



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0083

Franchise - Gas Regulator Station Utility at Lower Gwynns Falls Park

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilmember Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: October 19, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:57 PM

Time (Ending): 3:27 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: ~40

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Victor Tervalá, Law Department
• Stephanie Murdock, Department of Housing and Community Development
• Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

- Frank Murphy, Department of Transportation
- Scott Weaver, Department of Transportation
- Raven Thompson, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Brett Thorne Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- Derrick Ready, Fire Department
- Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
- Carolyn Curry, Parkway Community Association

**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Councilmember Middleton read the bill into the record and introduced councilmembers in attendance.
2. Councilmember Porter commented about the purpose of the bill stressing that the Wilkens Avenue bridge needed to be replaced. She also stated that the Gwynns Falls Community Association supports the bill.
3. Liam Davis provided information about the age of the bridge and why it needs to be replaced as part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program. He also explained that the gas line on the bridge will be replaced as well as an associated regulator. The regulator will be relocated nearby. He explained the urgency of the project which is federally-funded and guided by certain advertising guidelines which should be met by August 2022. There was also discussion about coordination of the construction project to prevent certain detours and traffic problems.
4. Victor Tervalo provided the Law Department’s report which approved the bill for form and legal sufficiency.
5. Agency representatives provided reports for their respective agencies.
6. The committee opened the hearing for public testimony.
7. The committee answered community questions about location of the project. The project is within a few feet of Wilkens Avenue bridge and is not along Gwynns Falls Parkway.
8. The committee approved a motion to recommend the bill as favorable.
9. The hearing was adjourned.

**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**  
**If yes, describe.**

Yes     No

**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

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Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: October 21, 2021

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