



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0071

Street Encroachment – 1707 Eastern Avenue

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: October 5, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:00 PM

Time (Ending): 2:21 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~29

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file?..... yes no n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
Agency reports read? yes no n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Dorsey
Seconded by: Councilmember Conway
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Hilary Ruley, Law Department
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

- David Framm, Department of Transportation
- Eric Tiso, Department of Planning
- Arco Sen, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilmember Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and read the bill into the record.
2. Liam Davis commented about the purpose of the bill, which is to complete the City’s Right-of-Entry Agreement and ordinance process which would allow for the encroachment. He also explained how the encroachment was found by a private surveyor for the owner of the property. The City usually gets fair market share for the encroachment.
3. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
4. Committee members asked about the actual position/location of the street encroachment and was referred to the plat for the site. Eric Tiso explained and described the encroachment using the property plat. Questions were asked about the process and options the City can use when allowing for use of its property rights, specifically for encroachments. The Law Department explained that current laws allow the City to offer certain options for the use of its inalienable property rights and that street encroachment is one of the options.
5. David Framm discussed the history of the property. The property burned and was demolished. The encroachment was found upon review of proposed plans for replacement of the building.
6. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
7. The committee approved a motion to recommend the bill favorably.
8. The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair:..... Yea
 John Bullock: Yea
 Mark Conway: Yea
 Ryan Dorsey: Yea

Antonio Glover:..... Yea
Odette Ramos: Yea
Robert Stokes:..... Yea

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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