing recess; to reconvene on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe. Yes, see "red" highlights in Major Issues Discussed.

Committee Vote: Hearing Recessed

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 21, 2021

cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

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Committee: Ways and Means	Chair: Eric T. Costello
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021	Time: 9:00 AM
Location: WebEx Meeting	

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			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	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

Friday, June 4, 2021

9:00 AM/Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 173 578 4500, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed4de03ca76e822eea808fb6851e42b4e)
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21-0080 - Agency Hearings - Schedule attached online
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 6 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac
"Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.
Absent 1 - Danielle N. McCray

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0080

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2022 year.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess; to reconvene on Monday, June 7, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT