

MINUTES**REGULAR MEETING**

Honorable Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President
Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor
Honorable Joan M. Pratt, Comptroller and Secretary
Rudolph S. Chow, Director of Public Works
David Ralph, Interim City Solicitor
S. Dale Thompson, Deputy Director of Public Works
Bernice H. Taylor, Deputy Comptroller and Clerk

Clerk's Announcement: "Good morning, for those of you who are here today who wish to testify or offer testimony in reference to the water rate increase, there's going to be a sign-in sheet at the rear. So, you will have to please sign-in for that I am going to place it there at the rear right now, thank you."

President: "Good morning, the August 31, 2016, meeting of the Board of Estimates is now called to order. In the interest of promoting the order and efficiency of these hearings, persons who are disruptive to the hearing will be asked to leave the hearing room immediately. Meetings of the Board of Estimates are open to the public for the duration of the meeting. The hearing room must be vacated at the conclusion of the meeting. Failure to comply may result in a charge of trespassing. Madam Deputy Comptroller, are there any corrections, additions, or deferrals on the Agenda?"

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Deputy Comptroller and Clerk: "Good morning, the Board received some written protests for pages 1 through 8 which is the public hearing on the Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases. I will read the list that was received directly by the Board. The list will be amended with other names of persons who do submit protests to other members of the Board. The protests that have been received by the Board of Estimates are from Miri Barrett, Loring Boglioli, Lionel Brown, Charlene Cowan, Mary Crawford, Kate Dowling, Joan Froster, Mable Gordon, Food and Water Watch by Mary Grant, Susan Hendee, Margaret Henn, Barbara Hill, Mark Jones, Camay Murphy, The Towner Management Company, Inc. by James French, Danielle Turner, Kim Trueheart, Denise Wallace, and Women's Housing Coalition by Beth Benner. There is a sign-up list in the back of the Board room. So, if you have not already done so, please take a moment to sign-up if you wish to testify on that item.

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President: "I will direct the Board members attention to the memorandum from my office dated August 29, 2016, identifying matters to be considered as routine agenda items together with any corrections and additions that have been noted by the Deputy Comptroller. I will entertain a Motion to approve all of the items contained on the routine agenda."

Interim City Solicitor: "I make a motion to approve all the items on the routine agenda."

Comptroller: "Second."

President: "All those in favor say AYE. All those opposed, NAY. The Motion carries. The routine agenda has been adopted."

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Kim A. Trueheart

August 30, 2016

Board of Estimates
Attn: Clerk
City Hall, Room 204
100 N. Holliday Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Herein is my written protest on behalf of the underserved and disparately treated citizens of Baltimore City, of which I am a member, in good standing.

The following details are provided to initiate this action as required by the Board of Estimates:

1. Whom you represent: Self
2. What the issues are: P. 1-8 Department of Public Works/Department of Finance Public Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases and Miscellaneous Fee Schedules if approved:
 - a. Is in direct conflict with Ordinance 941 of the Baltimore City Code which clearly states that Rates will be set annually, **NOT in three years intervals** beyond the current fiscal year;
 - b. Demonstrates the need to re-assess the rationale for continuation and benefit of Ordinance 941 and as such I request that a public hearing be scheduled immediately to ascertain the feasibility of repealing this ordinance;
 - c. Unfairly passes the cost of DPW program/project management failings, cost overruns and resulting bloated EWO's directly on to rate payers;
 - d. Demonstrates the urgent need to audit both the financial management of DPW expenditures and the performance outcomes of each of the related programs/projects, as such I request these audits be scheduled immediately before this rate increase is approved;
 - e. Demonstrates the need for regular public reporting of DPW performance outcomes, programs/projects schedule, milestones and budgets, as such I request that the reporting should be implemented and begin immediately;
 - f. Demonstrates the need for regular public reporting of DPW performance outcomes, programs/projects schedule, milestones and budgets with regard to compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency consent decree, as such I request that the reporting should be implemented and begin immediately;
3. How the protestant will be harmed by the proposed Board of Estimates' action: As a citizen I am experiencing a significant financial burden with annual tax increases, sewer and water service increases, user fee increases, parking meter rate increases and significantly reduce services as a resident. This onerous burden can only be relieved

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when sound business practices are implemented in the day-to-day operations of the Department of Public Works which has been the subject of numerous highly public problems with billing, project management and operations.

4. The remedy that I seek is the immediate repeal of the regressive ordinance 941; the limiting of rate setting to the current fiscal year and a reduction of Baltimore City water rates that align to the significantly lower figures assigned to Howard County.

I look forward to the opportunity to address this matter in person at your upcoming meeting of the Board of Estimates on August 31, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at (410) 205-5114.

Sincerely,

Kim Trueheart
Citizen

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If adopted, the proposed rates will be effective on the date of July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015. Any consumption up to and including June 30 of the respective year prior to the proposed increase will be billed at the rates outlined above. For the typical Baltimore City consumer (21 ccf per quarter) the current and proposed quarterly bill would be as follows:

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Department of Public Works/ - Proposed Water and Sewer Rate
Department of Finance Increases and Miscellaneous Fee
Schedules

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Current rates and proposed rate schedules follow:

Baltimore City Water

Quarterly Use Block	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate
		7/1/2014	7/1/2015	
7/1/2013				
First 50 Units	\$ 3.197 per Unit	\$ 3.677 per Unit	\$ 4.082 per Unit	\$ 4.532 per Unit
Next 450 Units	1.967 per Unit	2.263 per Unit	2.512 per Unit	2.789 per Unit
Over 500 Units	1.351 per Unit	1.554 per Unit	1.725 per Unit	1.915 per Unit

Baltimore City Sewer

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate
7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	
All Units	\$ 4.299 per Unit	\$ 4.944 per Unit	\$ 5.488 per Unit
			\$ 6.092 per Unit

Howard County Water

Wholesale Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate
7/1/2013		7/1/2014	7/1/2015	
\$ 1.378 per Unit	\$ 1.585 per Unit	\$ 1.76 per Unit	\$ 1.954 per Unit	

Anne Arundel County Water

Quarterly Use Block	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate
7/1/2013		7/1/2014	7/1/2015	
First 50 Units	\$ 3.368 per Unit	\$ 3.874 per Unit	\$ 4.301 per Unit	\$ 4.775 per Unit
Next 450 Units	1.967 per Unit	2.263 per Unit	2.512 per Unit	2.789 per Unit
Over 500 Units	1.351 per Unit	1.554 per Unit	1.725 per Unit	1.915 per Unit

Carroll County Water

Raw Water	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Rate
7/1/2013		7/1/2014	7/1/2015	
\$ 0.487 per Unit	\$ 0.561 per Unit	\$ 0.623 per Unit	\$ 0.692 per Unit	

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August 22, 2016

RE: Filing of Written Protest

Protestant: Mr. James L. French
Principal, The Towner Management Company, Inc.

Board Item Protesting: Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Hike – August 31, 2016 Agenda

Testimony:

Honorable President and Members of the Board, my name is Jim French and I am a principal in a property management company ^{called Towner Management} and the owner of commercial real estate located in Baltimore City much of which is used as affordable housing. I am also a developer of affordable housing and am current President of the French Development Company. I thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak and to express my concern about the current proposal to raise water and sewer rates once again and to bring to your attention the disproportionate harm such a rate increase will have on lower income Baltimoreans living in rental housing.

Let me begin by saying that I certainly understand the need for the increase and how it the additional funds will be used to continue to make needed infrastructure upgrades in an aging system. Baltimore is not alone among large urban areas who have had to bear the burden of making these changes with little assistance from the federal and state government. What I find objectionable with this proposal as with those that have preceded it is that it unfairly penalizes providers of affordable housing who have had to cope with increasing operating expenses while rental revenues have stayed relatively flat.

We've heard a lot recently about new initiatives that could pump additional dollars into creating new affordable housing in places like Port Covington, however, in addition to new capital funding resources, we should also focus on preserving existing affordable housing. Helping to control and to reduce operating expenses in affordable housing projects is one way of helping to preserve affordable housing.

The new BaltiMeter billing to be rolled out in October will eliminate minimum fees and place the onus on consumers to control their usage with pricing being based primarily on consumption. What the new policy fails to recognize, however, is that not all ratepayers can control their water use equally. Owners of multi unit buildings typically take on the responsibility of paying water and sewer charges since leaving the responsibility with tenants can risk nonpayment and lead to municipal liens and the threat of tax sale foreclosure. Monthly billing will certainly help building landlords to identify and act on problems earlier however large families and overcrowding can contribute to higher consumption. Many of these properties were underwritten and their debt sized with an assumption of 3% annual operating expense increases. With an annual increase more than three times that number, these properties are more difficult to operate and cash that would typically be used to improve maintenance and ensure long term sustainability including energy and water saving retrofits will be diverted to paying ever increasing utility bills.

There are mechanisms in the current system to offer relief to low income homeowners, seniors and those in economic hardship however no such mechanism exists to assist owners and operators of quality affordable housing projects. Other cities have come up with some innovative approaches to address the issue. New York City, for example, offers multifamily buildings with affordable housing regulatory agreements in place a per unit credit. Other cities have an Affordable Housing Cap whereby rates cannot

increase above a certain fixed amount. These initiatives are coupled with programs that actively encourage water conservation measures and resident education.

I would ask that the Board recognize that municipal water and sewer rate policies can have the unintended consequence of jeopardizing the availability of affordable housing. I would propose a study period before implementing the new increase and that you seek ways, perhaps through the formation of a working group, to come up with a workable remedy to this problem.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak.

Dear Honorable President and Members of the Board of Estimates,

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I am Charlene Cowan, a city resident, taxpayer, and water consumer in Pigtown.

After the announcement of the additional 33% increase in water rates, my immediate thought was “Wow! When will this end? When will the city stop taxing, and feeing us city residents to death?” However, I kept my thoughts to myself and tried to get over what seemed like the inevitable – another rate increase.

As the days went on, I began to hear other people in the city voicing the same thoughts that I had. As I was checking my mail on my porch front, my neighbor would make a comment about “that damn water bill”. As I patronized businesses around my neighborhood, I would find myself overhearing comments like “Didn’t we just go through this? Didn’t they say the new meters would help keep our bills low?” and even comments like “A 33% increase – I don’t know how I’m going to pay”.

At a local neighborhood meeting, a discussion came up about tax liens and a local woman who had recently lost her home due to unpaid water bills. The meeting coordinator distributed copies of a pamphlet she had received from DPW that she wanted to share which explained how the monthly water billing schedule was going to help people budget better.

I think I may be able to manage the new monthly billing schedule despite another rate hikes and additional administrative fees – but I can’t help but wonder – How is DPW budgeting?!

City residents are expected to dig deeper into their pockets and shell out more and more money for water bills that seem to increase steadily with no relief in sight, while DPW skips the mandated audits for another year. How can DPW ask us to budget better and come up with more money when they do nothing of the sort. We’re told previous hikes were to pay for the smart meters, but now you’re saying that’s what these increases will do. If the smart meters are more efficient, then how is this costing us (the consumers) more money? The smart meters

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I agree with my colleague that this issue bears further review by the Council.

As Patrick mentioned, Pennrose owns and operates 1,036 units of affordable housing in 13 properties in various neighborhoods in the City. Many of our residents have their rental payments subsidized through the Project Based Voucher Program, and most of the others are subsidized through the Housing Choice Voucher Program through the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. In these programs, maximum rent limits are set, which includes a utility allowance offset to ensure the continued affordability of the rental rates for the residents. However, at several of our properties, the actual expenses for water and sewer already exceed the approved HABC Utility Allowance for water and sewer - before today's proposed rate increase is implemented.

Pennrose Management calculated that the proposed rate increase will raise our per unit per year cost for water and sewer by \$300 over the 3 year implementation period. However, HABC, with its limited funding, only allows only small rental rate increases for our voucher tenants, and these amounts will not offset the proposed utility costs.

Under these circumstances, it is clear that most multifamily apartment owners (and certainly the owners of affordable housing in the City) will consider sub-metering for water so that these increased costs can be passed on to the tenants, at a time when rental housing affordability is already challenging in the City.

In 2015, the Food & Water Watch advocacy group calculated that one-third of Baltimore residents could not afford to pay their water bills after the last round of increases and today's proposed increase will likely amplify this challenge for our residents and their neighbors and possibly drive them from the City to seek affordable homes elsewhere in the neighboring Counties.

While we support the City's desire to improve infrastructure, we urge the Council to consider the many impacts these proposed rate increases will bring to the residents of Baltimore City.

Good morning Honorable City Council President Young, and Members of the Board. Thank you for convening this public hearing. My name is Patrick Stewart, I am a Developer with Pennrose, a leading nationally-recognized developer and manager of affordable housing communities, with an extensive footprint in Maryland and specifically Baltimore. I also happen to be a resident of Baltimore and a homeowner. I am here with Gayle Filo, Vice President for Operations for Pennrose Management Company; we are here today to voice our concerns about the proposed water rate hikes that are the subject of this hearing.

Pennrose has been active in the City for over 15 years. During that time we have created over 1,000 units of housing in 13 properties in the City - in East Baltimore, West Baltimore, Northwest Baltimore, Cherry Hill, Charles Village/Remington, and elsewhere - most of which is income-restricted, affordable to low income seniors and families. We are proud to have been part of the effort to meet the City's critical need for high-quality affordable housing over the last decade and a half, and will continue to be into the future.

Regarding the rate hikes, we recognize the critical importance of the City's public water and sewer infrastructure, that there is significant cost associated with maintenance of the system, and appreciate that the City must take steps to support the long-term sustainability of the system. However we are concerned that the proposed rate hikes will have significant, negative unintended consequences, not only for providers of affordable housing, but for all residents.

As owner and long-term manager of the communities we build, Pennrose generally pays for our residents' water and sewer usage. These costs represent a significant proportion of total on-going operating expenses for all of our communities, and from that standpoint the proposed rate hikes obviously represent a huge concern. But beyond impacting monthly and annual operating expenses, these rate hikes could have the effect of hindering our ability to preserve existing and produce new affordable housing in Baltimore. To varying degrees, all of these projects rely on debt financing in order to finance construction, design, etc. Higher operating expenses reduce net operating income, thereby reducing the project's ability to take on and repay loans. The result is that projects will either not get built because they face financing gaps, or additional resources from the City, from Baltimore Housing, HOME funds, etc, will be needed in order to make these projects a reality. Those funds are finite and scarce, and as a result of these rate hikes, we argue they will become even more so. To sum it up, we are concerned that fewer affordable housing units may get built if the proposed rate hikes take effect.

Our specific suggestions include the following:

At a minimum we suggest that additional time should be taken in order to fully identify the true costs and impacts of the proposed rate hikes. If the City Council sees fit to convene some sort of working group or task force, we'd be willing to participate.

Additionally, we understand that steps need to be taken to effectively manage demand for water resources and encourage conservation. But in addition to increasing rates and penalizing excessive consumption, the City should be incentivizing and rewarding conservation, by applying discounts to users who consume less. Presumably the newly installed smart meters would enable the City to implement such an incentive program; if not, the City should study how it could accomplish that.

Finally, we understand that DPW is recommending that customers aged 65 and older with incomes less than \$30,000 be granted a 43% discount on water and sewer consumption charges. Residents of the affordable apartment homes we have created in Baltimore include the elderly, families, and persons with disabilities. We agree that these populations should have access to discounts. As such we urge the City to go a step further by applying a similar discount to water and sewer bills for affordable housing properties, whether the bills are paid by the owner-operator or by the resident.

Once again, thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Patrick Stewart

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Department of Finance Water and Sewer Rate Increases
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The City is finalizing the replacement of all residential and commercial water meters in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The new meters are being outfitted with the Automatic Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology in the City and Automatic Metering Reading (AMR) and AMI technology in the county. This upgrade will provide greater accuracy in meter reading and improve the timeliness of billing, reduce the number of estimated bills resulting from limited access to meters, improve customer service by providing detailed and timely responses to customer inquiries, and reduce water loss through continuous monitoring and enhanced operational efficiencies.

In addition, the City is replacing the water and sewer customer information and billing system. We have begun testing this system and have started training our employees on its use. Along with this change, we will be transitioning from quarterly to monthly billing. The new billing system is expected to go-live for Baltimore City customers on October 11, 2016.

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Compliance with Federal and State mandates, protecting public health and environment, as well as investing in our aging underground water and sewer systems will require the City to continue to allocate revenues to fund multimillion dollar capital projects. The Water Capital Improvement Plan over the next six years is estimated to be \$1.3 billion in appropriations. This includes water main rehabilitation and replacement, the covering of finished open water reservoirs, the rehabilitation of the Vernon, Cromwell, Pikesville, Towson, and Ashburton pumping stations, improvements to the Montebello Water Filtration Plant, and the design and construction of the new Fullerton Water Filtration Plant. The Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan over the next six years is estimated to be \$701.1 million in appropriations. This includes regulatory-driven enhanced nutrient removal upgrades at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant, the headworks improvements at Back River and Consent Decree corrective action improvements.

To be able to maintain the utilities as self-sustaining, we are requesting approval on the proposed changes to our existing charge structure, a modified water and sewer rate structure, a forecast for three-year rate increases, and proposed increases to the utilities' miscellaneous fees.

Proposed Rate Structure:

The implementation of the new billing system is complemented by an enhancement of the existing rate structure. The proposed rate structure will eliminate the current use of minimum billing charges and will provide transparency by breaking down the bill to show customers exactly what costs are included in their bills. The proposed new rate structure eliminates the current declining block water rates, which results in large volume water users paying a lower rate per unit of water. Instead, by switching to a more equitable rate structure, the same volumetric rates will apply to all customers. This change will encourage conservation of water and will promote conscientious water usage practices.

The proposed rate structure includes two fixed components and a volumetric component. The fixed components are:

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1. An Account Management Fee intended to recover the cost of billing and related support services to our customers and their accounts. This will be charged as a flat monthly fee per bill.
2. An Infrastructure Charge intended to recover a portion of capital costs for investing in our pipes, plants, and other assets that benefit all customers. The infrastructure charge will have separate water and sewer rate components charged by meter size.

The water and sewer systems budgets are primarily fixed costs that are independent of the volume of water used and treated. With the proposed rate structure, the fixed components recover a portion of these expenses that benefit all customers so the utility is less dependent on volumetric consumption. The volumetric component of the proposed rate structure applies to each unit of water and sewer in a billing period. One unit equals 100 cubic feet (CCF), or approximately 748 gallons. The volumetric rates will be applied with the first unit of consumption. The following table details the proposed monthly rate structure and the rates over the upcoming three-year period.

Fixed Components						
	Proposed October 11, 2016	Proposed July 1, 2017	Proposed July 1, 2018			
Account Management Fee	\$2.720	\$2.979	\$3.263			
Infrastructure Charge	Proposed October 11, 2016		Proposed July 1, 2017		Proposed July 1, 2018	
Meter Size	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
5/8"	\$8.150	\$7.070	\$8.957	\$7.706	\$9.844	\$8.400
3/4"	\$14.670	\$12.726	\$16.122	\$13.871	\$17.718	\$15.119
1"	\$32.600	\$28.280	\$35.827	\$30.825	\$39.374	\$33.599
1-1/2"	\$57.050	\$49.490	\$62.698	\$53.944	\$68.905	\$58.799
2"	\$130.400	\$113.120	\$143.310	\$123.301	\$157.498	\$134.398
3"	\$228.200	\$197.960	\$250.792	\$215.776	\$275.620	\$235.196
4"	\$521.600	\$452.480	\$573.238	\$493.203	\$629.989	\$537.591
6"	\$937.250	\$813.050	\$1,030.038	\$886.225	\$1,132.012	\$965.985
8"	\$1,467.000	\$1,272.600	\$1,612.233	\$1,387.134	\$1,771.844	\$1,511.976
10"	\$2,078.250	\$1,802.850	\$2,283.997	\$1,965.107	\$2,510.113	\$2,141.967
12"	\$3,708.250	\$3,216.850	\$4,075.367	\$3,506.367	\$4,478.828	\$3,821.940

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Variable Component						
	Proposed October 11, 2016		Proposed July 1, 2017		Proposed July 1, 2018	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
Volumetric Rate (all Units)	\$2.260	\$6.160	\$2.484	\$6.714	\$2.730	\$7.318

If adopted, the proposed rates will be effective on the dates of October 11, 2016, July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018, with the existing rates remaining in place until then.

Required Rate Increases/Proposed Rate Structure:

The required rate increases and proposed rate structure are necessary to ensure fiscal sustainability and to keep the utilities self-sustaining. The proposed rate structure has been designed on the basis of a "revenue neutral" concept. The proposed rate structure and required rate increases have been designed to generate the same level of revenue that the current rates would have generated with across-the-board rate increases of 9.9% and 9.0% for water and sewer, respectively.

The following table shows the proposed rate increases for the current and the next two fiscal years (the fiscal year starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th). For Fiscal 2017, the proposed rate increases will not be effective for a full year and will start October 11, 2016.

Proposed Rate Increases		
	Water	Wastewater
October 11, 2016	9.9%	9.0%
July 1, 2017	9.9%	9.0%
July 1, 2018	9.9%	9.0%

Due to the elimination of the quarterly minimum allowance and other revisions to the charge structure, the impacts of the proposed rate structure on customer bills will vary by meter size and consumption level. In other words, if the City chose not to change the existing rate structure, all customers, assuming no change in their consumption patterns, would have experienced a 9.9% increase in their water and 9% increase in their sewer bills; however, under the proposed rate structure, some customers will pay more but others will pay less while the City generates the same amount of revenue.

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For example, without changing the rate structure, the proposed rate increases would result in a Fiscal 2017 total water and sewer bill increase of 9.4% per year for a typical Baltimore City residential customer with a 5/8" meter consuming 21 CCF per quarter (or 7 CCF per month). This represents a monthly increase of \$6.99 or \$20.96 per quarter; however, under the proposed change to the rate structure, the same customer would see an increase of approximately 3.4% in Fiscal 2017, which equates to \$2.50 per month or \$7.52 per quarter.

Proposed Customer Bill Impacts					
<i>Quarterly Charges for 5/8" Meter and 21 CCF</i>					
	FY 2016		FY 2017		
	<i>Existing Structure</i>		<i>Proposed Structure</i>		
Account Management Fee			\$8.16	\$8.94	\$9.79
Infrastructure Charge			\$45.66	\$49.99	\$54.73
Water Bill	\$ 95.19	\$ 104.62	\$ 47.46	\$ 52.16	\$ 57.33
Sewer Bill	\$ 127.93	\$ 139.46	\$ 129.36	\$ 140.99	\$ 153.68
Total Bill	\$ 223.12	\$ 244.08	\$ 230.64	\$ 252.09	\$ 275.53

As an example of what the "revenue neutral" concept is, the following table shows a hypothetical example of 10 water customers with different consumption patterns (it is assumed that all customers have the same water meter size). The example shows a hypothetical rate structure for explanation of the concept, this is not the proposed rate structure.

Scenario Comparison - Revenue Neutral Concept														
Scenario 1				Scenario 2 - Rate Increase				Scenario 3 - Hypothetical New Rate Structure						
Customer	Units Consumed	Rate / Unit	Water Bill	Rate Increase	New Rate / Unit	New Water Bill	% Bill Increase (1)	Fixed Charge	Required Revenue	Variable Rate / Unit	Variable Charge	New Water Bill	% Bill Increase (2)	Net Bill Increase
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)
			(C)=[A]x(B)		(E)=[B]x(1+D)	(F)=[A]x(E)	(G)=[F]/(C)-1		(I)=[F]-[H]	(J)=Σ(I)/Σ(A)	(K)=[A]x(J)	(L)=[H]+(K)	(M)=[L]/(C)-1	(N)=[M]-[G]
1	110	\$5	\$550	5.0%	\$5.25	\$578	5.0%	\$10	\$568	\$5.19	\$570.40	\$580.40	5.5%	0.5%
2	120	\$5	\$600	5.0%	\$5.25	\$630	5.0%	\$10	\$620	\$5.19	\$622.26	\$632.26	5.4%	0.4%
3	130	\$5	\$650	5.0%	\$5.25	\$683	5.0%	\$10	\$673	\$5.19	\$674.11	\$684.11	5.2%	0.2%
4	140	\$5	\$700	5.0%	\$5.25	\$735	5.0%	\$10	\$725	\$5.19	\$725.97	\$735.97	5.1%	0.1%
5	150	\$5	\$750	5.0%	\$5.25	\$788	5.0%	\$10	\$778	\$5.19	\$777.82	\$787.82	5.0%	0.0%
6	160	\$5	\$800	5.0%	\$5.25	\$840	5.0%	\$10	\$830	\$5.19	\$829.68	\$839.68	5.0%	0.0%
7	170	\$5	\$850	5.0%	\$5.25	\$893	5.0%	\$10	\$883	\$5.19	\$881.53	\$891.53	4.9%	-0.1%
8	180	\$5	\$900	5.0%	\$5.25	\$945	5.0%	\$10	\$935	\$5.19	\$933.39	\$943.39	4.8%	-0.2%
9	190	\$5	\$950	5.0%	\$5.25	\$998	5.0%	\$10	\$988	\$5.19	\$985.24	\$995.24	4.8%	-0.2%
10	200	\$5	\$1,000	5.0%	\$5.25	\$1,050	5.0%	\$10	\$1,040	\$5.19	\$1,037.10	\$1,047.10	4.7%	-0.3%
Total	1,550		\$7,750			\$8,138		\$100	\$8,038		\$8,038	\$8,138		

Scenario 1: Customers Pay per unit consumed

Scenario 2: Customers subject to 5% increase in rate, but continue paying per unit consumed

Scenario 3: Hypothetical new rate structure. Fixed component and volumetric charge

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- Scenario 1 represents what these customers currently pay without rate increases. The total consumption is 1,550 units while the total revenue is \$7,750.00 (Column C).
- Under Scenario 2, all these customers are subject to a 5% increase in their water rates; therefore, at the same level of consumption, Customer 1 pays \$28.00 more while customer 10 pays \$50.00 more, both values equivalent to 5% more than their prior water bills. The total amount of revenue generated after the rate increase is \$8,138.00 (Column F).
- Scenario 3 shows the incorporation of a hypothetical new rate structure that includes a fixed component of \$10.00 per customer. Since all customers are subject to this fixed charge, there is \$100.00 of revenue generated even if consumption is zero; however, in order to be "revenue neutral" there is \$8,038.00 that needs to be recovered by the variable rate.
- Assuming that all 10 customers do not change their consumption patterns, it is determined that the variable rate per unit that would generate the required amount of revenue is \$5.19 (Column J).
- The new water bill is determined by applying the variable rate to each customer's consumption and adding the fixed component. By doing so, the "revenue neutral" concept is achieved (Column F equals Column L with a total of \$8,138.00 in revenue). As detailed in Column M, customer 1 is now paying 5.5% more while customer 10 will be paying 4.7% more, or as detailed in Column N, customer 1 is now paying 0.5% more while customer 10 will be paying 0.3% less than what they would have been paying under the current structure after a rate increase.

In order to facilitate the understanding of the proposed changes, the City has made available online an interactive tool for customers to assess the impact of the required rate increases and the proposed rate structure at any given meter size and consumption level. This tool can be found at: <http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/water-billing-calculator>

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County Rates:

It is proposed that the Howard, Anne Arundel, and Carroll counties wholesale rates be increased as follows:

Proposed Water County Rates			
	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019
Howard County			
Wholesale Service (all Units)	\$2.147	\$2.360	\$2.594
Anne Arundel County			
Wholesale Service (all Units)	\$2.147	\$2.360	\$2.594
Carroll County			
Raw Water (all Units)	\$0.761	\$0.836	\$0.919

It is also proposed that Anne Arundel County water retail rates be increased as follows:

Anne Arundel County - Water Retail Service				
Quarterly Use Block	Current Rate	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2018	Fiscal 2019
First 50 Units	\$4.775	\$5.248	\$5.768	\$6.339
Next 450 Units	\$2.789	\$3.065	\$3.368	\$3.701
Over 500 Units	\$1.915	\$2.105	\$2.313	\$2.542

If adopted, the proposed rates will be effective on October 11, 2016, July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018. Increased cost of water and sewer service will be passed on to Baltimore County through the City-County Agreements. Baltimore County establishes its own water rates with City concurrence.

Senior Citizen Discount:

It is recommended that eligible senior citizen consumers 65 and older in Baltimore City who apply and whose annual household income does not exceed \$30,000.00 receive a 43% discount on the total water and sewer volumetric charges. The annual household income threshold will be annually adjusted for inflation by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Washington-Baltimore area as published by the Bureau of Labor statistics as

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of May of each year. This is a continuation of the program already provided by the City.

Low Income Water Assistance Program:

It is recommended that the annual credit amount of the Low Income Assistance Program be increased from \$179.00 to \$197.00 for eligible citizens meeting the low income criteria. This is an enhancement of the program already provided by the City.

Miscellaneous Fees:

In addition to the changes to the water and sewer user charges, the City has evaluated the charges for miscellaneous services and it is recommended that miscellaneous water fees be updated and approved as follows (list of miscellaneous charges and current and proposed are shown on the next page). If adopted, the proposed miscellaneous fees will be effective on October 11, 2016, July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018.

Miscellaneous Fees				
Fee Type	Current Fees	Proposed October 11, 2016	Proposed July 1, 2017	Proposed July 1, 2018
Fire Hydrant Permit	\$175	\$180	\$185	\$191
Fire Flow Test	\$750	\$773	\$796	\$820
Fire Protection Fee	\$150	\$156	\$162	\$168
Meter Testing - 2" and Below	\$100	\$103	\$106	\$109
Meter Testing - Above 2"	\$100	\$103	\$106	\$109
Delinquent Turn-Off	\$95	\$98	\$101	\$104
Turn-Off - Request by Owner (small meter)	\$95	\$98	\$101	\$104
Turn-On - Request by Owner (small meter)	\$95	\$98	\$101	\$104
Turn-Off - Large Meter - Above 2"	\$150	\$155	\$160	\$165
Turn-On - Large Meter - Above 2"	\$150	\$155	\$160	\$165
Abandonment - 1" and Below	\$380	\$391	\$403	\$415
Abandonment - 1 1/2" and 2"	\$655	\$675	\$695	\$716
Reduce 3/4" meter to 5/8" meter	\$175	\$180	\$185	\$191
Reduce 1" meter to 3/4" meter	\$240	\$247	\$254	\$262
Reduce 1" meter to 5/8" meter	\$240	\$247	\$254	\$262
Reduce 2" meter to 1 1/2" meter	\$1,140	\$1,174	\$1,209	\$1,245
Tampering Fee (1st Offense)	N/A	\$100	\$103	\$106
Tampering Fee (After 1st Offense)	N/A	\$500	\$515	\$530
Access to Asset	N/A	\$100	\$103	\$106

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Department of Audits - Audit Report and Related Audit Digest

The Board is requested to **NOTE** receipt of the following Audit Report and Related Audit Digest:

1. Review of Water and Wastewater Utility Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases including Proposed Rate Structure Changes Effective October 11, 2016, July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018.

The Department of Audits has reviewed the methodology and procedures used to determine the proposed water and sewer rate increases, including the proposed changes to the water and sewer rate structures, and documentation submitted for Board approval by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Director of Finance for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The proposed water rate increases are 9.9% and the sewer rate increases are 9%, for each of the three fiscal years. If adopted, the effective dates of the proposed rate increases are anticipated to be October 11, 2016, July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018, with the existing rates remaining in place until then. The purpose of the review was to determine whether DPW's methodology and procedures used to determine the rate increases, including the proposed changes to the water and sewer rate structures, were reasonable and whether the applicable computations were accurate.

As required by the December 1978 Charter Amendment, the City Council adopted Ordinance 941 which established, among other things, a mechanism for the determination of rates and charges for water and wastewater services. Ordinance 941 requires that the City's Water and Wastewater Utility Funds (Utilities) establish rates or adjust rates to make the Utilities self-supporting. Ordinance 941 also requires that the rates be established at a level sufficient to recover any accumulated deficit from prior years. Additionally, the Utilities must comply with revenue bond covenants that cover the utility rates. The City must also comply with Federal and State mandates and a Consent Decree to address past and periodic discharges and wet overflows from the City's Wastewater collection system.

The Utilities utilized the services of a utility financial consultant for various tasks, including rate setting and financial consulting services. The financial consultant developed a comprehensive financial planning model to serve as a

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key tool for the long-term health and integrity of the Utilities and reviewed the Utilities' operating expenses, existing and proposed debt requirements, and capital expenditures to determine the need for the rate increases to the water and sewer user charges for fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019. The projected revenue requirements and proposed rate increases are based upon expected operating expenses, capital improvement projects, sources of funds, and legal covenant requirements. The last rate increases occurred in July 2013, when water and sewer rates were each increased by 15% for fiscal year 2014 and 11% for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

Senior Citizen Discount and Low Income Water Assistance Program

As part of the proposed rate increase request submitted to the Board of Estimates, DPW and the Department of Finance are recommending that eligible senior citizen consumers, ages 65 and older, in Baltimore City who apply, and whose annual household income does not exceed \$30,000.00 receive a 43% discount on the total water and sewer volumetric charges. The discount, however, does not apply to the newly proposed Fixed Component Fees (Account Management Fee and Infrastructure Charges). The annual household income threshold will be adjusted each year for inflation by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Washington-Baltimore area as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of May of each year. This is a continuation of the program already provided by the City.

The proposed rate increase also includes a recommendation to increase the annual credit amount for the low income assistance program from \$179.00 to \$197.00 (10%) for eligible Baltimore City citizens meeting the low income criteria. This is an enhancement of the program already provided by the City.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the Department of Audits review of the methodology and procedures used to determine the proposed rate increases, including the proposed changes to the water and sewer rate structures, the Department of Audits believe that the proposed water and sewer rate increases for fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019 are reasonable in order for the Utilities to be self-sustaining and to meet the reserve and debt service requirements. The Department of Audits' comments and recommendations are submitted in its report.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE
INCREASES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEE INCREASES**

President: "We will now move on the non-routine agenda. The first item on the non-routine agenda can be found on Page 1 through 8, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance Public Hearing on Proposed Water and Sewage Rate Increases and Miscellaneous Fees Increase on Page 9 to 10, the Department of Audits Audit Report and Related Audit Digest. First, we will begin with a presentation from the Department of Public Works. We will then hear from the Department of Audits and then we will hear from members of the public. Will the Department of Public Works representative please come forward?"

Mr. Jay Price: "Okay. Good morning. Council Chair President, Madam Mayor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Ralph, and Mr. Chow."

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Comptroller: "State your name."

Mr. Price: "My name is Jay Price."

President: "And Mr. Price, before you start --- um I would like to recognize Councilman Branch and Councilman Curran who have joined us. Where are they? Okay. Thank you. I do not see them. You can go ahead Mr. Price."

Mr. Price: "I am the Acting Head of the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water and Wastewater. Our job includes serving the public's health and well-being by delivering the highest quality drinking water to more than 1.8 million customers in the Baltimore Region, and returning clean water safely to the environment. Reliably providing clean water and removing dirty water -- are the two of the most critical responsibilities facing any City. When our water and wastewater underground systems, and above ground facilities were first built, they were well planned and well built. But every structure needs to be regularly maintained and periodically upgraded to perform well, particularly those that are in constant use. Delaying maintenance and replacement projects may help keep water bills

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artificially low, but will result in unplanned outages and high maintenance and operational costs. The City's water and wastewater systems are aging, and the lack of investment and capital spending in these aging systems has had its' consequences.

On slide #2, you can see a list of the negative effects the City is experiencing today for not keeping up with needed infrastructure investment in the recent past. We have had underground infrastructure fail on numerous occasions, with the most recent examples undermining roadways on Centre and Mulberry Streets. These two repairs alone are costing an estimated \$13 million dollars, and result in severe inconvenience to customers, residents, commuters, and local businessmen. And, as the years pass, the cost of making these types of emergency repairs gets more expensive. The City's infrastructure will continue to fail - and continue to rack up huge costs - if we fail to act now. But if we commit to an infrastructure replacement program that is proactive, and not reactive, the City will be able to manage and reduce these costs over the long term.

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Slide #3 highlights our recent investments. The current DPW Director, Mr. Chow, has led the initiative to reinvest in the City's water and wastewater infrastructure so that current and future generations may realize the benefits of having sound and well-functioning systems. I want to take a moment just to mention a few of our recent improvements.

- The City is completing the replacement of all residential and commercial water meters in Baltimore City and Baltimore County to send water usage data wirelessly for collection and uploading into the City's billing system. This upgrade provides greater reliability and accuracy in meter reading and billing, as well as enhanced customer service.
- The City is replacing its decades-old water and sewer information and billing system with a new, more flexible system. The bills produced from this new system will be easier to read, provide data details of the charges that make up the bill, and will arrive monthly instead of quarterly.

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The water utility has increased its annual water main upgrade target from less than 5 miles of new water mains each year to 15. This is important because most of the City's aging water pipes are more than 65 years old, and some have surpassed the 100-year mark. We cannot afford to ignore this condition of these pipes that have passed -- long passed their useful life.

- Water that is lost between the water filtration plant and the customers is costly. Our prioritized and proactive infrastructure repair and replacement programs are beginning to decrease this lost water from leaks and breaks, but it needs to continue.

For more than a decade our capital improvement efforts have been driven by unfunded federal mandates including improving our wastewater treatment plants, upgrading our sewers, and protecting our drinking water. These mandates, while very important, compete for limited capital dollars that are also needed to maintain our water and wastewater utilities.

- The City signed a Consent Decree in 2002 with the

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Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment to correct recurrent sewer overflows. The City had to pay for evaluating and rehabilitating the wastewater collection system to eliminate existing sanitary sewer overflows. This federally mandated consent decree must be funded at an anticipated cost of more than \$1.5 million.

Comptroller: "Billion."

Mr. Price: "Billion."

President: "What he --"

Comptroller: "He said million. Billion, Billion."

Mr. Price: "Oh, I am sorry, billion dollars, Thank you. While the City does all it can to pursue grants and low-interest loans to help pay for these projects, the bulk of the costs rest with our customers. That is why the City and our regulators have negotiated an extension of the original Consent Decree that would allow the City to complete construction of Phase I projects by the end of 2020, and the Phase II projects by the end of 2030."

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By executing these projects that provide the most environmental benefits first, and spreading the rest of the projects out over time, the financial impact on our customers would be less burdensome. The public notice and comment period for the modified consent decree has recently closed and the comments received are currently under review.

- Mandates under the Clean Water Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act have multiplied since these laws were passed more than 40 years ago. At present, the City is in the process of upgrading its two wastewater treatment plants to meet the Chesapeake Bay "pollution diet," at an anticipated cost of \$1 billion.
- The City must also cover its five open finished water reservoirs, which is anticipated to cost \$464 million. Two have already been completed, one is under construction, and two will go to construction within months. We continue to seek financial help from state and federal sources to meet these mandates, but the vast majority of funding comes directly from our ratepayers.

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All of these projects are vital, but we must do even better.

Compliance with Federal and State mandates, as well as the needed upgrade to our aging water and sewer systems, will require the City to allocate revenues to fund multi-million dollar capital projects. The water capital improvement plan over the next six years is estimated at \$1.3 billion, and includes water main rehabilitation and replacement, rehabilitation of the Vernon, Cromwell, Pikesville, Towson and Ashburton pumping stations, improvements to the Montebello Water Treatment Plant, and design and construction of a new Water Treatment Plant in Fullerton.

The wastewater capital improvement plan over the next six years is estimated at \$701 million, and includes regulatory driven Enhanced Nutrient Removal, and Headworks improvements at Back River. Additionally, we will continue to replace our aging sewer pipes so they don't continue to collapse and create health and safety problems. Now the question is, how do we fund all of

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these capital improvements? The Utility only started borrowing and issuing bonds relatively recently. That means we have yet to pay off our earlier revenue bonds, and must use new funds to pay for these new capital improvement projects. It is also important to remember that the City Charter mandates that water and wastewater utilities must maintain self-sustaining operations. So we receive no General Fund money from City government, and we return no ratepayer's money to the City's general fund.

On slide #6 you will see our recommended water and sewer rate increases. In order to meet Consent Decree requirements and invest in our aging infrastructure, we have proposed a three-year program of rate adjustments that calls for 9.9% per year for water services, and 9.0% per year for sewer services. The combined impact of these water and wastewater rates is 9.4%. If you take a look at our projected annual capital expenditure schedule for water and wastewater over the next 30 years, you will notice that the heavy investment occurs in the first 10 years. This is due to consent decree requirements. Please keep in mind that DPW has negotiated for longer consent decree terms in order spread out these expenditures over 15 years to ease the financial burden on our customers. After these projects are completed, capital spending levels out.

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As I touched on earlier, DPW is implementing a new billing system that allows our customers to pay on a budget-friendly monthly basis, with an updated and fairer rate structure.

The existing rate structure is based on a declining block rate per unit of water; that means large volume users pay less per unit of water than those users who use the least. The existing rate structure also contains a minimum billing charge. That means a customer pays for a predetermined minimum amount of water, even if he/she uses less than that amount. We have listened to our customers. The proposed rate structure will apply the same rate per unit of water to all customers, eliminating the old declining block rate, and there will no longer be minimum billing. Under the proposed rate structure, customers will pay only for the water they use plus two fixed-cost components which are already built -- already part of their existing bill. Let me state that again.

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They are already a built-in portion of the existing water/sewer bill. For transparency purposes we have broke these charges out so our customers can easily identify them. And, they are:

1. an account management fee, intended to recover the cost of billing and customer service; and
2. the infrastructure charge, which is intended to recover a portion of the capital costs for providing water and sewer services that benefit all customers. Given these changes, the City will be able to recover a portion of its fixed costs through the fixed component of the rate and be less dependent on water consumption.

We are mindful of the impact of our request. There is never a good time to ask our customers to pay more, and we know they face other expanding costs. But we believe that by changing our rate structure and converting to month-to-month billing, our customers who use the least water will see either a reduction or only small increase in their water bill.

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Slides #9-11 demonstrate the impact on residential customers using the proposed rate increases with typical use patterns. Our analysis considered several years of customer bills and the analysis showed that residential customer usage patterns range from a low of 500 cubic feet per quarter to higher levels of 2200 cubic feet per quarter. We also looked at billed usage near the current minimum billing allowance of 1000 cubic feet per quarter.

On slide #9, you can see the current quarterly fee for customers using 500 cubic feet per quarter along with three monthly fees under the proposed rate structure. The cost for these users will actually decrease beginning in October by \$20.30 - .32 per quarter. In FY18, the sum of three monthly bills will be \$11.31 less than their current quarterly bill, and in FY19, the three monthly payments will add up to \$1.44 less than the current quarterly bill.

Slides #10 and #11 show examples of the proposed rate increases on customers with higher use patterns. We recognize that the higher use customers will be paying more, in part due to the removal of the declining block rate. Under our proposal, everyone will pay the same rate per unit of water. All customers

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will have the ability to monitor and adjust their water usage based on hourly data if they so choose. We are providing tools for customers to manage their bills. Today, City customers have the opportunity to qualify for assistance through DPW's Safety Net provisions for Senior Citizens and Low Income housing. The level of assistance provided under these programs has floated with rate increases to help protect our vulnerable customers. We are asking the Board to increase the income eligibility threshold for Senior Citizen assistance program from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per year. In addition, we are asking to increase the Low Income Assistance Grant amount from \$179.00 to \$197.00 annually. Other cities have also realized the need to invest in their water infrastructure. Slide #13 clearly shows that nearly all water and sewer costs for typical consumers in suburban Washington and surrounding counties are higher than Baltimore's proposed new rates. We still fare well in comparison to the total costs paid by many of our Central Maryland neighbors. Suburban Washington customers would still pay roughly twice as much as Baltimore City customers. In an age in which people are

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willing to pay well over a dollar for a 20 oz. bottle of water, Baltimore City families get an entire day's supply of water - available at the tap - for around one dollar. Our service is not only convenient and high quality; it is also great value. Today we have the opportunity to ensure the reliability of our water and sewer systems for the citizens of Baltimore. We have the opportunity to invest in a clean, healthy future. And we will never take a shortcut to providing safe water for all of our customers. The City's water and sewer system was built over a period of decades and it will take some time for us to revitalize it. We also realize this is financially stressful time for some of our rate payers. By locking in our rates for the next three years, and providing a more fair rate structure, we will help customers know what to expect while also accelerating the process of rebuilding our system. We respectfully urge this Board to approve our plan in order to help Baltimore meet its most important municipal responsibility. Thank you."

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President: "Thank you."

President: "We will now hear from the Department Audits."

Mr. Bob McCarty: "Good Morning Mr. President, members of the Board. I am Bob McCarty, City Auditor. I am with Milton Wolinski and Gail Adams of our staff. We have reviewed the methodology and procedures used to determine the proposed water and sewer rate increases, including the proposed changes to the rate structure, submitted by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance that covers fiscal years 2017, 18, and 19. The purpose of our review was to determine whether DPW's methodology and procedures used to determine the rate increases, including the proposed changes to the water and sewer rate structure were reasonable and whether the applicable computations were accurate. In order to determine that the proposed increases were reasonable and accurate, the Utilities developed a comprehensive financial planning model that projects revenues, expenditures, existing and proposed debt revenue--debt requirements, and capital expenditures. The proposed revenue requirements and proposed rate increases are based on

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expected operating expenses, capital improvement projects, sources of funds, and legal covenant requirements. The proposed rate water increases are 9.9% for water and 9% for sewer for each of the next three years. The utilities are replacing its water and sewer billing system which includes enhancements to the existing rate structure. The proposed rate structure will include volumetric rates and two fixed components - an Account Management Fee and an Infrastructure Charge. The same volumetric rates will apply to all customers. The Account Management Fee is intended to recover the cost of billing, and the Infrastructure Charge will recover a portion of costs for investing in pipes, plants, and other assets that benefit all customers and will be charged according to meter sizes. Both will be charged or a flat monthly fee. Due to the elimination of the quarterly minimum fees and other revisions to the fee structure, the impact of the proposed rate structure will vary by meter size and construction level -consumption level, excuse me. For fiscal year 2017, some customers will pay more and others will pay less than under the current fee structure. For example, the total water and sewer

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bill for the typical City household (which is defined as having a 5/8 inch meter and using 21 one-hundred cubic feet per quarter of water will increase by \$7.59 per quarter, an increase of only 3.4%. The increase for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 will be the full 9.9% for water and 9% for sewer. The water and sewer bills for a typical City household will increase \$85.80 per year in fiscal year 2018, and \$93.84 per year in fiscal year 2019. Therefore, in fiscal year 2019, the proposed rate increases for a typical City resident would result in increased water and sewer bills of about \$210.00 per year. Customers with larger meter sizes and using larger volumes of water, which are usually the commercial users will see the highest increases in the water and sewer bills. For example, the proposed rate increases during fiscal year 2017 for four of those larger commercial customers using only water range from 31.7% to 38.5% increases. Uh-- based on our review of the methodology and procedures used by the Utilities to determine the proposed rate increases, including the proposed changes to the water and sewer rate structures, we believe that the proposed 9.9% water and 9% sewer rate increases

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for fiscal years 2017, 18, and 19 are reasonable based on the accuracy of the financial model provided which we confirmed those - confirmed that data and for the utilities to meet -- to remain -- maintain their self-sufficiency and to meet its reserve and debt service requirements. However, I am sorry - However, because uncertainties can affect various estimates of revenue expense amounts when projected three years in advance and because of the uncertainties associated with a new rate structure we recommend that the new rate increase be applied for only fiscal years 17 and 18. And that the Utilities review the actual results after each year to determine whether any subsequent rate increases or reductions are necessary. If the rate increase is approved by the Board for all three years as proposed we recommend that the Utilities compare actual results of operations with the projected amounts for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 to determine whether the rates approved for fiscal 19 should be adjusted. We also recommend that the subsequent comparison be subject to review of the Department of Audits and that the results of this be presented to the Board of Estimates."

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President: "Thank you. Please note that the um -- Audit has been Noted. We will now hear testimony from the Public, if you have not signed these sheets right here -- these are the only sheets that we will be calling from so if you going to testify you have to go and sign-up with these sheets that they have at the back. And so far, we only have two sheets that people have signed-up. Some people haven't checked-off that they want to testify but I am going to call your name anyway okay. We are going to ask that you would come and line-up in groups of ten and I am going to call your names Miriam Barrett, McDonald McBride, Betty Jeffries, Chris Stadler, Alexis Schofield, James Alston, this looks like ah Mike Dupont, Derek Jones, Charlene Cowan, Margaret Henn in that order. You will be given two minutes um who has the time. She will have the time cards um -- you will be alerted when you have 30 seconds left. She will hold up a yellow card um at that time, you should start bringing your remarks to a close. You will be alerted when you are out of time, she will hold up a red card. So, all you have to do is give your name um who you are representing - representing and speak into the microphone. Good Morning."

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Miriam Barrett: "Good Morning, My name is Miriam La Rance Barrett. I stand here today not only for myself but for all of our elders every income level and for those who do not know this hearing is being held and for you. As a Baltimore City Citizen that pays property taxes, water, sewage, rain, Bay fees, which I clearly do not understand considering I have a slate roof, rainwater that goes into mother earth, and I do not have a boat. I propose that this increase not be approved because it will financially make it difficult for property owners who pay in Baltimore City in a manner that it will affect their survival. Specifically, the increase does not consider the fact that income for many taxpaying property owners does not increase. The proposal also does not equally increase all jurisdictions receiving water sewage service. I am aware that Baltimore County does not receive charges for sewer because that charge is within their Baltimore County tax bill. However, Baltimore City property tax bills are higher. This is not for -- This is not equal for all jurisdictions. For many years, the City has been required to pay minimum for water and sewage use. Now the

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proposal is for actual use with an increase. Moving from quarterly billing to monthly billing increases the use for paper which equals more recycling, increased work for staff to meet deadlines monthly. The use of technology is good to have but not without its problems. All we have to do is look at hospitals and federal agencies that have been hacked. What happened with -- the metal from the covers of the meters and what about oil based asphalt which runs - that we use to repair the streets that goes into the Bay that have to repeatedly be resurfaced and will the businesses and stadiums have to pay this increase rate? I Miriam La Rance Barrett Baltimore City Citizen by way of Youngstown, Ohio, property owner and taxpayer of your salary, employees of Baltimore City, some who do not live in the City but make the decisions for the City (applause from Audience) on record today require that you give better notification to the citizens about hearings such as this and I also do not support this bill because I only saw notifications in the Baltimore Times. And, when I called the Comptroller Pratt's office, the first day I called, my sister called and the Lady was very kind. I called just this week myself, she asked me would I send in a notice by

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fax, email, and I was like I don't have that access to do that and I said the meeting is on the 31st. So I said, can you take the information, yes. So then, she asked for my name and phone number so I said, fine. I have a friend that told me he called and they hung up on him. Now when he called backed the woman who answered the phone said I can't imagine anybody who would hang up on you. She said that only two ladies work in the office, herself, and someone else. But, somebody hung up on him. And, see this is the kind of thing that really opposes me, I sorry. Thank you. And, I want to make sure you get a copy."

President: "You said, you have something for a rain barrel, you said."

Ms. Barrett: "I have water that goes into the grass. My water does not go into the street."

Mayor: "Thank you."

President: "Rudy, will she be able to go upstairs and talk with someone about this --"

Ms. Barrett: "I've talked to the people upstairs I told them about my problem. They just dismissed me. So, you know I don't understand all this."

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President: "Okay.

Ms. Barrett: "It -- this--

President: "Well, well, they have somebody from Public Works on the fourth floor in the Curran Room. Um - Carolyn (Carolyn Blakeney, President's Office) can you show them where to go at upstairs. Ah -- McDonald McBride."

President: Ah -- thank you.

Mayor: "Thank you so much."

Comptroller: "Thank you."

President: "McDonald McBride. Thank you, Ms. Barrett. Mr. McBride".

Mr. McBride: Yes, hello my name is McDonald McBride."

President: "Pull that up (the mic) Mr. McBride."

Mr. McBride: "My name is McDonald McBride. I am challenging the rates period. To me they are unreasonable. The City should the affordability of continuing the rate increases which has tripled since 2002 on a population in City which is 24% currently at or below federal poverty level. We have been getting this rate increase since 2002 every year and up -- double that at 42% in the last three years of water rates. The City should take a clue

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from other cities like Boston, San Francisco and finance it itself instead of putting on the back of the citizens. The City got a Double A Bond rating okay in most cities Boston and Pittsburg have Double A Bond rating, they leverage that into money to repair their infrastructure. So why should the citizens who -- who are -- got to - got to pay for it now at this moment in time when it has already been ongoing for the last 200 years. When everybody neglected it and not also because of federal mandate and state mandate they want it done like yesterday. Instead of the City putting some money up despite the Charter the way it is setup here the City can still finance this system through. So, that way it is less hardship on people because the people has been financing all the way and the way the City got it going now you want the people to finance it to the completion of the program which will be going on until 2030 at the way you want to do it instead of the City stepping in and helping out. I mean you want to help the infrastructure out finance it from the sewage, the water mains, and also the housing. Okay, San Francisco and Boston set an example okay if you do not know than you need to have someone up there to look at it to see how it is

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done because they did it successfully and the City is thriving. In fact, it is thriving so good that people are moving back into the City instead of leaving. Baltimore lost a lot of people in the last ten years moving out. So, we are losing population instead of gaining population. And, the only way you are going to gain population is when the infrastructure is fixed when the people can see the City is actually doing something about it. When people see the citizens are doing all the work they do not want to move here. I am not from here originally but I have been here 20 years. Okay, I came here originally from Boston when they started doing all this work here. And I see -- I have been back there and see how the improvements have happened and how the City has been revitalized from the City actually participating in revitalization by putting up money instead of the citizens putting the money up. Boston and Baltimore maybe similar cities age-wise infrastructure-wise and okay Boston is able to succeed in it and shows -- and it shows. If you ever decide to go there you will see the difference in the cities. It's so different I mean, this is like a third world City from the looks of it, the way it looks so dilapidated so many areas

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as involves the streets and pipes breaking any minute, you know. It is no systemic -- systemic plans to do the City streets right. You know, I mean, I don't know who -- you know, you are doing hap-hazard, I mean you got this emergency work all over the City and you got to always having to racing to it instead of having a proactive plan you reactive at the same goal. Boston took a proactive plan and decided to solve the problem. This is the way to do it. The main -- the big main spurs -- you got the southwest main which is a huge transmission main if that breaks we are in trouble. I mean, so the City should finance the plan and put the money up and that way it will be done quicker. You can get it done within less than 20 years if the city finances it. It's been done in other cities and I Thank you for your time.

Comptroller: "Thank you."

Mayor: "Thank you."

President: "Ms. Betty, Betty Jeffries, then Chris Statler, then Alexis Schofield."

Ms. Jeffries: "Good morning, my name is Betty Jeffries and I am grateful to have this opportunity to express my concerns about

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the plans for the increased Water Bill Rates and Sewer Rates. And, the previous speakers have said much of what I had intended to say so I am going to be very brief. I understand the need for improving infrastructure, I understand the need for raising rates because we know that everything costs more money and its' costing more and more money. What I don't understand is the need for such high rates that are being charged. It is difficult not only for me but for others I recently retired and I am feeling the pinch of not having that larger income in my household and I expect to feel it even more when the rates start going up for water. Water is not a luxury item and that may go without saying but sometimes I think that when laws are passed you all are not living in the same atmosphere that we are, water is a basic necessity and I ask you to take that into consideration when you are raising these rates. Ah, additional fees that are already added that are already - that are going to be added to rates that are already high you are going to add additional fees that were not there. That -- that baffles me. The storm water fee I have never understood that, I understand that it's a federal mandate but if -- if the governor says you don't to have to pay

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it then why are we still paying it so if we do -- if Baltimore City does absolutely find it necessary to pay that storm water fee then how about decreasing the storm water rate since you are going to raise overall rates anyhow. Um, Baltimore County is waiting until July of 2017 to begin this monthly billing and I am wondering why are we in Baltimore City in such a rush why can't we wait until July 2017. Give the new Council members who will be coming in a chance to look over this program. I mean, if Congress can say we are not going to support or appoint a Supreme Judge - Supreme Court Judge we are not even going to hear the nominations until after the new President then certainly we can wait until July to implement this water bill and thirdly -- well whichever number I am on, I do support the um -- increase in income. I thought it was going to be -- that you were suggesting that it will be increased to \$35,000.00 for seniors 65 and older but with all the increases we do need some help to pay for the water which is a vital necessity and not a luxury and I thank you again for this opportunity."

President: "Thank you. Chris Stadler, then Alexis Schofield, then James Alston."

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Mr. Stadler: "Good morning, I am Chris Stadler. In 1992, I began occupying the house which is my current residence and my first four water bills after I began living in the house in North Baltimore ah totaled \$78.20. My last four water bills from 2015 and 2016 totaled \$524.96. I happily live alone. I have been living alone in that house for 24 years and this increase in the cost of water comes to 571% over 24 years on an annual basis that comes to an increase of 23.79% per year increase umm-- ah-- ah my water consumption currently is 36 ½ gallons a day and ah for a low wage worker such as myself, this is an onerous burden to pay this much for water. For someone who makes the current Maryland minimum wage, of \$8.75, that person, if the person works 52 weeks a year, 40 hours a week, earns a gross income of \$18,200.00. At the rate that I am paying for water, I am paying 3% of my gross income and that is before payroll deductions and taxes are taken out of my pay, 3% for water. Um the plan to move the billing system to -- on a monthly basis is not beneficial or convenient to the consumer. Who wants to sit down every month and pay a bill if you can pay it on a quarterly basis four times a year? Whether you pay it on line or whether you sit down and

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write a check and put it in an envelope and mail it, it's a nuisance. Ah, I have my bills for my telephone and my gas and electric and my auto insurance taken directly out of my bank account. And, I suggest that the same be done for this water bill. So, people -- won't have to sit down once a month and pay a \$30.00 or \$40.00 bill. It would be a complete nuisance. Thank you for your attention."

President: Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you.

President: "Good Morning."

Ms. Schofield: "Good Morning. My name is Alexis Schofield. I reside in Ednor Gardens. I live in my childhood home. I am 63 years old and I was forced to actually take my social security um at the age of 62, not by choice, for health reasons I could not work any longer. Living on a fixed income I cannot afford any of this. I can barely afford to pay the bills that I have. When you pay quarterly, at least I can go ahead and put a few bucks aside so that when it's time to pay the bill I can pay it. I cannot afford to pay which is probably going to wind up being at least \$50.00 a month -- monthly. You might as well shut my -

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my water off now and I feel like you know with regards to what everyone has said here today and basically we are all saying the same thing. I feel its falling on deaf ears and I don't think anything is going to be done. I think everyone has already made up their minds as to what is going to happen and what is going to happen to people such as us? This poor gentlemen that just spoke before me is making minimum wage. I really would hate to tell you what social security gives me monthly. I've worked since I was 17 years old and have nothing to show for it except the childhood home I live in. I have a roof over my head. I can barely pay my bills every month and I really don't think any of you really seem to care. I really don't (applause from audience) and its very sad - very sad. You all are sitting in a position where you're making a nice hefty annual salary. Put yourself in my shoes, in my shoes just for one month when your social security check is deposited into your account. You write your bills out and you barely have enough to feed yourself and I am not joking. You all just sit here looking at me like I am from another planet. I am not -- I'm a taxpayer and just as the first young lady said, 'I pay your salaries'. The only thing this City

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has done for me is with my property taxes. I have the homestead credit, I have a special credit, and every year for the past 15 years since my mother passed away and I've been in that house by myself with no -- other income coming in. I've been able to get my homeowner's credit. Without that I would have to sell my home and I don't know where I would go. I have no idea where I would go. Thank you for your time. Thank you for acknowledging me and looking at me when I speak. Uh-huh- as you nod your head. Okay. Thank you, I appreciate it I really do even though nothing is going to be done. I just had to come down here today for the first time ever to walk into City Hall in 63 years of being raised in this City to have to come down here for something as upsetting as this. Thank you (Applause from Audience).

Mr. Alston: "I am James Alston and I just want to make three quick points. I-I, first I'd like to say I do not support the hike. The first reason is because it's an additional housing cost burden right. Right now, my water bill is not paid. It's \$300.00 I can't afford it right. It's going to have to wait until I can afford it and I don't know when I can right? The second reason is that the sewage rate is now assumed at an

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incorrect assumption rate. It's assumed that every ounce of water that goes into the house ah from the source pipeline is the same amount of water that goes out of the house, logically that's not correct and I hope you could think about that when you are deciding whether to raise the rates or not, right? The third point is that I heard the Auditor mention something about the senior program. Well that doesn't work for all seniors. It didn't work for me ah and my mother when she was alive. She died in 2014. We didn't qualify because my name was on the deed. Although, I didn't live there physically my name was on the deed. And for that reason, she didn't qualify, right. So, that's the only three points I have to make I hope you consider that. Thank you."

President: "Thank you. Mike Dupont followed by Derek Jones, Charlene Cowan, and Margaret Henn."

Mr. Dupont: "Good Morning and I thank the Board of Estimates for giving us this opportunity to talk. Um I am representing ah my neighborhood and I am also, which is the Wyndhurst Association that type of neighborhood not for them, but I am also representing ah a Condo Association, the Villages of Homeland

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and they are about 250 units and also another ah Condo Association of about 90 units over on Roland Avenue called 4401 and what we have noticed is that water has increased about 33% and we are like panicked 33% in a period of like maybe three years and ah we are really kind of panicked about now I hear it will be another 33%. Ah, in terms of your monthly billing, we are okay from that - for that because we analyzed that and we try to look at it month-to-month so if we can get some regular ah-- monthly billing. We can project that because we need to do better projections we do not understand. We put in your increases and it's more than that. So, you know we do not understand that. The other thing is there we do understand there's a lot of hardships for people who are on limited income. I am retired now. My mother is 83. She sees her water bill going up so that's like a real problem and we don't really know how to handle all of that especially now with the Condo Association's that the Presidents said, 'go down and represent us'. Ah the question there is we have seen senior citizens maybe 25% are seniors maybe more are in these Associations. How do they get a piece because it all flows into their homeowners associations

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fees so you know it's all mixed in. How will they -- How will they get any kind of credit for being a senior citizen? When you live in a Condo ah and we really think that the communications needs to be improved. You know we really don't read about this in the paper ah. Ah, and the stewardship 85 years, 100 years. You guys inherited the issues and you have to do it but the stewardship has to be there all the time and the ah -- on a -- on a maintenance level so we don't have these inter-generational type of inequities. People who didn't have to pay for water for the last 50, 60 years now the burden is on all the young people and all the young people don't want to come here because it's just so -- so expensive. So, I just ask about that you borrow the money now while the interest rate are cheaper. Do your Bond funds or your Bonds issue your bonds to pay for this and spread it out I am against the increase you know and just push it off as far as your can and push it 40, 50 years along the line that's what I would say. Please spread it out not ten years. You know we do not need Consent Decrees to force us to do what's right. We don't need the federal government saying you got to do it. We should have been doing this ourselves. Thank you very much."

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President: "Thank you."

Mr. Jones: "Good Morning everyone, good morning Council."

President: "Good Morning."

Mr. Jones: "My name is Derek Jones and I am a residence of Baltimore City at 2223 Brookfield Avenue, which is Reservoir Hill. And, I understand that there is a need to improve the infrastructure. That's not a concern of mine. But I do want to -- to try to see where I missed the point of you guys being a little more transparent and how you disclosed or either present to the customers and the citizens how you derive at coming up with these rates. Um before you propose increasing in rates and adding fees what have you done to reduce expenses. Has there been an outside Audit conducted to determine what changes can be made to reduce operating costs such as reduction in staff, consolidating work, determining which ones actually contribute to -- which ones actually contributes and which ones are administrative overhead and can be let go. I mean it affects every business out here. Ah let's see -- a reduction in staff maybe consolidated work determine which work -- determine which

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ones actually contribute-- you can improve procurement process - you can embrace technology -- there's outsourcing, there's telecommute, there's pay invoices, early and on time, are we doing that, are we being penalized for not doing it? Um, there is identifying efficiencies - cancelling unused services. We can go Green. I don't hear anybody promoting advocating going Green. A lot of companies downtown can go Green. We can estimate or eliminate waste, ah place stricter limits on the use of office supplies, company sponsored travel, invest in efficiency in purchasing and installing equipment to make your business more efficiency or energy efficient. Ah, and then also I have a question about these automatic meters these AMRs. Was it really necessary to get new meters? Automatic meters AMR can you provide any reports indicating the cost-savings for the upgrade and benefit to the customers that are significant. I ask because the old meters worked fine. Sure, sure there may have been a deviation in the accuracy by plus or minus 2% at most but the cost to the customer for this minute inaccuracy does not seem worth the investment for AMR. I would be willing to pay a loss of 2% than 3% before you pay millions into AMR. Um, the millions

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of dollars for the upgrade was at the customers' expense because you have incorporated this cost into the customer's bill. The money used to purchase new meters could have been used to replace the pipes or whatever else you want to do for the infrastructure. What's the accuracy of the new meters? Is it a technical malfunction waiting to happen like the traffic photo cameras? Can you present what your current operating expenses are, how the rate and fees increase within the next two years will contribute to reaching - contribute to reaching goals set for the future and also the impervious land fee or the sewage runoff fee? This is an act of God, are we penalized for that, are you going to regulate our breathing and give us equipment or breathing apparatus next? I don't know. Okay, and as-- as for the impervious land I had to pave my driveway because of the rats. It helps prevent them from boring holes but now that I paved the driveway now I'm being charged for impervious rain fees. I don't understand. You guys got me with my hands up. Think about it. (Applause from the Audience).

President: "Thank you Mr. Jones. Charlene Cowan, Margaret Henn, Patrick Stewart, Gayle Filo, Jim French, and Denise Wallace, Jay Smith, and Kim Trueheart in that order."

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Ms. Cowan: Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I am Charlene Cowan, a City resident, taxpaying -- taxpayer, and water consumer in Pigtown. After the announcement of the additional 33% increase in my water rates my immediate thought was WOW. When will this end, when will the City stop taxing and feeing us City residents to death. However, I kept my thoughts to myself and tried to get over what seemed like the inevitable -- another rate increase. As the days went on I began to hear other people in the City voicing the same thoughts I had. As I was checking my mail on my porch front, my neighbor would make a comment about that damn water bill. As I patronized businesses around my neighborhood I would find myself overhearing comments like didn't we just go through this, didn't they say the new meters would help keep our bills low and even comments like a 33% increase I don't know how I am going to pay. At a local neighborhood meeting, a discussion came up about tax liens and a local woman who had recently lost her home due to unpaid water bills. The meeting coordinator distributed copies of a pamphlet she'd received from DPW that she wanted to share which explained

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how the monthly water billing schedule was going to help people budget better. I think I may to be able to manage the new monthly billing schedule despite another rate hike and additional administrative fees. But I can't help but wonder how is DPW budgeting? City residents are expected to dig deeper into their pockets and shell out more and more money for water bills that seem to increase steadily with no relief in sight while DPW skips the mandated audits for another year. How can DPW ask us to budget better and come up with more money when they do nothing of the sort? We are told previous hikes were to pay for the Smart Meters but now you are saying that's what these increases do. If the Smart Meters are more efficient, then how is this costing us, the consumers more money? The Smart Meters should be saving DPW money which in turn would pay for the meters without raising our rates. Understandably, Baltimore City will need to make improvements to the deteriorating infrastructure soon. However, it is the City government that is responsible for allowing the problem to fester for so long. Do not punish City residents for DPW's budgeting and planning failures. The DPW owes City residents a completed audit before

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it begins to can consider any rate adjustments. Once the audit is complete and presented to the City residents, only then, should a course of action be decided upon. Let's trim the fat off DPW's budget and tighten their belt just like the residents are being asked to tighten ours.

President: "Thank You. Margaret Henn."

Ms. Henn: "Good Morning, members of the Board. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Margaret Henn, I am the co-chair of the Baltimore Tax Sale Working Group, which is a coalition of over 30 non-profits, community developers, funders, and representatives from City agencies who ah-- are working to improve Baltimore's Tax Sale System. We have in this group a Water Bill Sub-committee which is specifically ah-- concerned with water bill affordability and transparency and as many ah-- folks have already testified here, water bills right now are just simply unaffordable for many of Baltimore's residents and that's been the experience of our group. Ah, after-- after 42% water increase over the last three years, the increase over the next three years is ah-- projected to be almost 30% and there are many people who are just unable to pay. Our group did a

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study of DPW's records in March and found that there were over 16,000 residential accounts that had shut-off notices in March of 2016, and there were 7,700 residential customers that had water bills over \$750.00. Ah, there are just so many people who are already unable to pay their water bills and an increase is going to place an extreme burden on these citizens of Baltimore. Members of our group have worked with clients in legal services who are raising children in homes with no running water who are unable to shower in their homes because of lack of water and ah we - it not uncommon that we would see someone with a water bill in excess of \$1,000.00 even \$2,000.00 um ah with no ah apparent explanation from either DPW or private plumbers that have come out to try to look into why the bill might be so high and for the clients that we -- that we all serve these water and sewage rates disproportionately affect seniors and people with disabilities we definitely see that. Many of the seniors we work with have incomes that are seven to \$800.00 a month and for our Tax Sale Prevention Clinics that we did last year the average quarterly bill was almost \$200.00 so you're looking at someone who is expected to put about almost 10% of their income into

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paying their water bill which is just -- very unaffordable experts have said that about 2 to 4% of income is what's reasonable for someone to be able to pay towards their water bill so 10% is obviously unaffordable. Um, the reason we were working with these clients is that they were on the tax sale list and at risk of losing their homes. About 70% of the tax sale clients we worked with um were -- they were ah -- seeking our services because of delinquent water bills. Um, the senior -- the increases to the senior discount program are just not enough to um offset what the water bill -- the proposed water bill increases and the same with the increase to the low income assistance credit. Um, the low income assistance credit is proposing an increase of \$18.00 and um the senior assistance credit only applies to people making less than \$30,000.00 a year and certain circumstances and also only applies to volumetric charges meaning it will not apply to the fixed account management fees and infrastructure fees um, by 2018 the total of these ah increases is going to be over \$250.00 and the senior who is getting that senior credit will not be able to apply the

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credit the discount to a significant portion of those fees. Our group understands the need for improvements to the water and wastewater infrastructure but we do urge that DPW and the Board consider a more comprehensive plan for how to um to -- to put in place increases with some kind of affordability considerations. There have been a number of other Cities and States including um Pennsylvania, Colorado, and New Jersey who have done income-based payment plans for water. I am sorry. The last sentence I promise, the income-based credit plans have shown that when someone can afford to pay their water bill, they will pay and they have reduced costs for the water um Departments in those locations in terms of collection and they've improved payment um the number of payments that people have made. Thank you.

President: "You can come up."

Mr. Stewart: "Ah, Good morning Madam Mayor, City Council President, Members of the Board thank you for convening this public hearing my name is Patrick Stewart, I am with Pennrose, a nationally recognized Developer Manager of Affordable Housing Communities. We have an extensive footprint in Maryland specifically Baltimore. Ah, I also happen to be a resident of

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Baltimore proudly and a homeowner. Um-- I'm here to concern -- to voice our concerns about the proposed water rate hikes. Um-- we recognize the critical importance as others have recognized of the City's public water and sewer infrastructure that there are significant costs associated with maintenance of the system. However, we are very concerned that the proposed rate hikes will have significant negative consequences not only for providers of affordable housing but for all residents, businesses, and stakeholders. Um, we have been active in the City for over 15 years during that time we have created over 1,000 units of housing, 13 properties in the City and a number of different neighborhoods and as owner and long-term manager of the communities we build we generally pay for our residents' water and sewer usage. These costs represent a significant portion of our ongoing operating expenses but beyond monthly and annual operating expenses these rate hikes could have the effect of actually hindering our ability and others ability to preserve existing and produce new affordable housing in Baltimore. Um, all these projects rely on debt financing in order to finance construction and design ah and other costs. Higher operating

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expenses reduce our ability to um -- the project's ability to take on and repay loans. The result is that projects will either not get built because they face financing gaps or additional resources from the City from Baltimore housing, etc. may need to be sought. Those funds are finite and scarce and ah as a result of these rate hikes we argue that they will become even more so. So, to sum up we are concerned that fewer affordable housing units may get built if the proposed rate hikes take effect. Um, at a minimum excuse me we suggest that the implementation of the rate hikes be delayed ah and additional time be taken in order to fully identify the true cost impacts of the rate hikes and find another way to pay for needed improvements. Um, we also suggest that the City be incentivizing and rewarding conservation by applying discounts and credits to users who consume less um and we also agree that sensitive populations such as the elderly, seniors, families, low-income families, and persons with disabilities should have access to discounts and credits on their water bills and we urge the City to go a step further by applying discounts to water and sewer bills for affordable housing properties income restricted affordable

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housing properties in light of the needs of these sensitive populations. Once again thank you for your time and consideration of these comments."

President: "Thank you."

Ms. Filo: "Good Morning my name is Gayle Filo. I am the Vice President of Operations for Pennrose Management. Ah, my colleague Patrick made some very good points about the ah-- impact of this water hike on multi-family housing in this City. As Patrick mentioned Pennrose owns and operates over a 1000 units of affordable housing and 13 properties in various neighborhoods in the City. Many of our residents have their rental payments subsidized through the project-based voucher program and most of the others are subsidized through the Housing Choice voucher program through the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. In these programs maximum rent limits are set which includes a utility allowance offset to ensure the continued affordability of the rental rates for our residents. However, at several of our properties the actual expenses for water and sewer already exceed the approved HABC utility

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allowance for water and sewer and that is before today's proposed rate increase is implemented. Pennrose Management calculated that the proposed rate increase would raise our per unit per year cost for water and sewer by over \$300.00 over the three year implementation period. However HABC with its limited funding only allows small incremental rental rate increases for our voucher tenants and these amounts will not offset the proposed utility costs. Under these circumstances, it is clear that most multi-family apartment owners and certainly the owners of the affordable housing in the City will consider sub-metering for water so that these increased costs can be passed on to the tenants. At a time when rental housing affordability is already challenging in our City. In 2015, the Food and Water Watch Advocacy Group calculated that one-third of Baltimore residents could not afford to pay their water bills after the last round of increases and today's proposed increase will likely amplify this challenge for our residents and for our neighbors across the City. Most likely, this will drive them from the City to seek affordable homes elsewhere in the neighboring counties. While we support the City's desire to improve infrastructure we

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urge the Council to consider the many aspects these proposed rate increases will bring to the residents of Baltimore City.

Thank you.

Comptroller: "May I have your comments."

Ms. Filo: "Sure"

President: "Okay."

Mr. French: "Good morning Honorable President, Madam Mayor, Madam Comptroller and Members of the Board. I'm Jim French with the Towner Management Company. Ah-- we are owner operator, developer of affordable housing in the City um -- I want to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak and express my concern about the current proposal to raise water and sewer rates once again and to bring to your attention to the disproportionate harm that such a rate increase will have on lower-income Baltimoreans living in rental housing. Let me begin by saying that I certainly understand the need for the increase and how the additional funds will be used to commit -- to continue to make needed infrastructure upgrades in an aging system. My office is right in the middle of Park Center, ah--

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Park ah-- Paca-Mulberry so we are dealing with those infrastructure um issues every day and trying to operate a business. Obviously, Baltimore is not alone among urban areas who had to bear the burden of making these changes with little assistance from the federal and state government but what I find objectionable with this proposal is with those who have proceeded is that it unfairly penalizes providers of affordable housing who have had to cope with increasing operating expenses while rental revenues have stayed relatively flat. We've heard a lot recently about new initiatives that could pump additional dollars into creating new affordable housing in places like Port Covington. However in addition to new capital funding resources I think we should also focus on preserving the existing affordable housing that we have and helping to control and reduce operating expenses in affordable housing projects is one way of helping to preserve affordable housing. The New BaltiMeter billing to be rolled out in October will eliminate minimum fees and place onus on consumers to control their usage with pricing being based primarily on consumption. What the new policy fails to recognize, however, is that not all ratepayers

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can control their water use equally. Owners of multi-family buildings typically take on the responsibility of paying water and sewer charges since leaving the responsibility with residents can risk non-payment and lead to municipal liens and the threat of tax sale foreclosure. Monthly billing will certainly help building landlords to identify and act on problems earlier however large families and overcrowding can contribute to higher consumption. Many of these properties were underwritten and their debt sized with an assumption of 3% annual operating increases. With an annual increase more than three times that number, these properties are more difficult to operate and cash that would typically have been used to improve maintenance and ensure long term sustainability including energy and water savings retrofits will be diverted to pay ever increasing utility bills. There are mechanisms in the current system to offer relief to low income homeowners, seniors and those in economic hardship however no such mechanism exists yet to assist owners and operators of quality affordable housing projects. Other cities have come up with some innovative approaches to address the issue. New York City, for example,

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offers multifamily buildings with affordable housing regulatory agreements in place a per unit credit. Other cities have an Affordable Housing Cap whereby rates cannot increase above a fixed amount. These initiatives are coupled with programs that actively encourage water conservation and resident education. So, I would ask that the Board recognize that municipal water and sewer rate policies can have the unintended consequence of jeopardizing the availability of affordable housing. I would propose a study period before implementing the new increase and that you seek ways, perhaps through the formation of a working group, to come up with a workable remedy to this problem. And, Thanks again for the opportunity to speak."

Comptroller: "May I have your comments? Thank you."

President: "Denise Wallace, Jay Smith, Kim Trueheart, Renee Hutchens, Beth Benner, Octavia Anderson."

Ms. Wallace: "Hi, Um Good Morning everyone. Yes, my name is Denise Wallace and oh -- My name is Denise Wallace and I here to um state that I definitely oppose the rate increase. I am a ah-- single resident I live by myself, I have no Jacuzzi, no hot tub,

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no swimming pool, I have nothing at my home that where I would use a large amount of water. I um-- don't water my grass, I very seldom wash my car because I take my car to a car wash to be washed. So, I use a minimum amount of water and my water bill is almost \$600.00 a year and right now my um-- employment status I am working part time so all of my monies that I pay out of my household um-- excluding the water is a hardship for me. And, I live in the Grove Park Community and where I live um-- most of the people are senior citizens. Um they are longtime homeowners um and such as myself uh-- don't have access to any items that would uh-- would be a usage of -- of large bodies of water and so I just want to make a statement that I oppose the increase and one other point that nobody else has made is that there is a lot of people that um-- work in the city, that live in the surrounding counties, they come to the City, they are driving here, they are using water um-- in their places of businesses and so forth. And, um, if there's going to be a hardship on the city to uh-- you know pay these fees then I think the County should also be responsible -- and paying a fair share of this

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increase because a lot of people come here and they work here and uh you know have businesses and stuff here so. And, they also are contributing to the uh-- really bad infrastructure of the streets and stuff right now. So that's the only point I wanted to make. Thank you."

Mayor: "Thank you."

President: "Thank you."

Ms. Smith: "Good morning, my name is Jay. I am down here because um I wasn't to come because I know y' all already made your minds up anyway but to voice my opinion to make me feel better. My thing is that --"

Interim City Solicitor: "Madam, if you could just come up a bit to mic."

Ms. Smith: "Yes. My thing is that -- I got a turnoff notice. I have been on my property for twelve years never got one before. Two days after I paid \$1,100.00 to get a roof on -- get my roof fixed -- two days later, I get a turnoff notice. I used all the money that I had to get the roof fixed and it's due on the second. They only gave me about -- I would say about ten days to call for an extension, they give you ten days and my thing is

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that you lose your house if you do not pay your water bill. Water is free comes from God. I know -- I know, we have to pay for the pipes and things like that but why can't we do it once a year on a small amount. And our water is tapped into well, the County is tapped into our water the only reason I am saying this is because my girlfriend have four children, husband, dog whole everything. She pay \$54.00 quarterly. Mine is \$387.00 one person. My grandchildren come over. My family comes over and it really pisses me off when she brags about it how much she pays and but it's not her fault, I believe that we should have try to do something when they can tap into it. There's no responsibility of paying their water bill like we pay ours. If mine is \$300.00 something dollars hers should be \$300.00 something dollars. If hers is \$54.00 then mine should be \$54.00. It just that -- you know - it's just terrible. I had ten people in my block say that they was coming here with me, I have not seen one. But I know, I said, I was going to get down here it might not matter to you but it matters to me and for to get billed every month. Do that mean that if you do not pay your water bill every month more people are going to get cut-off

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notices? What - What's -- I mean what's going to happen? We are going to have more people living out on the streets, living with other people, I love my house, I am -- I am living the dream and I feel good in my house but it's terrible the things that we have to go through to pay this water bill and it really hurts and its really upsetting. Now, I'm hoping that I will be able to pay this -- I have to go over here now and try to get an extension for ten days and hoping in ten days I can pay this water bill but if I can't then what's going to happen I am going to be out on the street. It's just terrible well I know that y' all probably doing everything other than looking at me and listening to what I have to say.

Mayor: "We are actually, trying to get you some help right now and --"

Ms. Smith: "Oh, okay."

Mayor: "I just want to put this out there that nobody up here making any judgments --"

Ms. Smith: "No, I am just saying that looks at -- the way y' all was looking at me --"

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Mayor: "about you or anybody else who has been sent and I would hope that before any of you pass judgment on what you think any of us are thinking that we just give each other mutual respect. We are all sitting here listening to you and we are here for that reason."

Ms. Smith: "I can understand ma'am but the way that y' all was doing it -- when I was talking --"

Mayor: "We were doing it because we were trying to make sure -- that you get immediate help."

Ms. Smith: "I hope so. And, I hope and pray that I can get some help."

Mayor: "That's all we were doing -- was to try to make sure that somebody gives you immediate help."

Ms. Smith: "Thank you for addressing me for that - Thank you for trying to give me some help."

President: "Danielle (President's staff member) going to - she is going to help you."

Ms. Smith: "Thank you so much."

President: "Danielle, go with Danielle."

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Ms. Smith: "Thank you and I just hope that you all don't -- do not pass this bill."

President: "Go with her Danielle."

Ms. Smith: "All right, Thank you."

President: "All right Kim. Use this mic."

Ms. Trueheart: "This one, really."

President: "Welcome."

Ms. Trueheart: "Good morning, my name is Kim Trueheart, a resident and native of Baltimore City. Three years ago, I stood in this room after the Board of Estimates meeting to increase the water rate to 42% by 42% and had a very tearful emotional discussion with Mr. Chow and I tried to appeal to him to do some things differently and I am thankful that you have given us the chance to come here and tell you again how you are failing us. Um, I don't understand the purpose of the Audit that was presented this morning to verify his methodology made no sense to me. I would appreciate an Audit of the Department that looks into efficiencies, that looks into how they perform, whether the contractors are providing the level of work that we are asking of them here we simply -- we had to go back and pay another

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contractor because the first contractor screwed up the work so bad, right we are talking millions of dollars in rework. I don't get this and you -- you can't keep coming back to us and asking -- asking us to pay for mistakes. It's no right. I need that presentation that was presented this morning online somewhere. I need to see it. I want some -- some clarity on what's going on. Your gentlemen presented his presentation slides and he said everybody is paying the same rate. I don't think that's appropriate. I think we need an affordability scale to pay based on income and demand and usage. I think we need to repeal Ordinance 941 which sets up this Waste and Water Utility Fund. We need to put in place a Water and Waste Water Commission that is made up of citizens. Right now, Mr. Chow gets to determine the level of work that gets performed, he gets to determine how much he charges us for that work, and the prioritization of that work. I think that's totally um-- inappropriate. I think he needs some oversight and control because you guys don't do it and so from a civilian perspective, resident perspective, allow us to participate in this process. Um, you can't keep doing

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stuff to us and right now this is - this is unconscionable. Um, we had a Consent Decree in 2002 with EPA and for the last 14 years very little happened to comply with that decree but one thing that did happen is sewage kept coming in the basement of residents throughout the 14 years. If nobody else gets an exemption from the pay -- from the rate increase, those people who continue to get back-ups in their basement need to be exempted from this, those people who have claims that are sitting in the Law Department which you refuse to process for the damages caused by the sewage back-up need to be exempt from this. Right now you need to show us some concern and compassion that you can increase the water rate whenever you freaking feel like it, okay. That's what you are allowing Mr. Chow to do, not based on credible planning, projections, and programs that make sense. Have you looked at the work he is doing? No. Do you even understand how wasteful this Department is? No. Do you care that we are throwing good money down the drain? Yes, the sewage drain look at it put a study group together to help you understand what you are about to vote on cause I know you are going to vote

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for it you know there's no question about that but the issue here is the integrity of the process, the performance of the work that's being done and these contractors who are milking us, milking us for every freaking dime they can and you sit here and let it happen."

President: "Thank you."

Comptroller: "Ms. Trueheart, I just like -- want to let you know that the Department of Public Works Financial Audit is being done now and that the Department of Public Works Performance Audits is -- is ongoing."

Ms. Trueheart: "Awesome."

President: "Um --"

Ms. Trueheart: "Being done soon?"

Mayor: "So, what was presented earlier this month, what was that?"

President: "That was an Audit. Can we continue with the testimony, please? Renee Hutchens --"

Ms. Trueheart: "We are trying to get answers here man. What's the problem?"

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President: "Beth Benner, Octavia Anderson, Sal Sabatino --"

Ms. Trueheart: "Pay attention. She was trying to give me an answer, which is more than you could ever do."

President: "Joan, why did you do that, Joan why did you do that?"

President: "Alright. Let's continue with the testimony, please."

Ms. Truehart: "No."

President: "Renee Hutchens, Beth Benner, Octavia Anderson."

(President hits gavel)

Ms. Trueheart: "Pay attention son, pay attention. Gavel yourself out of here."

President: "Ah, Renee Hutchens, Beth Benner, Octavia Anderson, Sal Sabatino, and Ms. Lee in that order -- Joan why did you do that?"

Comptroller: "We need to be transparent. I was answering a question."

Ms. Benner: "Wow, this is scary. Um, I am Beth Benner and I am the Executive Director of the Women's Housing Coalition. I've sent a letter in earlier on behalf of several of the agencies

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who represent um formerly homeless, very low-income, and disabled individuals. Ah so, I am here on behalf of the Executive Directors of GEDCO, Marion House, McVET, Project PLASE, at least those I know of whom I spoken with. Um, what we are here about is we are concerned about the disproportionate burden. We are also low-income housing developers and I think the previous speakers addressed a lot of those particular issues. Um, but we are out here to try to do uh-- what the City's goal is which is to make homelessness rare and brief. And, I think this bill is structured or this rate increase as proposed is really going to have a lot of unintended consequences in relations to that. Ah, the existing subsidies are woefully inadequate and we constantly have clients and individuals in our programs who run out of the subsidies or the subsidies aren't enough to help them to get out of their water bill problems. Um, the increase will either be absorbed by our organizations which are woefully under-funded um-- or by our residents who often live on TDAP (Temporary Disability Assistance Program) or disability and that's just not enough money to go all through that um somebody raised earlier that the

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HUD utility allowances aren't going up proportionally. Their already too low and the amount that they get allotted into their -- the programs isn't enough um our subsidies are often with ceilings, if, our subsidies are not coming through HABC so as rate increases come up there's nothing -- there's no source we have to help fund that. Um, what happens is if our residents get their utilities turned-off it results them in living in a place not meant for human habitation which goes right against the ideal of making homelessness rare and brief or we have to bail them out financially or worse we have to evict them because they have now broken their leases. None of that is acceptable to us. Um, we agreed that the City needs to fix their infrastructure um but we really need you to think about the unintended consequences and before this gets passed because we do object to this right now is that you consider a less inequitable structure for the people that can't afford to pay these um-- we need to think about combining a rate increase with other financing objects -- ah-- options and um we need to consider additional funding to the various subsidy programs. It's very difficult when you are working with an individual and every program you

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sent them to is out of money and don't -- doesn't have money till the next fiscal year and their problem is real and its now. Ah-- so, we really need you to think about the fact that while you have a real need for increasing and improving the infrastructure to serve all of us that we have to do it in a way that is not putting -- an unrealistic burden on the least of us in the City and that we don't hurt the goals of the City in terms of serving the low, very low and homeless populations. Thank you."

Mayor: "Thank you."

President: "Thank you. Beth Benner."

Mayor: "That was her, that was --"

President: "Okay. Ah, Octavia Anderson followed by Sal Sabatino, Ms. Lee, James Morant, and Councilman Warren Branch in that order."

Ms. Anderson: "Good morning, Madam Mayor. Good morning President Jack Young."

President: "Good morning."

Ms. Anderson: "Good morning Comptroller Joan Pratt."

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Comptroller: "Good morning."

Ms. Anderson: "I speak behalf of -- I wasn't gonna come in this morning. My girlfriend called me this morning to come down here.

President: "Come up to the mic."

Ms. Anderson: "My girlfriend called me this morning to come down here to speak. It's just not about the water bill it's about gentrification that's happening in Baltimore City. Baltimore City is not going to look like me in a couple of years and it's happening now if you go downtown. I have no problem with that, the problem that I have is that the service that we are getting even if you say you are going to lower the income to \$30,000.00 for senior citizens. My mother is not going to qualify she is 84 years old. She lives in a house in Baltimore City that she does not reside in right now. She lives in Westminster, Maryland but her property taxes are paid and her water bill is paid every month for a person who don't live there she got a water bill like three people there washing clothes and taking showers. My house just me I have come to -- learn to -- when my washing machine lets the water out I use that water to water my flowers. So, I am doing everything to conserve water

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but my water bill seems not to be going down. One person, I live with one person. My neighbor next door it's four of them their water bill is less than my water bill. They barely -- They don't water flowers at all. They let the ground go dry. So, with the water bill going up I don't agree with it. People can't afford to pay quarterly and then you are going to say once a month and they can't pay it now. And, then we got a crazy old law in Baltimore City that needs to be changed that you take people's houses based on a water bill tax and so many of our seniors that is happening to and I go into neighborhood to visit some of my old seniors who are 93. When they lived in those particular neighborhoods they were growing booming neighborhoods. They are paying taxes for houses that are abandoned across the street, their water bills are high, but they continue to pay their water bill. So none of those people that I know are going to qualify for \$30,000.00 a year because some of them make 38, 40, 45. So, it's not fair -- it's not fair to a water bill that you are not even adjusting a water bill for what HUD used for low-income housing. And, for Mr. Chow he does not live in Baltimore. He lives in Montgomery, County. So, why don't we pick people like

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the Honorable Kurt Schmoke, I loved him. If you live in Baltimore you should be able to get a job in Baltimore. Six months I have been out of work trying to get a job in Baltimore City. You are telling me I don't qualify for what, what I don't qualify for. Then you say you are going to get better customer service. I look at the water bill you got seniors coming up to use -- to come get their water bill they got to go into the computer and get a ticket. I am over there helping seniors put their information in order to get a ticket. So if you say great customer service I am still looking for it. Just customer service period all in Baltimore that people care about a city that we live and that we cannot afford to pay those water bills because gentrification is here. Have a great one."

President: "Thank you, Ms. Anderson, Sal Sabatino, James Morant, and Councilman Branch."

Mr. Sabatino: "Good morning. I am here with a story that you have heard many, many times. I am sorry."

President: "Ah, Excuse me, Ah, Ah

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Mayor: "Who's next?"

President: "What's your name who just --"

Mayor: "You just called him for next."

President: "Lee. Lee, Sabatino, Angela, Ms. Lee, then James Morant, Ms. Lee, then James Morant, then Councilman Branch. What's your name Miss?"

Ms. Hatcher: "My name is Hatcher."

President: "Ms. Hatcher."

Ms. Hatcher: "I think you mispronounced my name earlier."

President: "Okay, Alright."

Mr. Sabatino: "Do you want her to go next?"

President: "Yeah let her go next. Come on Ms. Hatcher. I called you Ms. Hutchen because it looks like Hutchen."

Mayor: "Renee."

President: "Okay, you go."

Mayor: "Then Sal, then you, then him."

President: "Alright."

Ms. Hatcher: "Good morning my name is Renee Hatcher. I am a Community Development Attorney and Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Ah-- in the last semester, our

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students were interviewing ah residents in the City of Baltimore that experienced a water shut-off on the Right-to-Water Project and in addition to that they were representing homeowners who were at-risk of losing their home because of a water tax lien. Ah, currently, what we know an analysis of the current water rates roughly one-third of Baltimore residents cannot afford their water bill. Ah, so this leads to a number of different unaccounted for consequences ah-- when individuals experience a water shut-off they are at-risk of losing their children from the State, they are at-risk of eviction, of homelessness, a number of the residents that we interviewed experienced these consequential problems and it was a huge detriment to them ah-- beyond that ah with the subsidy programs the City currently points to and has in place a lot of times residents when they call DPW are not made aware of those programs. For example, we interviewed one young woman who was a homeowner in Baltimore, she was um-- she had her elderly father living with her who had stage four cancer, she was never made aware of the medical waiver her water has currently been shut-off for over a year. Um-- again, this leads to consequences in terms of sanitation

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um-- so again our students filed a human rights complaint along with a number of different ah coalition groups around the country about the right to water, ah-- right to water and sanitation is a human right. It is ah-- recognized by the Inter American Commission of Human Rights ah and so I would just caution all of you to ah not raise the water rates. We currently have a problem with the rate structure that's in place right now. The Baltimore Sun has done an analysis in which the water rates are set to increase if this goes forward by 33% in the next three years Food and Water Watch has reported that ah up to a 55% increase for certain families and the fact of the matter is that these water rates in this current structure and these programs disproportionately affect seniors, black residents in Baltimore, folks with disabilities, and the fact of the matter is that people cannot afford water and water is an absolute necessity for everyone. Um-- so, I would just ah-- caution all the members to uh-- oppose this bill. I would ask you to oppose and currently take another look at the water programs and the rate structure that is in place. Thank you."

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President: "Sal Sabatino."

Mr. Sabatino: "Again, good morning. I am here on a matter that you've read about over and over again. I got a \$19,000.00 water bill six years ago. I had a \$12,000.00 water bill before that. My first time around the corner I went to foreclosure and I had to pay it off and eat it. The second time around the corner, I didn't eat it, I didn't pay it, and I didn't pay my property taxes. Why would I pay my property tax when I would lose my property for a \$19,000.00 water bill. I ask for City of -- for assistance. 'Get a plumber' - I asked -- and I said to the City you have one responsibility to provide a quality product, with quality equipment, and a quality time ah -- period. When I finally stop paying the bill and started really battling I had more meetings with people in the City than you got at this counter. Finally, in 2014, after they replaced the meter in 2000 June 13, my water bills dropped from 448 units a month -- a quarter, six hundred units a quarter, 275 a quarter, down to 52 and I said to the City when it first started would you please come out and replace my meter that's all I asked to replace my water meter that was too much trouble. It was more appropriate

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for them to spend untold hours arguing with me and like other people like we don't know what we are talking about. Well in this folder is water bills that go back to 2005 that aren't off my 10 or 12 units averaged a quarter. Finally, in 2000 October 14, I got a credit on my water bill from the Water Department and my water bill dropped to the point where I had an eight or \$10,000.00 credit. Now, I wasn't wrong, the water meter was right, but I got this credit I was told by the Department of Public Works, if I had seen that credit come across my desk, I would not authorized it cause our equipment is 102% accurate. Correct, Mr. Chow that was your letter."

Mr. Chow: "I wrote -- I read many, many letters."

Mr. Sabatino: "Well and I -- I am a -- absolutely proud American to know that one City in the country has equipment that's 102% accurate. So, I am here today to tell you I want a meeting with you Jack -- Jack Young. I want to be reimbursed for the money that I laid out and I want an apology because I am going to tell you what these poor people are going to go through I am 150% and I am -- because I tell you 150% it is that I am against this water increase. My apartments you do not allow me

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to charge water bills at evictions, the tenants don't pay their rents, all the independent landlords are getting hosed no pun intended with these water bills of usage because you rent to somebody. I am not there every day they have half their family going in and out of your apartment taking showers, and baths, and everything else and I try to control it but the City is not been and is not now a partner with corporate renters, independent renters, and want us to put -- put our money up to provide housing. Well I was -- my apartments were \$650.00 a month and \$795.00, I don't think I was gouging, okay. The City has got to -- these articulate ladies behind me -- they got to sit back and you got to turn around and really look at this thing and say, what are we doing, we got empty houses who in the hell wants to buy them. You -- I paid less property taxes on my home in Harford County than I was paying on my property on Greenmount Avenue. I was paying a third of the water bill in Harford County than I was paying for six people living in my building. Alright, and then the other part you guys are -- I said, you guys that's going on, then you got an Environmental Department. If somebody decides to throw trash on your yard and you don't know it, you get a fine and its goes \$1,500.00 fines.

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Are you kidding me? I've been one of the biggest advocates for Greenmount Avenue to keep the 2400 block clean in the back by talking to people in the -- in the Public Works Department and the sanitation and worked with them hand-by-hand to get the alleys straightened out. The next day you got as much trash dumped as before yet the City can find cameras to put on these problem alleys and continue to pay 5 and \$10,000.00 a year out-of-pocket to clean alleys for people -- that are not good citizens. So again, I'd appreciate an appointment."

President: "Thank you."

Mr. Sabatino: "And Mayor if you have a chance, I would like to talk with you on this issue because it might help you in your future endeavors."

President: "Thank you, sir."

Mr. Sabatino: "Thank you."

President: "Ah, Ms. Lee."

Ms. Lee: "Thank you for this opportunity. As I was telling Mr. Huber this morning I wish you would have more than just one meeting for something like this."

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Mayor: "Ms. Lee we are going to need you to come very close the microphone."

Ms. Lee: "Okay. I am bringing up an issue that has to do with your personnel. When I moved to my home in 2009, I was given a ten thousand dollar water bill that belong to big business, Bank of New York. So why is it I called Ms. Pratt's Office. I am still dealing with you now but I been -- like getting you know -- they are trying to help. Ten thousand dollars, I've talked to Mr. Ed Scrivener, and Ms. Mary no one would help me in this City."

President: "Um --"

Ms. Lee: "You're taking away from my time?"

President: "No, you can go ahead."

Ms. Lee: "No, I was saying don't add that time on to me."

President: "No, we won't."

Ms. Lee: "So, my concern is this, why would I - Why is this City holding big business \$10,000.00 water bill and did not submit it to my title company. They did nothing for me. I had to go to the title company and say why didn't you do some -- take out the water bill ah that wasn't mine. It was Bank of New

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York's water bill. So, Ms. ah-- I am getting nervous. So, what happen is that um Gemini Title Company called the City and say, 'send us the bill.' So, you need to look at the people within your -- in City government. Mr. Scrivener, Ms. Mary they wouldn't help me at all. I was a senior then. So, my concern is there is too much corruption within the City government. When Mr. Scrivener followed me -- he's following me today and his manager of the Water Department. I have another property we got from my husband's brother's nephew, we had to ah -- and he says to me -- he didn't give me a release so I'm saying your people is all over the place for personal reasons. You shouldn't have anyone that's intimidating people especially the seniors but I would like to thank Mr. Chow because he did intervene and took off the snow bill. They had cited me wrongfully. So um, so what I am saying now is that Mr. Ed Scrivener when he -- he's from the manager of Water -- When My husband and I redeemed his nephew's tax bill, he wouldn't give me a release. Now he wrote Land Records and says he don't think we rightfully owned the property when we do. So what is wrong with your people in -- in City government? It's so much corruption. I can prove everything

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I am saying. My organization along with Salima Marriott had music put back in the schools back in the 70's. We had the superintendent removed because of our investigations. So, what is going on with the City? I could tell the Mayor something in the past that she could maybe would help get rid of some of these people. They are so rude, so many people you talk to they're rude, they're disrespectful, and they get angry when you call up and complain -- legitimately complain. So why do you have the City holding on to a \$10,000.00 water bill and try to give it to me when you are cutting off people's water bills that maybe owe 2, 3, or \$400.00. I would like to lastly say, I would like to apologize to the Mayor when the lady threw -- I didn't see the water in the face-- If I was her, I would have thrown it back. So, I wanted to apologize for that citizen but maybe you were thinking about saving water. So, you didn't throw it back at her, but I think things like that are awful. I have a lot of patience but I understand a lot of people that spoke your -- I don't blame the Mayor because she dealt - she is dealing with - most of the hand that she was dealt with. You've got some corrupt people that's working in the City. I can send you a

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letter - but, I haven't written you -- I am back about seven letters because my husband was bit by a cat in property where the grass was allowed to grow 20 feet and inspectors won't cite people. You have too many people doing people certain favors -- favors I know because I know who to talk to -- I heard -- I've seen it. So, he was home in hospice so I couldn't get to things like I wanted to. He was sent home for failure to thrive. My daughter and I, she is a chemist. We worked ourselves to death. Five hospitals said he was going to die from this cat on this property where you allowed the grass to grow from 5 inches to 20 feet up in the ah trees -- grass I reported for years since 2011, raccoons, snakes, cats. You hear them fighting at night in 21215 West Baltimore they would always say there - they - 'we don't see anything wrong' too many people in your city are just given personal -- they won't fine certain people. If your City Hall, the people that's working for the City is so corrupt it's pathetic. So, I wish you would investigate why and look at all that money you could have so why -- they are not reporting big business. So, I am blaming the City for a lot of the problems because who can I blame. Thank you so much."

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President: "Thank you."

Mayor: "Thank you."

President: "James Morant, James Morant."

Mr. Morant: "Good morning."

President: "Good morning."

Mr. Morant: "Good morning. I ah --"

Comptroller: "State your name."

Mr. Morant: "My name is James C. Morant uh-- and I am um resident of the Ednor Gardens area here in Baltimore. Uh-- and ah--, I am just a simple guy I have lived there 67 years ah-- I am on a fixed income. I was able to work for 40 years and ah-- was able to live and retire. Um, I never left the City and I understand very broad concepts but the concept that bothers me or concerns me most of all is that um-- we invest in what we value and I am not feeling like citizens of Baltimore are valued right now. Um-- I -- I see um-- this water bill which -- water process which I am absolutely opposed to. I've seen my bill go from the last increase from \$117.00 to \$277.00. Um-- and now we're looking another set of increases and the increases are -- I took it from your ah text. Ah, ah the language says we are

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going to um-- improve customer service and we are going to respond to customer inquiries. Well, um-- I don't know who wrote that part but it doesn't seem as if you had real people in the room -- I mean real people affected by the increases that are going to take place. I look um-- at just things that my City who allegedly values me. Um, Um, I've had three back-ups in my basement. I've had um friends that have had \$603.00 water bills and there's nobody living in the house. Ah, I've had my alley repaired um-- when we didn't ask for the alley to be repaired. We came down to City Hall and said the alley doesn't need to be repaired. City Hall said 'um we are going to repair it anyway and if you don't pay the fees that we are going to charge you to repair it, we are going to put a lien on your home.' Um, I've had um my um hedges were six inches above whatever the City's standard is. I don't know what that is but I got three or four letters from the Environmental Department saying I had to cut six inches off my hedges. So, I am not feeling valued right now and if you want to invest in the City and if you want the City to ah continue to -- at least maintain, if not necessarily lose citizens uh-- then value us. Consider what you are doing in

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terms of people on fixed incomes, consider the fact that as far as I am concerned to tell me that this is beneficial to me and not explain why it's beneficial to me um-- tells me that you do not value me. And so, recommendations, I would like this entire increase process to be either delayed until next July. Doesn't seem to me as if there's any particular reason why it should happen on October 11 especially after you evidently sent letters or, you already created bills. So, I would like that either delayed or cancelled all together. Uh-- I would like you to consider some alternatives and I would like you to get real people in the room. Uh-- because if you value us then invest in us. Thank you very much."

President: "Thank you. Ah, Councilman Branch. Then I have uh-- William Washington, Mitchell Dean um -- and concerned citizen from 100 N. Charles Street, um-- Livinia Owens and it look like Marie Canter or Carter. And, I want -- want to recognize Councilwoman Clarke, I think I seen her, all right."

Councilman Branch: "I like to say Good morning to ah the Board, the Honorable Mayor, Honorable Council President, Comptroller, and esteemed members of the Board."

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President: "State your name Councilman."

Councilman Branch: "I am City Councilman Warren Brach ah-- I like to thank you for allowing me to speak for the people of the 13th Councilmanic District and the concerns and issues that I heard. I am here to ask you today if you can somehow table or delay this increase until Public Works can come up with some kind of way to do some kind of affordable ah-- increase ah-- for the people of the 13th District. Many of them have low-income people with --on social service or their income is less than \$10,000.00 so they don't meet the requirements of the \$30,000.00. Ah-- the hardship that they having now and what they share with me is ah-- is extremely hard on their incomes because many of them can't afford now to purchase their medicines ah-- now they have to deal with a water increase and so many other issues. Ah-- I know what many of the elected officials go through because I know they hear the same phone calls that I hear from the constituents. Their hearts and compassions, they do have hearts and compassions, I do know. Ah-- Councilman Young represented district that ah bordered my district so we share some of the many people who go through those hardships. They all

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hear, they all have passions, they all have compassion if we can come up with some kind of system. All I ask that is and the people of my district ask if you can just sit back and come up with some kind of affordable ah increase according to income that will work along with the people so they can deal with I mean someone who is getting \$600.00 a month ah-- it's hard to pay a \$200.00 water bill and get your medicines and everything else and pay for their rent. Um, the only thing I can actually say is that the -- I understand what the City's going through with the pipe increase and stuff like that but if we can just sit back and base it according to income instead of everybody sharing and across the board system or budget. I think, it will probably work out more and the people of the City of Baltimore would really appreciate what everybody's doing. I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak. Thank you."

President: "Thank you, Councilman. Ah uh, come on."

Mr. Washington: "Good morning, my name is William Washington. I am a resident of um Dorchester uh-- Ashburton section of the City and what -- and what I wanted to address was basically this would be highly destructive to the City because as things are

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right now, City residents uh as percentage of income pay more of their income towards housing than anybody else you add this in ah it -- it will no longer be economically viable for a lot of people to live here and I only see um this resulting in more tax sales. Um, I see this resulting in a lot of people who ordinarily would consider living in the City say opting out of it. Um, my alternative would be to perform a study ah-- look at the possibility of maybe making ah-- this a regional water authority let's say including Baltimore County, Harford County, any of the major users of ah -- of City Water System because as things are now, clearly most residents aren't able to afford it and we need to expand ah-- a source of revenue ah-- to make sure that that water and sewer can be provided ah-- in a safe and sanitary manner. And, that is all."

President: "Thank you. Mr. Dean."

Mr. Dean: "Good morning to everyone."

President: "Good morning, you can pull that down a little (the mic)."

Mr. Dean: "Good morning."

President: "You know you ain't that tall."

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Comptroller: "State your name."

Mr. Dean: "Okay, Thank you. My name is Mitchell Dean. I live 4718 Duncrest Avenue which is on Northeast Baltimore, the Cedmont Community Area. Um-- I purchased my home in '99. I have been a life-long resident here. I have a wife that works for the City, I have a son and daughter that I've raised in this City. Um -- I worked real hard to get my home and I have been fighting a lot of issues in this City for years that's been unfair to me and my family and other people like me and everybody that spoke before me they spoke a lot of things that I wanted to say um-- I didn't come prepared with a letter or anything but um-- currently right now um I was furloughed a month -- two months ago from the North Southern Railroad. I um-- I am a welder by profession. I was laid off in 2011. I actually was worked for a company called Chesapeake Machine where the Mayor and President came there a few years ago and unfortunately being a welder, I am in the manufacturing profession. When I went out looking for jobs, it's only six months it might be a year. I was out of work for a year and 12 months. I applied for North Southern Railroad, I had to take several tests. I got -- I passed the test I spent

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over \$5,000.00 of my own money because I had to go to Atlanta, Georgia for nine weeks and I had to take a test every two days and I had to pass those tests to hold on to that job. And, this job was an opportunity to earn an income of \$60,000.00 a year. So, I am doing all of these things, I turn around through no fault of my own I was furloughed in 2013. I go looking for jobs again the same thing same -- I get a job, getting laid off through no fault of my own. I got -- was called back last um last October. I thought I was good turn around unfortunately the last man, I get laid off again. Right now where I am at now and do you know if it wasn't for me getting called back at the end of October at this particular company, when you work for the railroad you don't get Maryland Unemployment you go through the federal government and the way they work you have to work all those quarters -- all those six months before -- well, long story short I am finding out now after that I was lucky I got in I am only getting \$57.00 a day right now \$57.00 a day for a job where I had an opportunity to earn \$60,000.00 and maybe almost \$100,000.00 with working over-time and now I am looking at you

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all talking about this continued rate increases. I just an increase about my auto-insurance, I'm getting increases from BG&E and even while I have been going through this for the last three years which a lot of people don't understand when you all talk about the economy too. You need to understand it's people like me. I am 48, that's been laid off, that's hard workers, you go out here you look for a job and you turn around you losing your job again through no fault of your own. And I don't think, you all really fathom or understand when you have savings when you invest in your home. I put a roof on my house when I got my house in '99. I did all the right things. I am doing all the right things but you know the first time I was laid off all my resources were gone and when I tried to get help everybody turned closed their door at me. I tried to go through social service to get money to help my family. My wife working but my wife was being furloughed. So, we go from having close to \$50,000.00 to \$20,000.00 income. I got \$900.00 mortgage payment. I still getting Gas and Electric. I am still getting all those things. So, you all got to understand that its people out here right now today that still losing their jobs but all of you all

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still have your job. You have your nice income. You have your nice setup retirement plans. I have nothing now. And, I mean it's a real slap in the face. I am just so sick and tired of people that we vote into office that really don't understand what's happening to families in this City. Don't understand it, don't care, don't show any compassion. I mean I talk to representatives even as I am going through this um-- I have a water bill issue that I had from last year. For over a year and a half we fought it but my wife -- see they don't understand. My wife - she -- she do her homework every person that she talked to when she called down there she kept a record of every person. Nobody wanted to hear her I had to call up Brandon Scott about this. He helped me with this. They wanted to charge me over almost \$400.00. All my neighbors last year -- everybody in my neighborhood got big water bills all of a sudden when you all changed the rate everybody got a big boom. My original bill was \$100.00 like maybe like \$160.00 then it jumped all the way up to \$260.00 then the next quarter it jumped up to almost \$400.00, \$500.00. Again, like the previous person said I don't wash my

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car. I don't water my lawn. I brought toilets that flush small amounts of water you know to be conservative. I'm doing all those things but then when I call up and talk to these people, they don't know how speak to you. They talk to you like you owe them something. They talk to you like you have no brains. They say well you need to go and get some Kool-Aid or put something in the water to see if your tank is leaking to see -- well, it - - it -- I worked in carpentry when I was in high school. I know about changing the gaskets and the seals and putting things in the toilets. I said lady I am tired of that mumble jumble line that you give us every time I call. I have been told that for the last 16 years every time I call about the water bill rate. So, I know better and it was non-sense. Even to this day, the right-hand don't know what the left-hand and left-hand don't know what the right hand. When I deal with Brandon Scott and the help he did we was able to get some of the - we had the bill held and so they sent us a letter saying well come down here on January ah-- the 1 or 10, I am sorry. I wasn't able to go to that because I had to give enough notice so I had the guy to

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reschedule. So, I come down there again and I go to a hearing to discuss about the water bill and then I am seeing all those people who are standing there which is really messed up too. There were a lot of elderly people from the Northeast area and most of them were talking about I am down here for a \$500.00, \$700.00, \$2,000.00, \$3,000.00 water bill and I am like what's going on. And, this all in the Northeast region of the City and I saying all of the sudden, I am like wow and then you got to wait in line. I had to take two and half hours from work. I was penalized and so after we did all that, the guy recommended that the water bill be reduced once we explained. Well by the time we got our letter, 30 days later, they are saying well we can't reduce anything. You needed to do this, I said well we never got a later letter stating that we needed to do xyz or we needed to get a plumber. They never stated that so we had our paperwork and so right then and there they held it off and still till this day I am still fighting this water bill issue with this because they sent another letter saying that um we still have to pay the bill. But, I thought it was resolved. But, again, my main thing I am totally against the rate increase. I need you all to really

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understand that it's a lot of people out here that's hurting. It's a lot of people I don't care what the national news and anybody else saying that the economy is good, it's great. It's not. I mean, if you are making an income of 50 or \$40,000.00 a year then you get slashed in half and then you expect that person to still pay them same bills but you are still raising everything just everything keep going but you have the money how do you expect for somebody to do that? All of a sudden you go tell somebody to go and work for \$10.00 an hour, \$8.00 an hour, I've done that. In addition to that while I was laid off I didn't sit on my morals. I went out and got my class B CDL Driver's License so I could try to get a job. I don't even want to tell you about the discrimination that I dealt with on the job being a black man, the intimidation. Actually, when I got to Northern Southern Railroad, on my second day, once I got the job you know the first thing the one guy said to me. What your dumb ass doing coming here? That was from -- that my second day of work there that I'm trying to do so I am thinking there is other things going on with that because I am trying to -- I am the

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second African American person that was hired at this particular location in ten years that I was told and I have been fighting for it. But, this is crazy right now I've got to send a letter to the President, to some other people now about what the Railroad Board what they are doing. How do you expect a person to live off of \$57.00 a day? I don't even know when I am going to get another job. I am out here looking for a job now. I've applied, I've been on -- on several interviews. But, I am doing the best I can. But, now if don't get something in the next few months, I am in trouble because in -- in addition to when I was furloughed because I only had nine months with them. I only get ah-- seven pay periods of unemployment. I don't even get the full six months. That's messed up. I paid my taxes. I've paid so many taxes. I am tired of paying property taxes. I am tired of paying payroll taxes and everything. My mother and father, my father worked at Bethlehem Steel. My father ah -- we get a little bit of inheritance money. He's been gone for 15 years now. We pay taxes on that. My father dead and gone and still paying taxes you know I am just sick of it and the people that don't live here don't have no idea. I am tired of subsidizing

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the county. I'm tired of subsidizing people who - with the auto insurance that another big issue for me, that you all have no idea, that you all need to address it. I get sick and tired of people saying that you got to talk to the state representative that's nonsense. The auto rates are outrageous, the gas and electric again on that two -- while I have been in this quagmire being laid off unfortunately BG&E sent my family and a lot of other families in the City now they also which I've always paid on time. We may have went passed the extension but I don't know if you all notice that BG&E sent an extension out -- a letter out to everyone saying that you are required now. They wanted me to give them \$600.00 no \$450.00 for just in case. They wanted to hold onto \$450.00 that I didn't have so just in case I am not able to pay that bill on January 1 or February 1 every time. I am struggling to come up with the money to pay everything else but now BGE has that out there too. And, then the lady threatened us and said well if you don't do it, we are going to do xyz to you. I've been paying my bill all my life all the time I never had a turn-off notice or had anything turned off. You

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know, what are you going to do for a person -- I am 48 years old -- I got to figure out a way to try to come up with some type of way - that's why I took the railroad job because it was an opportunity for me to make up for time so I can have a retirement. I have no retirement. Right now all I have in a 401K right now from my previous job is \$10,000.00 and then I got to still worry about now what this social security is going to happen to me I got less than 20 years to try to come up and make up for all that time with all the hell I've been through all my life. I work hard all my life and all I see from this City is that they never want to help the citizens when you go to organizations or people to get help about your issues everybody don't -- ah you can -- you got to do this on your own. I can't do everything by myself. I did the right thing. I didn't do the wrong thing. I raised my son and daughter. I am taking care all of my responsibilities. But, when it's time for me to get what is owed back to me after I have paid all of my taxes and all my things. I get the door slammed in my face period. In this water thing right here is very hurtful. I ain't even going to explain to you what's going on with my home that I purchased. But I

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think, I will now because you all talking about the impervious every time it rains I get flooded. I talked to your office about it year -- seven years ago. I talked to one of your representatives who came out there with Brandon Scott. He never came back. He never even responded to me or my wife emails when we called him about the issue where I get flooded and my whole house my foundation is being eroded away. They tell me it's my responsibility to take care of thousands of gallons of water that runs from off from my backyard because I am suppose to come up with some type of um easement to take care of other people."

President: "Excuse me sir. Somebody is leaning on the light switch."

Mr. Dean: "This is what I deal with."

Mayor: "You didn't -- You've got to turn it back on."

Mr. Dean: "I want you to look at this. This is what I have to deal with when it rains. All that storm water. I am getting it from everybody. I should not be responsible for all that water. Every time it rains we get one inch of rain or two inches of rain I get flooded out and unfort-- when I brought my house in

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'99 it took and I think it was up to 2004 before we started getting all the heavy rains and stuff again so the people didn't disclose this to us. So now, I have been getting flooded out. I have been fighting for this for like seven to ten years now. So now my house is worth nothing. My house supposed to be worth \$130,000.00 but now I have to catch -- go all through the hell with this to take care of this I should not even have to worry about getting this water away from my house on top of now what y' all got the impervious charge against people. So if I decide to put cement right there I'm going to get jammed up on that too including the storm water which isn't fair. How am I supposed to come up with this and I am supposed to put a roof on. I want to help the economy - I want to get -- I need to get a new roof. I want to get new windows - I want to get new doors. I can help employ people but why should I be responsible for paying for this too. This should not be on me and my family and my community, this issue. I was told by City officials -- 'we can't -- you -- you need to take care.' No, it's not. This is not on me. I can take the responsibility to pay my portion. I have already paid but this should not be on me to get that much water away from my home every time it rains. Thank you."

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President: "Thank you."

Mayor: "Sir, I think, Mr. Tony wants to try to address some of those issues you brought up. Are you going back there too, Ms. Thompson to help him? Okay, thank you."

President: "Livinia Owens."

President: "Um, what's your name ma'am?"

Ms. Canter: "Livinia --"

President: "No, this lady here. Okay, Ms. Canter. It's Livinia then you. Ms. Owens first and then you Ms. Canter."

Ms. Owens: "Good afternoon your Honor."

President: "Pull that down (the mic)."

Ms. Owens: "Good afternoon to everybody. Um, my understanding is that --"

Comptroller: "State your name first."

Ms. Owens: "My name is Livinia Owens and I am a minister too, also. Um, I live 3625 Forest Hill Road. My father he worked -- he's 81 years old and he have a house. He cannot afford no more water bills or anything else because he got a roof that need to be fixed. He paying insurance for the house he also paying taxes and he can't use the insurance because it don't cover the foundation of whatever he need to be fixed. The roof need to be

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fixed. The insurance don't cover that roof. It don't cover the uh-- he is having flooding the issues and he don't drink the water. I don't cook by water. I buy water but yet though his bills be still \$400.00 and I can't understand. They cited him just a couple of weeks ago for not having trash can lids. He's 81 years old. I say it again and they cited him for \$3,000.00 for not having trash can lids and I suppose to go to court the 21st of September for not having trash can lids. I also see a lot of houses that got cars that don't even have tags on them and yet nothing being done about that in the neighborhood that I live in and also in the City of Baltimore I see a lot of abandoned cars and I know that you all appreciate you all jobs caused you would not have went to school for it. So, it tells me that you love what you are doing. So, anything that you love what you are doing I think that you all need to come together and find a solution how to help us. We love Baltimore and we need to help each other love and have a working thing going on in the City of Baltimore. It's not hard to do. I mean, we can all get together and just talk about it. We not -- we are not putting blame blaming on you all. It's just that we just hurt

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right now on the inside about our love ones and the neighbors who live up in the 3600 block of Forest Hill Road. There are a lot of elderly people and they cannot come out. Their cellars are flooded, they get mildew down in the cellar and they don't have -- the insurance won't pay for it. The home insurance don't pay for it. So, thank you for listening and I hope that you all have a very nice day. And, I hope you all come up with a solution for our problems."

President: "Thank you. Ms. Canter. Ms. Canter."

Ms. Canter: "Hi, my name is Marie Canter and I live in Northeast Baltimore, 1257 Walker Avenue and I have spoke with many people in the Water Department about my water bill and I don't seem to be coming up with anything. No. 1, I haven't had a bill since April. I called to find out why and my neighbors are the same way. They don't have a bill. I pay anywhere from \$250.00 to \$350.00 every three months. I am a recent widow and I am living on a fixed income. I am always on time with my bills but I can't get any response. I have done everything that they have told me to do put black coffee in the tank of toilet, turn

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my water off leave it off for an hour or two call them and let them know what happened. They are telling me I still have a leak. I've had a plumber that didn't help. I have no leak so I am still getting these high water bills. It's only me and my son living at home. I don't know what to do. I mean, I tried to get the senior citizens discount couldn't get it because I have a yearly income of -- of a small annuity. So, I couldn't get it. I tried twice I was rejected. So, I need some response from somebody because I am getting very frustrated and I am definitely against this water bill increase. Thank you.

President: "Thank you. Uh--Michael. Okay, that's it. I want to thank um-- all of the individuals who had came out to testify. At this time, I would ask the Board members if they have any comments or questions. If they don't have any comments or questions, I would entertain a motion. Madam Mayor."

Mayor: "I was going to ask um-- Mr. Chow if he had any comments and if not I have just a few."

Mr. Chow: "Thank you, Mr. President and Madam Mayor. Ah, first of all I want to say-- Is it on? I want to say, I appreciate all of the testimony from all of the residents." I take it to heart

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many, many of the comments that you have expressed. Ah um, I been taking lots of notes over here and certain things jumped out at me. A number of things has been mentioned I just want to sort of recite some of the things that that I wrote down. Ah, first of all the Department uses 30 year Bonds, 40 year Bonds to help finance. So, we do leverage the current low interest environment as best as we can and spreading out the cost over a period of time. So, what we are doing is not a cash financing all the infrastructure needs as you might think. Unfortunately, as Mr. Price has indicated in his testimony that unfortunately because the past decades of very little investments or borrowing from the Bond market there isn't any what I call it money to be recycled to be reused. So, literally everything we need to do today had to be generated from today's dollar. That's one of our biggest dilemma and yet our infrastructure is failing. You have seen the Centre Street and you have seen the Mulberry. Those are uh-- expected should not have happened. We as a City, we as the Department that is the responsibility that we supposed to be having some foresight in terms of where our vulnerable assets exist so we can take proactive steps and -- and addressing those

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in the most economical fashion rather than using emergency dollars. Ah-- and many of the other testimony indicated the current pay of water bills \$200.00, \$300.00 those are some of the -- if you are using less than 10 units based on your meter size, that's what is called minimum charge. Whether you use a lot up to 10 units or use very little you get charged for 10 units. We are doing away with that. That's part of the whole rollout of this new billing system is so now you get charged for actual consumption and I am not so sure how many of you ah-- recognize that may be something that we did not do a very good job in broadcasting or promoting it. We do have a calculator on our website that you literally could put in your meter size, your current consumption. You could calculate what you are paying now and what would you pay later. And, I think that would be a good exercise and we will be certainly more than happy to help anyone that needs that help with. So, I just -- I have a lots of notes over here I can go on for quite some time but I just want in closing just say you know I hear you. I understand the hurt. At the same time we are trying to do our best to reduce the increase as much as we can and yet we are looking for

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ways to make our processes our everything we do more efficient, more effective, ah-- that's what we have right now. Its -- its - - took us decades to get to where we are today and the deteriorated condition we doing everything we can to try to address them as quickly as we can. It's not easy. I want you to know that we appreciate every word that you have said. We take it to heart. We are going to take that -- I know I going to take all these notes back and I will be meeting with staff and some of the suggestions indicating engaging citizens -- having some citizen surveys one-on-one and group settings and all that. I hear them loud and clear. Thank you, very much."

President: "You can go."

Comptroller: "Okay. Hi, I oppose the rate increase and therefore I will be voting No on the proposed water and sewer rate increase due to the uncertainties that can affect the estimates of revenues and expenses that are projected for the next three years especially with the implementation of a new rate structure. I also object to the proposed multiple year rate increase. If a rate increase is necessary, it should be analyzed and approved by the Board of Estimates on an annual basis. I

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agree with the Department of Audits' recommendation that the utilities should compare the actual results of its operations with projected amounts for fiscals 2017 and 18 to determine whether the rates approved by the Board of Estimates' for the Fiscal Year 2019 should be adjusted. I am requesting that the comparisons be reviewed by the Department of Audits and presented to the Board of Estimates' no later than September 30, 2018 so, that the citizens will know whether the proposed rate increases calculated for Fiscal 2019 are accurate based on the results of the Fiscal Years 2017 and 18. Thank you."

President: "Thank you, um. I have been in constant discussions with Mr. Chow um-- about a number of issues as it relates to um-- the cost overruns on contracts. Um, talking to him about whether we are getting the quality of work from some of the contractors as they are doing the Consent Decree um-- I have been talking about 2002 up until now 2016 how much of the Consent Decree has been completed. Um, we have some work orders um-- from the Consent Decree that are anywhere from 300 to 700 days overdue. When are they going to be completed? Um, you know those kind of things that are troubling to me um-- wondering if

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these contractors are actually delaying the Consent Decree work um those are various things that are really troubling to me um I tried to negotiate to get the credit up to \$40,000.00 because some of our seniors on fixed income um their pensions -- um like the young lady who just before us, Ms. Canter um with her annuity and probably with her pension probably equals to around 38 to \$40,000.00. I want to catch more of those folks in a safety net um you know Councilman Branch came up and spoke about some of the constituents in the District that used to be the old second district. We have seniors that are really, really hurting and it's to no fault of their own that they have pensions that are at the \$40,000.00 more range and with the property tax rate that they are paying um-- they are pinching pennies to um try to survive. And you know, those kind of things are troubling to me. I will be voting No. I voted No um-- every since they have been having these increases. Even though, I know that we need to get these infrastructure improvements done. Um, I have written letters to our federal officials uh asking them to help poor cities like Baltimore because these are federal unfunded mandates that are pushed down on the cities. And, I do

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understand Mr. Chow has a hard job to do trying to get this infrastructure improvement work done. But, I also know that we have contractors um-- out here that know that we need to get this work done and I think a lot of times there're jacking up these prices. It's -- it's a game that I notice being played by some of these contractors when they are bidding on this work. Some of them are low bidding the work and knowing that they will be able to come with these cost overruns which is costing the city millions of dollars. I know with our Purchasing Department with the white-out um-- I could be a bidder, that bid 10.5 million dollars, Joan could be a bidder that bid 12.5 million dollars and because I whited out something I am kicked out and then the highest bidder come even though they are 2 million dollars more. Those kinds of things we have to really, really look at and see how we can correct those kinds of things. So that, we won't be just giving away 2.5 million dollars when actually I was the low bidder. These are the kinds of things that we as a City have to start looking at and stop just giving away money because of a simple white-out as a material defect. These are the kinds of things we have to start looking at so I

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will be voting No even though I know that we have to get this work done."

Mayor: "Thank you very much Mr. President. First I want to thank all of the -- of the residents and the -- others who have come to testify about the um proposed water rate increase -- water rate and wastewater rate increase. Um, again, thank you for coming out to express your concerns and ah I -- I understand and appreciate the concerns ah-- that have been raised. Rates have gone up every year for more than a decade to the point where sometimes it challenges the ability of many of our citizens to pay and now we have been asked to approve even more ah -- increases for the next three years. It is because I know the conditions uh-- in which many of the residents in our City live the challenges, the financial pressures that exist for many of the residents in our City that I have been a national advocate uh-- through my leadership through the U.S. Conference of Mayors uh-- in to the Federal Government and to the EPA uh-- to talk about the issue of affordability. I am very keenly aware that the fact -- the facts are the facts ah-- we have an aging infrastructure and we are not alone and many cities across our

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country that are dealing with uh-- aging infrastructure to varying degrees of success. When I first uh-- became um-- Mayor, I was a part of a meeting where some Mayors uh-- from smaller jurisdictions were considering giving up their incorporation because they could not keep up with the unfunded mandates uh-- from the EPA. They could not uh-- pay for the infrastructure uh-- improvements that the Federal Government required so they were um-- contemplating with their residents uh-- as I said giving up their incorporation and no longer being an independent City. Ah, so I get it and that's why I've been an advocate and because of that ah Baltimore was the first City in the country that was able to work with EPA on something called integrated planning um-- which is a pretty boring concept but it did give us the ability to help control our cost and uh-- make sure that the rates that uh-- were increased weren't -- the amount that we had to increase the rates weren't as dramatic as they would have been, had we not been a part of this program to give the City more autonomy when deciding how we would meet the terms of the Consent Decree. Uh-- because, as many of you notice this is a problem that none of us created this is, you know the

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infrastructure has been languishing for decades and this is something -- however that ah -- as a person in leadership, I feel compelled to address it is very important for me uh-- to not uh-- to not sweep uh tough issues under the carpet uh to make sure that the issues that are uh -- the tough challenges that the City faces that uh-- I don't kick the can down ah the road and what it means, is sometimes it requires these bold actions to change the water infrastructure uh to put the things in place that would allow us to have ah --

President: (hits gavel three times for order)

Man in Audience: "Sorry, but I could I just say, something real fast --"

President: "No sir, no sir. Go ahead Madam Mayor."

Man in Audience: "but I just touch down last night and I -- did not sign-in to be heard by the Board as instructed for all persons wishing to address the Board"

President: (hits gavel five times for order) "Continue Madam Mayor."

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Interim Solicitor: "She can't continue. The man --"

President: "Sir. Continue Madam Mayor. (President hit gavel three times) "Continue Madam Mayor. Sir. Go ahead."

Man in Audience: "Okay, I am going to sit down I am going to wait to talk. Sorry."

President: "Go ahead."

Mayor: "The Board action requires some times that you have to make those systemic changes and they are not easy and I certainly am not here to say that we get it right all of the time. But, the only way to have a modern system in place to help address some of these long standing issues that we face is that we modernize our water infrastructure, that we change -- that we uh-- improve the meters, that we improve the billing, and that we tackle these issues head on. So I hear you, I know that Director Chow hears you and that we will continue to work to make sure that we get it right. Uh, and to make sure that when we don't get it right that we address it in a way that is respectful. Uh-- because it pained me to hear uh-- the residents talk about uh-- poor customer service, that's something that I value that's how I was raised. You treat people the way that you

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want to be treated ah and I know that Director Chow and our Finance Department will be addressing that as well. So, I understand again, uh-- the concerns that is why I have been a national advocate to address issue of affordability when it comes to being able for cities like Baltimore -- Baltimore and other cities to meet these unfunded mandates ah but -- it would be irresponsible of me, understanding that we have these Federal obligations, understanding that this issue has long been um-- swept under the carpet and the can has been kicked down the road, it would be irresponsible of me as a leader at this time to continue to kick it down the road by not making the tough decisions that are necessary to put improvements in place and that's why I support these increases. Thank you."

Interim City Solicitor: "I make a motion to approve the proposed water and sewer rate increases and the miscellaneous fee increases as set forth on pages 1-8 on the agenda however to amend it to include the review of the Department of Audits no later than September 30, 2018."

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Mr. Chow: "Seconded."

President: "All those in favor say Aye those opposed Nay."

Mayor: "Aye."

President: "Please note that the Council President votes **NO**."

Comptroller: "And, the Comptroller votes **NO**."

President: "The motion passes."

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Baltimore City Department of Public Works

August 31, 2016 – Board of Estimates Hearing



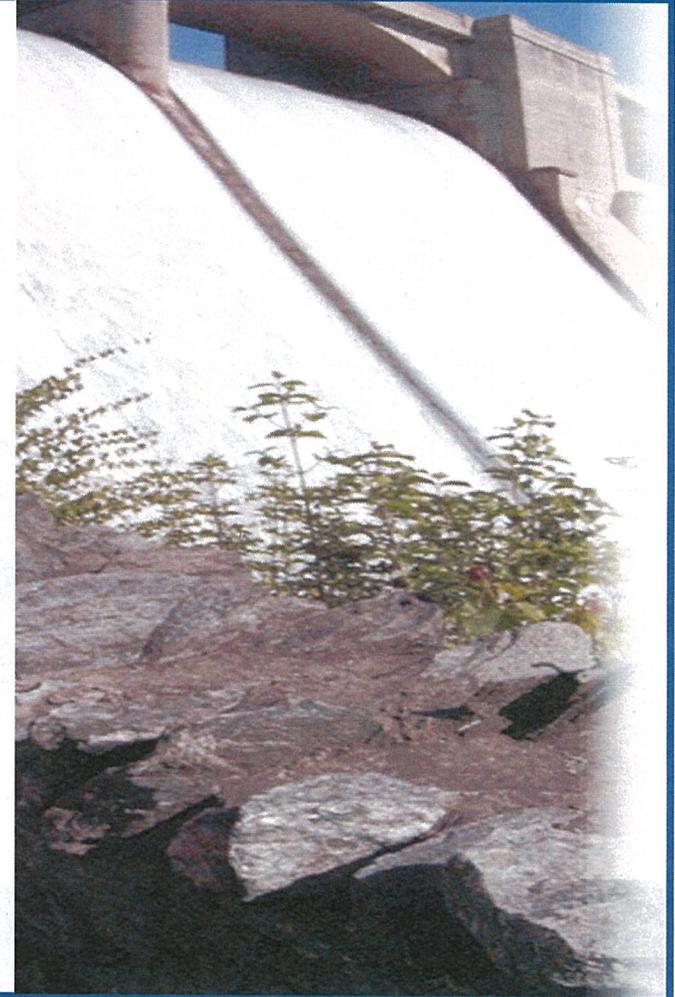
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RUDOLPH S. CHOW, P. E.
DIRECTOR



Historical Capital Deferrals

Continued deferred maintenance and capital investment led to:

- ◆ Sink holes on Centre and Mulberry
- ◆ Poor water system performance and main breaks
- ◆ Water line failures that led to more than 1,000 service disruptions each year.
- ◆ Collapses in sewer lines that lead to overflows into our streams.
- ◆ Lengthy service disruptions
- ◆ Increases costs for compliance with strict federal mandates



Recent Investments

💧 New Meters:

- 💧 Replace all City water meters with the AMI/AMR technology
- 💧 Allow customers to view their usage on an hourly basis

💧 New Billing System:

- 💧 Transition from quarterly to monthly billing
- 💧 Go-live in October 2016
- 💧 Allows for customer to control their usage and bill

💧 Asset Management Program

💧 Reduction in Water Main Breaks and Water Loss



Future Funding Priorities: Unfunded Mandates

- Unfunded mandates to avoid costly enforcement action/fines:
 - SSO Consent Decree
 - Wastewater treatment plant ENR upgrades
 - Covering of Open Finished Water Reservoirs



Future Funding Priorities: Continued Investment in Infrastructure

- ◆ Infrastructure Replacement
- ◆ Large Diameter Transmission Mains
- ◆ New Water Treatment Plant
- ◆ Sewer Lateral Rehab/Replacement Program
- ◆ Modernization of information technology systems



Staff Recommendation

	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Water	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%
Wastewater	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%

- Proposed rate increases represent across-the-board adjustments to current structure. Customers will be impacted differently dependent upon meter size and actual water usage.
- Actual rates will reflect new rate structure and implementation in October 2016
 - Lower impact to annual customer costs in FY 2017



Current Rate Structure

- ◆ Minimum charge paid by all customers
 - ◆ Even those who use very little water
- ◆ Unit rate of water is lower for large users than it is for most single-person households and families
- ◆ Quarterly bills more difficult to budget for
- ◆ Critical capital costs, the main driver of rate increases, are buried within single water rate



Proposed Rate Structure

- ◆ Removes minimum water volume charge
- ◆ Creates uniform water volume rate for all customers
- ◆ Billed monthly like most household bills
- ◆ Creates a fixed charge to recover identifiable costs for billing, collection, and capital costs
- ◆ Rate transparency and equity

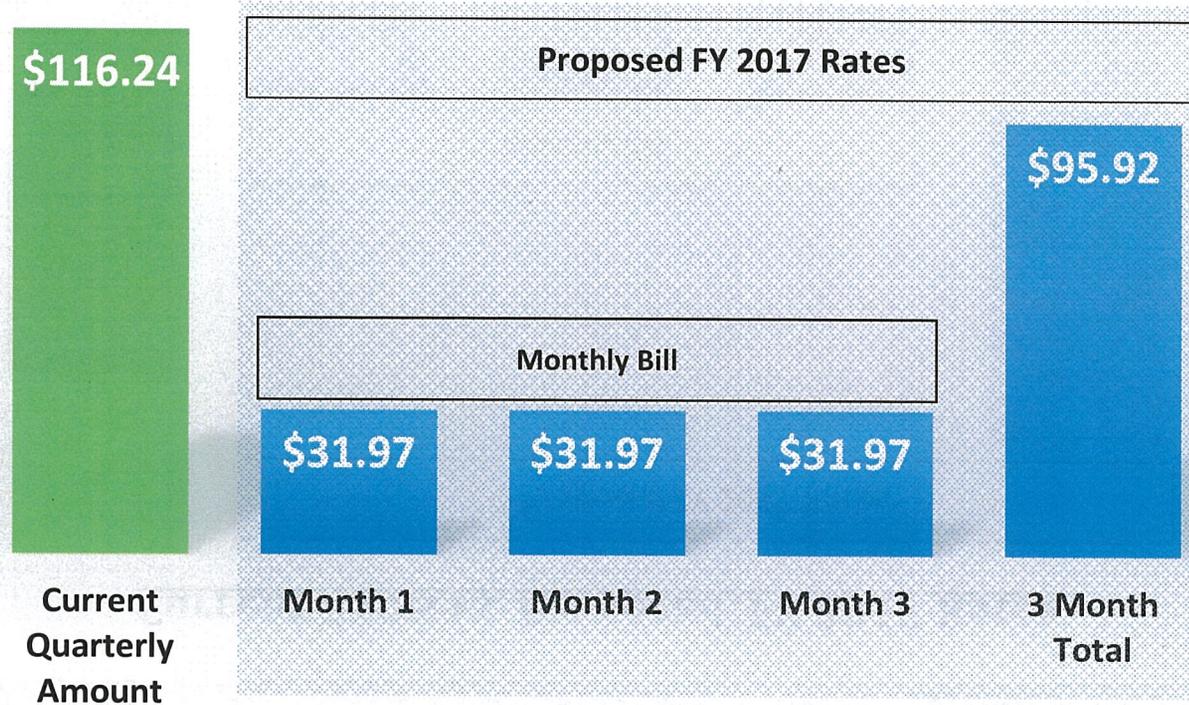


Combined Water & Sewer Bill Impacts

Sample Low Usage Customer

(5/8" Meter; 5 Ccf/Qtr or 1.7 Ccf/Mth)

Current Rates vs. Proposed FY 2017 Rates



Combined Water & Sewer Bill Impacts

Sample Medium Usage Customer (5/8" Meter; 11 Ccf/Qtr or 3.7 Ccf/Mth)

Current Rates vs. Proposed FY 2017 Rates

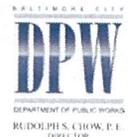
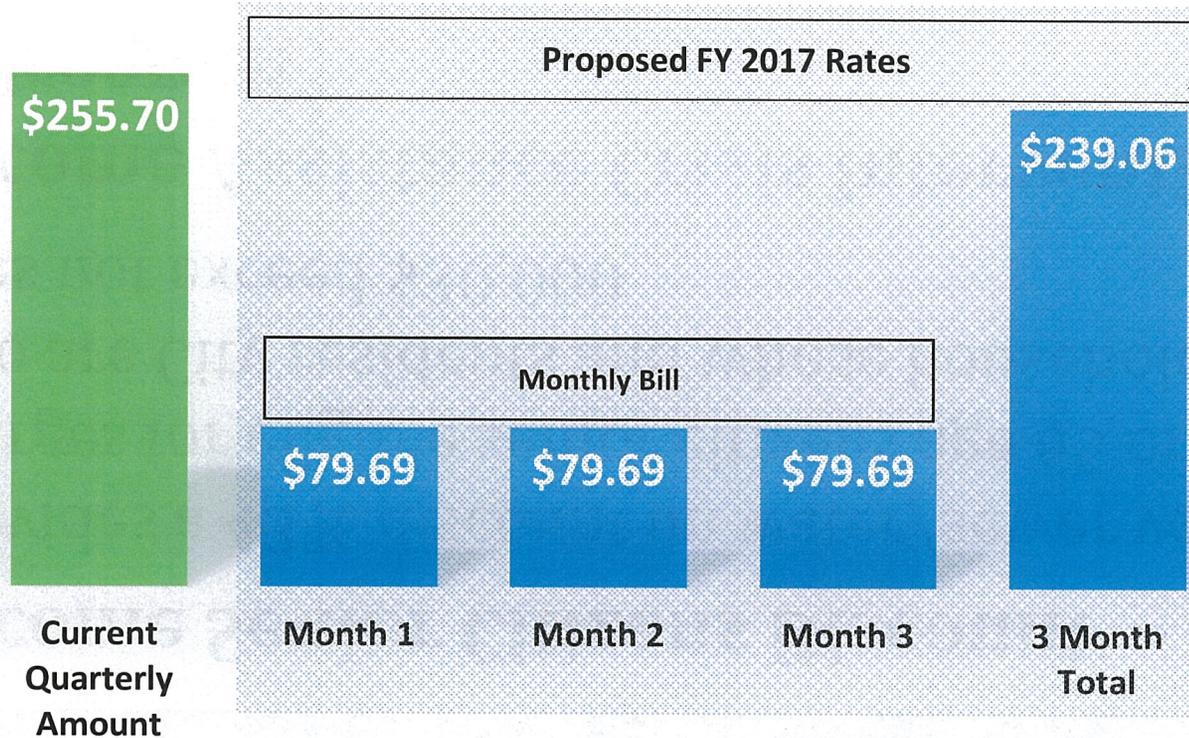


Combined Water & Sewer Bill Impacts

Sample High Usage Customer

(5/8" Meter; 22 Ccf/Qtr or 7.3 Ccf/Mth)

Current Rates vs. Proposed FY 2017 Rates



Proposed Changes to Assistance Program

Low Income Senior Citizens Discount

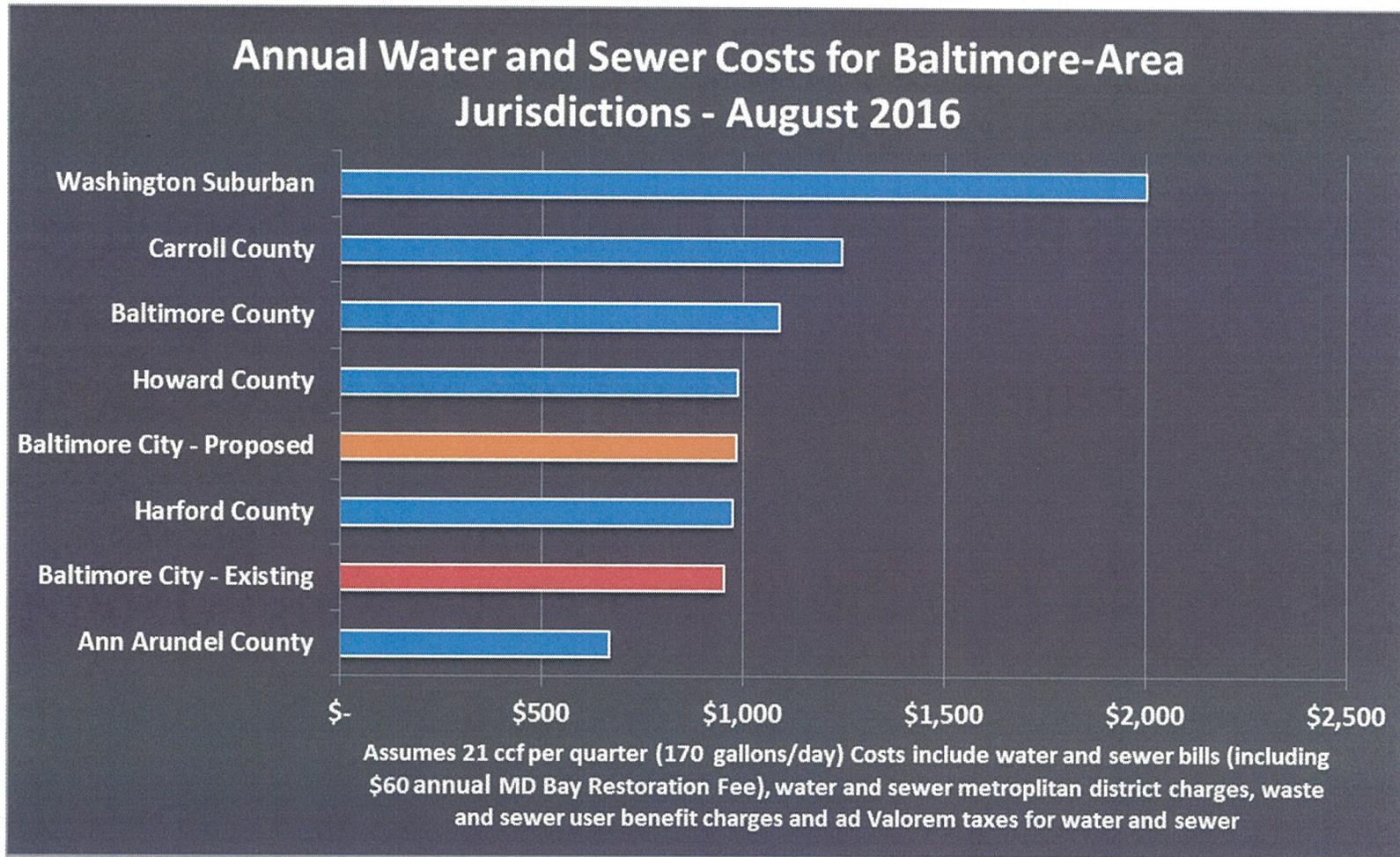
- Provides a 43% discount on water/sewer volumetric charges for eligible senior citizens age 65 or older who are City residents and whose household income does not exceed \$30,000

Low Income Assistance Crisis Intervention Grant Program

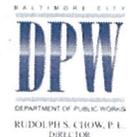
- Provides an annual grant of \$197 and is available to customers meeting the low income criteria



Regional Bill Comparison: Existing Structure & FY16 Rates



Baltimore City Department of Public Works



Cost of Water

- High Quality water – for around \$1 per day
- Must invest for the future to revitalize infrastructure
 - To ensure the reliability of our water and sewer systems.



Thank you!



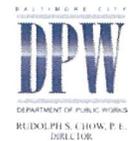
Baltimore City Department of Public Works



Questions and Discussion



Baltimore City Department of Public Works



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SICK LEAVE

The Board is requested to approve the transfer of LIFE-TO-DATE sick leave days from the listed City employees to the designated employee, Ms. Helen Townsend.

The transfer of sick leave days is necessary in order for the designated employee to remain in pay status with continued health coverage. The City employees have asked permission to donate the sick leave days that will be transferred from their LIFE-TO-DATE sick leave balances as follows:

<u>Donors</u>	<u>Days</u>
James W. Grant Jr.	5
Alice F. Gamble	5
Teresa Lecato	5
Jerome G. Teagle	<u>3</u>
Total	18

Ms. Townsend is not a member of a union sick leave bank and is not eligible for membership in a union sick leave bank. All of her leave has been used. This transfer will allow Ms. Townsend to remain in pay status.

THE LABOR COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the transfer of LIFE-TO-DATE sick leave days from the listed City employees to the designated employee, Ms. Helen Townsend.

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Mayor's Office of Human - Agreements
Services (MOHS)

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the various agreements.

1. CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT **\$ 62,369.00**

Account: 4000-490816-3571-763205-603051

Carroll County Health Department will use funds to provide housing assistance and supportive services to individuals or to families who have a family member with AIDS. Carroll County Health Department will serve 10-15 clients. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

The City is the Grantee for the Baltimore Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA), which includes Carroll County. The City desires to utilize a portion of the grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist Carroll County in providing intensive case management services and short-term rental assistance to eligible HIV/AIDS clients in the EMSA.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

2. DANIEL GORE **\$ 46,080.80**

Account: 4000-407017-3574-754700-603051

Daniel Gore, consultant, will provide technical assistance, help desk support, online user training and other tasks as assigned to the Homeless Management Information Systems Unit of the MOHS. The period of the agreement is May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

This agreement is late because of the delay at the administrative level.

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MOHS - cont'd

3. QUADEL CONSULTING AND TRAINING LLC \$295,473.67

Account: 4000-490817-3573-763200-603051

Quadel Consulting and Training, LLC will provide housing inspection services related to rental units that house homeless individuals and families funded through the Continuum of Care and the Housing Opportunities for People

With AIDS Program. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This agreement is late because of the delay in budget negotiations.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

4. ST. AMBROSE HOUSING AID CENTER \$ 64,372.00

Account: 4000-407017-3573-759700-603051

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center will provide permanent housing and supportive services for homeless individuals. This project will provide services for four households. The period of the agreement is August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

5. UNITED MINISTRIES, INC. \$ 26,000.00

Account: 5000-529117-3572-766200-603051

United Ministries, Inc. will use funds to provide shelter and support services to the homeless of the City in its Earl's Place Transitional Housing Program. United Ministries, Inc. will serve approximately 30 clients. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This agreement is late because of the delay at the administrative level.

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6. FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC. \$150,000.00

Account: 2026-000000-1772-751600-603051

The Fund for Educational Excellence, Inc. (FFEE) will use funding to offset the cost of the Baltimore Elementary and Middle School Project's renovation of the library at George Washington Elementary School. The FFEE will use funds to renovate the library and purchase new books, furniture, and technology for the school. The period of the agreement is June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

The agreement is late because of the delay at the administrative level.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

7. GOVANS ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GEDCO) \$109,715.00

Account: 5000-525117-3571-765400-603051

GEDCO will use funds to pay the portions of salaries of four resident advocates who will link low-income residents of permanent housing in the City to services and help them remain in their housing. GEDCO will serve 72 clients. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The agreement is late because of the delay at the administrative level.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

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8. **PROJECT PLASE, INC.** **\$232,904.42**

Account: 4000-407017-3573-758900-603051

Project PLASE, Inc. will use funding to provide permanent housing services for homeless persons with disabilities and their families in a diversity of community-based sites, as appropriate to the person's need. Housing assistance and support will be provided to 103 households. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The agreement is late because of the delay at the administrative level.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the foregoing various agreements.

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Mayor's Office of Human Services - Governmental/Charitable Solicitation Application

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to endorse a Governmental/Charitable Solicitation Application for submission to the Board of Ethics of Baltimore City for Messrs. Clarence Davis, Chester Wilton, Rick Lane, Thomas Zentgraf, Robert Guye, and Ms. Kim Stevenson to solicit businesses, organizations, and donors for donations of goods and services and financial support to assist in paying for the event costs for the Baltimore City Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. The period of the campaign is effective upon Board approval through August 31, 2017.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

No general funds are involved in this transaction.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Baltimore City Veterans Commission will be soliciting funds to be used by the Mayor's Office to support the Baltimore City Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. This year, the annual event takes place on November 11, 2016 at the War Memorial Plaza. This multi-service activity will honor all military personnel (active and veterans) throughout the State of Maryland.

The program includes a keynote speaker, a luncheon, and acknowledgements. This is the longest-running event of its kind for military personnel in the City. The Baltimore City Veterans Commission continues its mission by joining with community partners to give back to veterans, their families, and supporters.

Baltimore City Code Article 8, Section 6-26, prohibits solicitation or facilitating the solicitation of a gift. An exception was enacted in 2005 to permit certain solicitations that are for the benefit of an official governmental program or

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Mayor's Office of Human Services - cont'd

activity, or a City-endorsed charitable function or activity. Ethics Regulation 96.26B sets out the standards for approval, which includes the requirement that the program, function, or activity to be benefited and the proposed solicitation campaign must be endorsed by the Board of Estimates or its designee.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board endorsed the Governmental/Charitable Solicitation Application for submission to the Board of Ethics of Baltimore City for Messrs. Clarence Davis, Chester Wilton, Rick Lane, Thomas Zentgraf, Robert Guye, and Ms. Kim Stevenson.

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EXTRA WORK ORDER

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UPON MOTION duly made and seconded,

the Board approved the

Extra Work Order

listed on the following page:

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All of the EWO had been reviewed and approved

by the Department of Audits, CORC,

and MWBOO, unless otherwise indicated.

MINUTES**EXTRA WORK ORDER**

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Prev. Apprvd.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Awd. Amt.</u>	<u>Extra Work</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Ext. Compl.</u>

Department of Public Works/Office of Engineering & Construction

1. EWO #004, \$288,782.00 - SC 882, Enhanced Nutrient Removal at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (BRWWTP), Project 2 - Activated Sludge Plant No. 4

\$284,564,665.00 \$274,511.36 Archer Western - 47
Contractors, LLC

This contract started on October 27, 2014 and will expire May 24, 2017. This extra work is outside of the original scope of work and is requested by the Agency. Sanitary Contract 882 includes rehabilitation of an existing previously abandoned 78-inch conduit, which after repairs will convey the effluent from the newly constructed Activated Sludge Plant No. 4. Some repairs of cracks in this conduit were specified. Upon the start of the specified crack repairs, it was discovered that some cracks required an additional repair method because they were adjacent to the conduit's expansion joints. This additional repair method will protect the reinforcing and the plates that hold the concrete in place at the expansion joints. These conditions were hidden from view during the repair assessment and only became apparent during demolition and preparation for the specified crack repairs. The engineer evaluated the conditions after a joint was fully exposed and developed a revised method to repair these cracks adjacent to the joints. One joint has been fully repaired and the engineer has evaluated the work and approved this to be used on the balance of the 22 locations where this condition exists. The scope of this repair is in excess of the original scope and will provide greater longevity to the 78-inch conduit. The contractor has provided a cost proposal, which has been reviewed by the design engineer and found to be acceptable. The Certification of Completion form will not be completed until a scheduled time after final payment and final completion has been given by the Agency.

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Baltimore City Police Department - Grant Award

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve acceptance of the Grant Award from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the Department's annual reimbursement for sex offender registrants. The period of the grant award is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$264,200.00 - 5000-588517-2021-212900-600000

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is mandated under Criminal Procedure Article subsection 11-713 (3) and (4), and under COMAR 12.06.01.17 to reimburse each local law enforcement unit annually for processing registration statements, fingerprints, photographs and for performing community notification requirements. The rate for reimbursement is \$200.00 per sexual offender registration. There are 1,321 active registrants for this reimbursement period. The total reimbursement for FY 2016 will be \$264,200.00. The period of the grant award is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED THE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION AND FOUND THAT IT CONFIRMED THE GRANT AWARD.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved acceptance of the Grant Award from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the Department's annual reimbursement for sex offender registrants.

MINUTESSpace Utilization Committee - Lease Agreement**ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:**

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Lease Agreement with Julia Celebrado-Royer and Mohammad Taha Heidari, Lessees, for the rental of property located at 1427 Light Street, known as School 33, Studio #107, first floor. The period of the Lease Agreement is August 15, 2016 through August 14, 2019, with an option to renew for two one-year terms.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
\$4,800.00	\$400.00

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The City is responsible for heat, electricity, and water. The Lessees are responsible for content insurance, janitorial, trash receptacles, and security.

The option to renew for two one-year terms is subject to review by the Director of Cultural Affairs for the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts and School 33 of the artist's participation in activities and exhibitions at the Art Center. The City may terminate the lease during the original term by giving a 60-day notice to the Lessees.

The Space Utilization Committee approved this Lease Agreement on August 23, 2016.

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Space Utilization Committee - cont'd\

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Space Utilization Committee - Lease Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Lease Agreement with the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Lessee, for the rental of property located at 1427 Light Street, known as School 33, Studio #201, second floor. The period of the Lease Agreement is August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2019 with an option to renew for one two-year terms.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
\$4,800.00	\$400.00

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MINUTESSpace Utilization Committee - cont'd

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Department of Real Estate - Lease Renewal

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the lease renewal with Access Art, Inc., Lessee, for the rental of the building, including the land at 2446 Washington Boulevard, consisting of approximately 3,393 sq. ft. The period of the lease renewal is November 15, 2016 through November 14, 2021.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$1.00 - Annual Rent

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Board approved the original lease agreement with the Lessee on October 26, 2011, with the option to renew for one additional five-year period. The Lessee is exercising its option to renew.

The building will continue to be used for the operation of an Art Center.

All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain in full force and effect.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the lease renewal with Access Art, Inc., Lessee, for the rental of the building, including the land at 2446 Washington Boulevard, consisting of approximately 3,393 sq. ft.

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Department of Real Estate - Expenditure of Funds

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve an Expenditure of Funds to authorize the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to continue to pay month-to-month rental expenses, by Expenditure Authorization, to Orion Properties I, LLC, Landlord, for the property located at 231 E. Baltimore Street.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$8,865.50 - 1001-000000-8500-598900-603013

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The lease agreement for the above property expired August 14, 2016.

The Department and the Landlord are negotiating a new lease agreement. The Landlord is facing foreclosure. Their lender approved a two-year term. The Board of Liquor License Commissioners will continue to pay rent on a month-to-month basis until a lease agreement has been approved and executed by the Board of Estimates. It is expected that the negotiations will be concluded on or before October 31, 2016.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Expenditure of Funds to authorize the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to continue to pay month-to-month rental expenses, by Expenditure Authorization, to Orion Properties I, LLC, Landlord, for the property located at 231 E. Baltimore Street.

MINUTES**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**1. Prequalification of Contractors

In accordance with the Rules for Prequalification of Contractors, as amended by the Board on October 30, 1991, the following contractors are recommended:

Adira Construction, Inc.	\$ 8,000,000.00
Allied Control Services, Inc.	\$ 8,000,000.00
CitiRoof Corporation	\$ 8,000,000.00
Conewago Enterprises, Inc.	\$176,220,000.00
Contracting Specialists, Incorporated-DC	\$ 1,500,000.00
Cotten Construction Company	\$ 6,309,000.00
Fireline Corporation	\$ 8,000,000.00
McGee Mobile Crane, Inc.	\$ 1,500,000.00
Mitchell Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$ 1,500,000.00
Oscar Renda Contracting, Inc.	\$354,726,000.00
PC Construction Company	\$500,274,000.00
Plexus Installations, Inc. dba Plexus Group	\$ 1,170,000.00
Schnabel Foundation Company	\$191,961,000.00
Subsurface Technologies, Inc.	\$ 4,338,000.00
Trionfo Builders, Inc.	\$ 8,000,000.00

2. Prequalification of Architects and Engineers

In accordance with the Resolution Relating to Architectural and Engineering Services, as amended by the Board on June 29, 1994, the Office of Boards and Commissions recommends the approval of the prequalification for the following firms:

Chesapeake Environmental Management, Inc.	Land Survey Engineer Landscape Architect
Columbia Engineering, Inc.	Engineer

MINUTES**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** - cont'd

Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc.	Landscape Architect Engineer Land Survey
O'Connell & Lawrence, Inc.	Land Survey Engineer

There being no objections, the Board, UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, approved the prequalification of contractors and architects and engineers for the listed firms.

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Law Department - Settlement Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Class Action Settlement Agreement in connection with a litigation alleging hazardous waste and environmental contamination at the site of the Horseshoe Casino (Casino Site), a "Brownfield" comprised of the "Russell Street" (or Gateway South) Properties and the "Warner Street" Properties, as well as adjacent but separate land along the Middle Branch, known as the "Waterfront Parcels."

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

The amount of funds is currently unknown. However, the City will make best efforts to obtain and secure funding necessary to engage the services of a qualified engineer to perform an initial assessment of the remediation necessary on the Waterfront Parcels and as required by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), including application in the next cycle of Federal grant applications in December 2016. In the event that the City chooses to pursue alternative funding sources, such other applications will be made before January 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The City acquired lands at issue in a series of transactions from 1972 to 2008. Prior to the City Defendants' ownership, the lands had been used for various industrial purposes, from at least the early 1900s. The City designated the Waterfront Parcels as a natural habitat area with express limitations on human recreational use. The MDE approved Voluntary Cleanup program applications and Response Action Plans (RAP) submitted by the Baltimore Development Corporation, on behalf of the City, and by the CBAC Gaming, for environmental remediation at the Casino Site. The MDE issued certificates of completion to the City and the CBAC acknowledging completion of the remedial activity at the Casino Site in accordance with the RAP.

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Law Department - cont'd

The Plaintiffs filed a complaint against the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Baltimore Development Corporation, the CBAC Borrower, the CBAC Gaming, and Maryland Chemical Company (a prior operator on land at issue) pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act seeking injunctive relief, civil penalties, and litigation costs.

Because of the uncertainty and expense of further protracted litigation, and because this litigation impedes the City from proceeding with an effort to develop a protected wildlife habitat with pedestrian access on the Waterfront Parcels, the parties propose to settle this matter by entering into an agreement whereby the City will make good faith efforts to develop and implement a remediation work plan (the "Plan") to protect pedestrians and wildlife habitat on the Waterfront Parcels and to reduce exposure pathways to contaminants in the soil and groundwater, in return for a complete dismissal of the litigation.

Based on a review by the Law Department Settlement Committee of the legal and factual issues of the case, and Baltimore Development Corporation, the Departments of Planning and Recreation and Parks' approval to pursue the Plan, the Settlement Committee recommends that the Board of Estimates approve the settlement as set forth above.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Class Action Settlement Agreement in connection with the litigation alleging hazardous waste and environmental contamination at the site of the Horseshoe Casino a "Brownfield" comprised of the "Russell Street" Properties and the "Warner Street" Properties, as well as adjacent but separate land along the Middle Branch, known as the "Waterfront Parcels."

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Law Department - Class Action Settlement Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Class Action Settlement Agreement with Brue Goldfarb and Micheal Gallagher Settling Parties, of a lawsuit against the City filed by John Bourgeois, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and a class of similarly situated ticket purchasers for money had and received against allegedly unlawful fees received by the City from tickets sold for events at the Baltimore Arena (now Royal Farms Arena) between August 1, 2011 and March 14, 2013.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$420,000.00 (proposed cash settlement) - Account 2044-000000-1450-703800-603070.

The remainder of the settlement will be in the form of \$3.00 vouchers to the class members against future ticket purchases at the Arena, the amount of which will be deducted from the City's Arena profits.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

This class action arises out of a claim for money had and received against the City with respect to ticket fees exceeding the face value of tickets sold to events at the Baltimore Arena by Ticketmaster and SMG. Prior to March 14, 2013, the City had in place an ordinance that prohibited any licensee from selling a ticket exceeding the purchase price, and said ordinance contained no exceptions for vendors like Ticketmaster or the Arena. A number of similar class actions arose out of this ordinance, including one against Ticketmaster and the Lyric, and another against Rams Head. All of the cases have been settled except this one.

The total number of tickets that were purchased during the relevant time period and included in the class is 920,621. Class Counsel has argued that the City could possibly be liable for

MINUTESLaw Department - cont'd

\$4.3 million to which the City disagrees. To resolve this complex dispute without further protracted litigations, the parties have reached the proposed settlement which provides a \$3,000.00 payment to the Plaintiff, \$3.00 voucher per ticket purchased, and \$420,000.00 in attorney's fees. The agreement is the product of over a year of negotiations between City lawyers and Class Counsel, and in many ways mirrors the Rams Head Settlement Agreement, which was already given court approval.

After reviewing all the factual and legal issues presented in this litigation, the Law Department recommends settling this class action pursuant to the terms set out in the Settlement Agreement.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Class Action Settlement Agreement with Brue Goldfarb and Micheal Gallagher Settling Parties, of a lawsuit against the City filed by John Bourgeois, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and a class of similarly situated ticket purchasers for money had and received against allegedly unlawful fees received by the City from tickets sold for events at the Baltimore Arena (now Royal Farms Arena) between August 1, 2011 and March 14, 2013.

MINUTES

Parking Authority of - Parking Facility Rate Adjustment
Baltimore City (PABC)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve an adjustment to the monthly rate at the City-owned Caroline Street Garage that is managed by the PABC. The Parking Facility Rate Adjustment is effective upon Board approval.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The PABC is charged with managing the City of Baltimore's parking assets. Proper stewardship of those assets requires that the PABC realize the best possible return on the City's parking investments.

Pursuant to Article 31, §13(f)(2) of the Baltimore City Code, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimates, the PABC may set the rates for any parking project. The PABC believes that rate adjustments at this parking facility are warranted at this time.

To bring the monthly rate charged at Caroline Street Garage in line with its surrounding facilities, the PABC staff developed the rate adjustment recommendation submitted hereto. This rate adjustment was unanimously approved by the PABC Board of Directors.

MINUTES

PABC - cont'd

Location	Proposed Transient Rate Changes	Proposed Monthly Rate Changes			
Caroline Street Garage	No proposed rate adjustments	Regular Monthly Rate			
			Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Last Rate Change
		Regular Rate	\$130.00	\$135.00	September 2015

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

N/A

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the adjustment to the monthly rate at the City-owned Caroline Street Garage that is managed by the PABC.

MINUTES

TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

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UPON MOTION duly made and seconded,

the Board approved

the Transfers of Funds

listed on the following pages:

3435 - 3436

SUBJECT to receipt of favorable reports

from the Planning Commission,

the Director of Finance having

reported favorably thereon,

as required by the provisions of the

City Charter.

MINUTES**TRANSFERS OF FUNDS**

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
<u>Department of Transportation</u>		
1. \$ 56,000.00	9950-944002-9507	
FED	Constr. Res.	
	Reserve for Closeouts	
14,000.00	9950-917001-9507	
<u>MVR</u>	Constr. Res.	
	Highways	
\$ 70,000.00	-----	9950-904782-9508
		Roland Park Com- plete Streets

This transfer is to cover the deficit and fund the costs on Project No. TR 12314, Roland Avenue & Northern Parkway Improvements & Traffic Calming.

Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC)

2. \$ 400,000.00	9910-901860-9600	9910-923100-9601
24 th EDF	Constr. Reserve	Indus. & Coml.
	(Indus. & Coml.	Financing
	Financing)	

This transfer will provide funds to Holly Poultry, Inc. in order to increase its manufacturing capabilities in Baltimore City. The new facility is expected to have an increase in employment over the next three years to 270 employees. This loan was approved by the Board of Estimates on August 28, 2015.

MINUTES**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
<u>BDC</u> - cont'd			
3.	\$ 20,900.00	9910-902873-9600	9910-911103-9601
	24 th EDF	Constr. Reserve	Brownfields Incen-
		Brownfield Incen-	tive Fund
		Fund	
	26,905.00	9910-904115-9600	9910-906835-9603
	22 nd EDF	Constr. Reserve	Westside Project
		Westside Initia-	Initiative
		tive	
	23,000.00	9910-913990-9600	9910-921101-9601
	23 rd EDF	Constr. Reserve	Commercial Re-
		Commercial	vitalization
		Revitalization	
	7,035.00	9910-908018-9600	9910-907104-9601
	24 th EDF	Constr. Reserve	W. Balto. Ind. &
		Seton, Cross Rds.,	Coml.
		Park Circle	
	23,000.00	9910-916027-9600	9910-908102-9601
	<u>24th EDF</u>	Constr. Reserve	S. Balto. Ind. &
		Brooklyn Curtis	Coml.
		Bay Plan	
	\$ 100,840.00		

This transfer will provide funds to reimburse Baltimore Development Corporation for eligible capital expenses for the month ending June 30, 2016.

MINUTES

Mayor's Office of Employment - Ratification of Amendment to a
Employment Development Customized Training Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to ratify the Amendment to a Customized Training Agreement with Details, A Division of Humanim, Inc. This amendment extends the period through November 30, 2016.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On March 30, 2016, the Board approved the original agreement between MOED and Details, A Division of Humanim, Inc. to provide Deconstruction Worker training for 10 eligible City residents for the period of February 8, 2016 through July 31, 2016. Upon successful completion of the training program, participants are to become full-time employees, with health benefits, in the occupation for which they are trained. The obligation level for the original agreement was \$36,914.00.

This amendment will extend the period of the original agreement. There is no additional cost associated with this amendment. The amended term will be August 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016. All other terms of the agreement remain the same.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE**AUDITS NOTED THE TIME EXTENSION.**

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board ratified the Amendment to the Customized Training Agreement with Details, A Division of Humanim, Inc.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Side Yard Land Disposition
Community Development (DHCD) Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of a Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement with Bell Management, LLC, for the sale of the City-owned property located at 901 N. Bradford Street.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$1,000.00 - Purchase Price

The lot will be sold for the purchase price of which \$400.00 will be held in escrow by the City for the benefit of the Purchaser to be applied at settlement for closing costs including transfer taxes, recordation fees, taxes, and associated title services.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Purchaser will be using private funds to pay for the acquisition and maintenance of the property.

DHCD's Land Resources Division, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, strategically acquires, and manages vacant or abandoned properties, ultimately enabling these properties to be returned to productive use and improving Baltimore's neighborhoods.

The City has agreed to convey the property known as 901 N. Bradford Street to the adjacent property owner. As a condition of conveyance, Bell Management, LLC has agreed to the terms of the Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement, which prohibits development of the parcel for a minimum of ten years.

The City may dispose of the Property by virtue of the following legal authorities: Article 28, Subtitle 8 of the Baltimore City Code (2011 Edition) and Article II, Section 15 of the Baltimore City Charter, 2011 Edition, and Article 13 of the City Code.

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

The property was journalized and approved for sale on May 7, 2016.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

The Developer will purchase this property for a price that is less than \$50,000.00 and will receive no City funds or incentives for the purchase or rehabilitation; therefore, MBE/WBE is not applicable.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement with Bell Management, LLC, for the sale of the City-owned property located at 901 N. Bradford Street.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Side Yard Land Disposition
Community Development (DHCD) Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of a Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement with Mr. Frank Huber, for the sale of the City-owned property located at 609 Glenwood Avenue.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$1,213.00 - Purchase Price

The lot will be sold for the purchase price of which \$400.00 will be held in escrow by the City for the benefit of the Purchaser to be applied at settlement for closing costs including transfer taxes, recordation fees, taxes, and associated title services.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Purchaser will be using private funds to pay for the acquisition and maintenance of the property.

DHCD's Land Resources Division, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, strategically acquires, and manages vacant or abandoned properties, ultimately enabling these properties to be returned to productive use and improving Baltimore's neighborhoods.

The City has agreed to convey the property known as 609 Glenwood Avenue to the adjacent property owner. As a condition of conveyance, Mr. Huber has agreed to the terms of the Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement, which prohibits development of the parcel for a minimum of ten years.

The City may dispose of the Property by virtue of the following legal authorities: Article 28, Subtitle 8 of the Baltimore City Code (2011 Edition) and Article II, Section 15 of the Baltimore City Charter, 2011 Edition, and Article 13 of the City Code.

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

The property was journalized and approved for sale on December 22, 2010.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

The Developer will purchase this property for a price that is less than \$50,000.00 and will receive no City funds or incentives for the purchase or rehabilitation; therefore, MBE/WBE is not applicable.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Side Yard Land Disposition Agreement with Mr. Frank Huber, for the sale of the City-owned property located at 609 Glenwood Avenue.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - Programmatic Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of a Programmatic Agreement among the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MD-DHCD), The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), and the City.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

There are no funds involved.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Programmatic Agreement relates to Project Creating Opportunities for Renewal and Enterprise (C.O.R.E.) - Demolition and Stabilization Actions in Baltimore City.

In February 2016, the MD-DHCD, the City, and the Maryland Stadium Authority entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the State's commitment of demolition funds to Baltimore City. The MOU commits \$7.1 million from the State in FY 2016, with a maximum of \$25 million appropriated by the State in succeeding fiscal years until June 30, 2019.

When State funds are used for a capital project in historic areas. The MHT must be consulted to establish appropriate mitigation measures to be undertaken in conjunction with demolition or stabilization. This Programmatic Agreement establishes a streamlined approach to the historic review and mitigation determination process, which will be in effect throughout the duration of Project C.O.R.E.

In addition, under the agreement, MD-DHCD has committed approximately 10% of State funds expended under Project C.O.R.E. to the stabilization of historic structures. For FY 2016 funds, the State will spend up to \$710,000.00 on mitigation efforts.

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Programmatic Agreement among the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, The Maryland Historical Trust, and the City.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 26 S. Payson Street, (Block 0223, Lot 047) by gift from Ms. Luana Kiandoli, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Ms. Kiandoli, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Ms. Kiandoli has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 26 S. Payson Street. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 28, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2016-2017	\$524.55
Miscellaneous Bill	#7770738	244.52
Miscellaneous Bill	#8005340	<u>122.53</u>
	Total Taxes owed:	\$891.60

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 26 S. Payson Street, (Block 0223, Lot 047) by gift from Ms. Luana Kiandoli, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1205 Harlem Avenue, (Block 0113, Lot 023) by gift from Tyese Smith, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Tyese Smith, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Tyese Smith has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 1205 Harlem Avenue. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 18, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2016-2017	\$ 70.46
Miscellaneous Bills	#77993322	188.90
Property Registration	#032209	156.00
Environmental Fine	#54078316	<u>1,515.00</u>
	Total Taxes owed:	\$1,930.36

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1205 Harlem Avenue, (Block 0113, Lot 023) by gift from Tyese Smith, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 2440 N. Forest Park Avenue, (Block 8393J, Lot 001) by gift from Leslie B. Simon, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Leslie B. Simon, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Leslie B. Simon has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 2440 N. Forest Park Avenue. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 18, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

Real Property Taxes	2016-2017	\$641.21
	Total Taxes owed:	\$641.21

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 2440 N. Forest Park Avenue, (Block 8393J, Lot 001) by gift from Leslie B. Simon, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 4404 Chatham Road (Block 8248, Lot 010) by gift from Wells Fargo Bank, NA., owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 4404 Chatham Road. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 27, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2016-2017	\$3,065.13
	Total Taxes owed:	\$3,065.13

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 4404 Chatham Road (Block 8248, Lot 010) by gift from Wells Fargo Bank, NA., owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 2230 E. North Avenue (Block 4171, Lot 016) by gift from Ms. Diane Britton, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Ms. Britton, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Ms. Britton has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 2230 E. North Avenue. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through June 22, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2015-2016	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Bills	#7992761	<u>204.44</u>
	Total Taxes owed:	\$204.44

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 2230 E. North Avenue (Block 4171, Lot 016) by gift from Ms. Diane Britton, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 2715 Boone Street, (Block 4071-062F) by gift from Ms. Joan Hinton, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Ms. Hinton, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Ms. Hinton has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 2715 Boone Street. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 18, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Tax Sale Cert. #102656	Tax Sale Date 05/17/99	\$ 195.71
Real Property Taxes	#7992761	<u>117.44</u>
	Total Taxes owed:	\$ 313.15

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 2715 Boone Street, (Block 4071-062F) by gift from Ms. Joan Hinton, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1718-1720 Lemmon Street, (Block 0244-069) by gift from Ms. Dawn Sims, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Ms. Sims, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Ms. Sims has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 1718-1720 Lemmon Street. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through June 22, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2013-2014	\$ 40.00
Miscellaneous Bills	#7494834	208.00
Miscellaneous Bills	#7592272	253.44
Miscellaneous Bills	#7633696	307.91
Miscellaneous Bills	#7726664	202.20
Miscellaneous Bills	#7911282	374.00
Property Registration	Reg. #207706	839.74
	Total Taxes owed:	<u>\$2,225.29</u>

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1718-1720 Lemmon Street, (Block 0244-069) by gift from Ms. Dawn Sims, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 2406 E. Chase Street, (Block 1555-050) by gift from Dartmouth Properties, LLC, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Dartmouth Properties, LLC, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Dartmouth Properties, LLC has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 2406 E. Chase Street. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through June 23, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Real Property Taxes	2011-2012	\$ 150.63
Miscellaneous Bills	#7398720	55.32
Miscellaneous Bills	#7616774	207.50
Miscellaneous Bills	#7913759	233.79
Miscellaneous Bills	#8016206	128.05
Miscellaneous Bills	#8020364	162.40
Total Taxes owed:		\$ 937.69

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 2406 E. Chase Street, (Block 1555-050) by gift from Dartmouth Properties, LLC, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 1801 N. Broadway (Block 1446, Lot 001) by gift from Mr. Bryan Wiggins, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Mr. Wiggins, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Mr. Wiggins, has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 1801 N. Broadway. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through June 09, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Tax Sale	Cert. #306647 05/16/16	\$ 77,311.85
Tax Sale	Cert. #273542 05/20/13	47,534.67
Real Property Tax	2015-2016	467.56
Real Property Tax	2014-2015	499.11
Real Property Tax	2013-2014	737.15
Real Property Tax	2012-2013	756.71
Miscellaneous Bills-Demo Lien	#6946560	47,381.94
Property Registration	#078664	653.00
	Total Taxes owed:	<u>\$175,341.99</u>

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the leasehold interest in the property located at 1801 N. Broadway (Block 1446, Lot 001) by gift from Mr. Bryan Wiggins, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 822 Richwood Avenue (Block 5183, Lot 078) by gift from Ms. Denise Rowe, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Ms. Rowe, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Ms. Rowe has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 822 Richwood Avenue. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through July 28, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

MINUTES

DHCD - cont'd

Tax Sale Cert #289440	Date 5/19/14	\$16,024.63
Real Property Taxes	2016-17	2,003.49
Real Property Taxes	2015-16	2,637.50
Real Property Taxes	2014-15	3,154.58
Real Property Taxes	2013-14	3,723.04
Real Property Taxes	2012-13	4,342.00
Real Property Taxes	2011-12	4,929.30
Real Property Taxes	2010-11	5,414.08
Miscellaneous Bill	#7469372	261.83
Miscellaneous Bill	#7478365	261.83
Miscellaneous Bill	#7672561	150.06
Miscellaneous Bill	#7738503	188.80
Miscellaneous Bill	#7780679	279.78
Miscellaneous Bill	#7967425	226.45
Miscellaneous Bill	#7995426	224.02
Miscellaneous Bill	#8050858	296.18
Environmental Fine	#52517992	180.00
Miscellaneous Bill	#52738614	150.00
Miscellaneous Bill	#52936374	180.00
Miscellaneous Bill	#52968534	180.00
Miscellaneous Bill	#53485892	300.00
Miscellaneous Bill	#54352018	1,500.00
Total Taxes Owed:		\$46,607.57

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 822 Richwood Avenue (Block 5183, Lot 078) by gift from Ms. Denise Rowe, Owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

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Department of Housing and - Acquisition by Gift
Community Development (DHCD)

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1500 N. Gay Street (Block 1480, Lot 004) by gift from Tyrone Lee, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

Mr. Lee, owner, agrees to pay for any title work and all associated settlement costs, not to exceed \$600.00 total. Therefore, no City funds will be expended.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The DHCD, Land Resources Division strategically acquires and manages vacant or abandoned properties, which enables these properties to be returned to productive use and improve neighborhoods in Baltimore City.

Mr. Lee has offered to donate to the City, title to the property located at 1500 N. Gay Street. With the Board's approval, the City will receive clear and marketable title to the property, subject only to certain City liens. The City's acceptance of this donation is less costly than acquiring the property by tax sale foreclosure or eminent domain.

The DHCD will acquire the property subject to all municipal liens, other than water bills, and all interest and penalties that may accrue prior to recording a deed. A list of open municipal liens accrued through June 22, 2016, other than water bills which must be paid as part of the transaction is as follows:

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Tax Sale Cert #297453	Date 05/18/2015	\$ 8,346.27
Real Property Taxes	2015-2016	13.87
Real Property Taxes	2014-2015	67.97
Real Property Taxes	2013-2014	19.39
Real Property Taxes	2012-2013	22.70
Real Property Taxes	2011-2012	76.84
Real Property Taxes	2010-2011	28.46
Miscellaneous Bills	#5758610	249.21
Miscellaneous Bills	#5796404	225.78
Miscellaneous Bills	#5819735	238.02
Miscellaneous Bills	#6103139	301.39
Miscellaneous Bills	#6142004	332.30
Miscellaneous Bills	#6178628	290.62
Miscellaneous Bills	#6337398	347.58
Miscellaneous Bills	#6352934	269.61
Miscellaneous Bills	#6424386	237.32
Miscellaneous Bills	#6455992	234.32
Miscellaneous Bills	#6606800	220.00
Miscellaneous Bills	#6652689	307.28
Miscellaneous Bills	#6703300	322.38
Miscellaneous Bills	#6770184	291.36
Miscellaneous Bills	#6978506	284.77
Miscellaneous Bills	#7015688	278.55
Miscellaneous Bills	#7143464	253.46
Miscellaneous Bills	#7387244	248.48
Miscellaneous Bills	#7452550	239.00
Miscellaneous Bills	#7475072	235.84
Miscellaneous Bills	#7486137	235.84
Miscellaneous Bills	#7695257	229.54
Miscellaneous Bills	#7719560	231.17
Miscellaneous Bills	#7773476	297.45
Miscellaneous Bills	#7779135	233.21
Miscellaneous Bills	#7927296	207.87
Miscellaneous Bills	#7977754	199.17
Miscellaneous Bills	#7991805	203.56
Property Registration	Reg. #101954	266.50
Total Taxes Owed:		\$16,087.08

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DHCD - cont'd

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property located at 1500 N. Gay Street (Block 1480, Lot 004) by gift from Tyrone Lee, owner, **SUBJECT** to municipal liens, interest, and penalties, other than water bills.

MINUTES

Department of Recreation and Parks - Donation Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of a Donation Agreement among the City, Parks and People Foundation, Inc., (PPF) and The Dirt Express Company.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

No City funds will be involved in this transaction.

The total cost of the project is \$40,265.00 and will be paid entirely by the Parks and People Foundation, Inc. using funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Parks and People Foundation, Inc. received funding for this project through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Through the execution of this Donation Agreement, the PPF will pay The Dirt Express Company, the Contractor, for all necessary work and expenses associated with this project, including the removal of existing impervious surfaces and the beautification of Hollins Ferry and B&O Park and Paca Street Park, improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay watershed in Baltimore City.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE**AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.**

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Donation Agreement among the City, Parks and People Foundation, Inc., and The Dirt Express Company.

The Mayor **ABSTAINED**.

MINUTES

Department of General Services - Amendment to Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of an amendment to agreement with Murphy & Dittenhafer, Inc., for Project 1125M, On-Call Architectural Design Services. The current agreement expires on September 11, 2016. The amendment will extend the agreement through September 11, 2018.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On September 12, 2012, the Board approved the original agreement for two years with an upset dollar amount of \$746,836.89. On September 10, 2014, the Board approved an amendment to extend the agreement for one year. On September 16, 2015, the Board approved a second amendment for an additional year.

This amendment will extend the agreement for two years to allow the Consultant to complete work under tasks currently 'On Hold' at the request of the agency. All other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain unchanged.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

The Consultant will continue to comply with the MBE goal of 27% and the WBE goal of 10% that were established in the original agreement for Project 1124M.

AUDITS NOTED THE TIME EXTENSION AND WILL REVIEW TASK ASSIGNMENTS.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the amendment to agreement with Murphy & Dittenhafer, Inc., for Project 1125M, On-Call Architectural Design Services.

MINUTES

Health Department - Notification of Grant Award

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve acceptance of the Notification of Grant Award (NGA) with the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA). The period of the grant award is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$66,708.00 - 4000-433517-3024-268400-404001

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

Funding is for the Old Americans Act, Title III-B, III-D, III-E, VII and Title-C1 Program only. This NGA also provides funds for coordinated and accessible services for seniors in the City.

By acceptance of this grant, the Department agrees to abide by the Older Americans Act, as amended, and all applicable Federal and State policies, rules and procedures.

This NGA is late because it was recently received from the MDoA.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED THE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION AND FOUND THAT IT CONFIRMED THE GRANT AWARD.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the acceptance of the Notification of Grant Award with the Maryland Department of Aging.

MINUTES

Health Department - Modification No. 1 of the Inter-Governmental Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Modification of the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The modification extends the period of the inter-governmental agreement through December 31, 2016.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On January 13, 2016, the Board approved the initial Inter-Governmental Agreement, which established the terms and conditions of the award from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Division of Parole and Probation, for the purpose of contracting with Behavioral Health System Baltimore (BHSB) to provide substance abuse treatment services, in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the period of December 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The modification extends the Inter-Governmental Agreement for an additional six months through December 31, 2016, and allows the Department to disburse the remaining \$260,000.00 in unspent funds to the BHSB for drug treatment services.

All terms and conditions of the initial agreement will remain in full force and effect as modified by this modification.

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The Modification No. 1 of the Inter-Governmental Agreement is late because it was received on July 15, 2016, and routed for administrative review and approval.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS NOTED THE TIME EXTENSION.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Modification of the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

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The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Agreements and Grant Agreement.

AGREEMENTS

1. **HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.** **\$73,268.00**

Account: 4000-499016-3023-513200-603051

The organization will provide services to reduce high-risk behaviors related to the transmission of HIV in the City for homeless seropositive men and women engaged in HIV primary care. Clients are assessed and enrolled in Choosing Life! Life Empowerment! Action! Results (CLEAR).

CLEAR is an evidence-based HIV prevention and health promotion intervention for people ages 16 and older living with HIV/AIDS or at risk for HIV. The period of the agreement is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

The agreement is late because of a delay in receiving required documentation.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

2. **HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.** **\$98,389.00**

Account: 4000-499015-3023-513200-603051

The organization will identify HIV-positive homeless individuals and engage them in primary care. The program participants are referred for HIV primary care if they test HIV-positive and to regular primary care if the test HIV-negative. The period of the agreement is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

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The agreement is late because of a delay in receiving required documentation.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

3. **HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND, INC.** **\$1,586,163.00**

Account: 4000-421117-3080-294600-603051

The organization will continue to assist City residents in accessing comprehensive health care services. The organization works closely with Managed Care Organizations to assist Medicaid/Medicaid eligible clients obtain proper and adequate health care services through their insurance and serve as a local resource for information to eligible residents in the City. The period of the agreement July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The agreement is late because of delays in the Department's administrative review process.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

4. **FAMILY LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE CITY** **\$ 28,175.00**

Account: 6000-626316-3080-513201-406002

The organization received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services for the Project titled "Baltimore Coalition for Healthy Communities." The organization is contracting the Department to provide staff to co-lead the B'More Fit for Healthy Babies Project. Both agencies are mutually responsible for guiding the development and implementation of the overall strategy for promoting weight lost and fitness. Joint responsibilities include coalition building,

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communications, program/evaluation oversight and resource development.

This agreement provides funds to support a BCHD Health Program Administrator, to serve as Co-Director of B'More for Healthy Babies Program, devoting .19 full-time equivalent of her time.

Each Co-Director will assume lead responsibility and be held accountable for specific deliverables. Major programmatic and budget decisions will be made jointly. The period of the agreement is September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

The agreement is late because it was submitted to the Department on July 15, 2016 for processing.

5. **TODAY'S CARE & FAMILY, INC.** **\$47,676.00**

Account: 4000-43317-3254-316200-603051

The organization will provide adult medical day care services to ill, frail or disabled elderly persons who are eligible to receive the Office of Health Services grant funding from the City.

The City will pay the organization the set rate of \$39.73 per day of service provided to an individual recipient, not to exceed 1,200 days of service provided to all recipients combined per year. The rate includes transportation services for the recipient.

The organization will develop an appropriate care plan to each recipient in accordance with policies as specified in

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the Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 10.12.04, Day Care for the Elderly and Medically Handicapped Adults, and COMAR 10.09.07, Medical Care Program. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The agreement is late because the Department was awaiting grant information and signatures from the organization.

6. **GRAND FAMILY MATTERS, LLC** **\$44,553.60**

Account: 4000-436117-3255-316200-603026

The organization will provide the following services as a Liaison for the Grandparents as Parents (GAP) Program who will visit communities and neighborhoods developing a relationship with community organizations and residents through frequent visits or telephone calls to foster, support, and encourage participation in the GAP Program. The organization will also oversee all aspects of the GAP support groups with Baltimore City Public Schools as well as with community support groups and other contractual entities providing services to the target population, and perform related work as required. The period of the agreement is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

The agreement is late because the Department just recently finalized it.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

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GRANT AGREEMENT

7. **THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION** **\$250,000.00**

Account: 6000-615117-3100-295900-406001

This grant provides funds to support implementation of a vision program in Baltimore City Schools. Grant funds will be used to increase the number of students who receive the eye care they need, address the multiple barriers to care, and ensure access to quality vision care for all public school students in grades pre-k through eight over the next three years. The period of the agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The grant is late because of a delay in the administrative review process.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED THE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION AND FOUND THAT IT CONFIRMED THE GRANT AWARD.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the foregoing Agreements and Grant Agreement.

MINUTES

Health Department - Employee Expense Reports

The Board is requested to approve the various expense reports for following employees:

1. **KELINDA JOHNSON** **\$ 77.22**

Account: 5000-532816-3254-767200-603001
May 2016 - Mileage

Ms. Johnson neglected to submit her employee expense statement on time due to an oversight and overwhelming unit responsibilities. Ms. Johnson has been advised that she must make every effort to submit statements timely to avoid this process.

2. **ELLA GREEN** **\$152.54**

Account: 5000-532816-3254-767200-603002
April 2016 - Mileage \$ 72.07
May 2016 - Mileage \$ 80.47

Ms. Green neglected to submit her employee expense statements on time because she was on leave for a period of time and returned to work to overwhelming unit responsibilities. Ms. Green has been advised that she must make every effort to submit statements timely to avoid this process.

3. **ALBERTA LIN FERRARI** **\$ 9.86**

Account: 4000-427716-3023-599601-603002
April 2016 - Mileage \$ 4.86

4000-427716-3023-599601-603003
April 2016 - Parking \$ 5.00

Ms. Ferrari failed to submit her April 2016 employee expense statement on time.

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4. **FREIDA JONES** **\$104.42**

Account: 5000-533116-3254-767300-603003
 May 2016 - Parking \$ 21.80

5000-533116-3254-767300-603002
 May 2016 - Mileage \$ 82.62

Ms. Jones submitted the expense statement on time. However, corrections were required and the expense statement was misplaced, which made it late.

The Administrative Manual, in Section 240-11, states that Employee Expense Reports that are submitted more than 40 work days after the last calendar day of the month in which the expenses were incurred require Board of Estimates approval.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the various expense reports for foregoing listed employees.

MINUTES

Department of Public Works/Office of - Expenditure of Funds
Engineering and Construction

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve an Expenditure of Funds to pay Verizon-MD for work scheduled to be performed under Storm Water Contract No. 7762R - Rehabilitation and Replacement of the Highlandtown Stormwater Pump Station.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$9,267.28 - 9958-905708-9520-900020-707077

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Office of Engineering and Construction requests funds to cover the cost of replacement of the Verizon Communication Line and Conduit. This contract started April 8, 2015 with the demolition of the existing station (Highlandtown Pumping Station) equipment, which included the existing MCC control panel. In the process of doing so, the contractor also removed the existing communication line as well. This was only discovered when the new MCC panel was installed and realized that there was no communication from the station, which will allow it to operate unmanned. This critical equipment is needed immediately since it is the eyes and ears of the control center for this station. The station is now operational, but has to be run manually until this line is reestablished. Work to be performed by Verizon-MD will start after they receive payment.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

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Department of Public Works/Office of - cont'd
Engineering and Construction

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Expenditure of Funds to pay Verizon-MD for work scheduled to be performed under Storm Water Contract No. 7762R - Rehabilitation and Replacement of the Highlandtown Stormwater Pump Station.

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Dept. of Public Works/Office -
of Engineering & Construction

Rescission of Approval of
Funding and Approval of
Transfer of Funds for Project
1226H, Stream Restoration
Design and Post Award Services

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to rescind its March 9, 2016 approval of funding submitted to the Board and approve the transfer of funds and Expenditure Authorization Request for Project 1226H, Stream Restoration Design and Post Award Services.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$333,301.05 - 9958-907090-9520-900020-703001
306,190.87 - 9958-912990-9525-900020-703001
270,039.17 - 9958-911409-9525-900020-703001
\$909,531.09

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On March 9, 2016, the Board approved the agreement with Hazen & Sawyer, PC and funding for Project 1226H for the amount of \$909,531.09. Inadvertently, the funding was not approved by the Department of Finance, Capital Accounting. The Board is requested to rescind the approval of funding only and to approve the transfer of funds and the Expenditure Authorization Request.

AUDITS REVIEWED AND FOUND THE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH CITY POLICY.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
\$360,000.00	9958-906405-9526	
GO Bonds	Constr. Reserve	
26 th Rec. & Parks		
\$306,190.87	-----	9958-912990-9525-3
		Engineering
53,809.13	-----	9958-912990-9525-9
<u>\$360,000.00</u>		Administration

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DPW/Office of Engineering & Construction

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - cont'd

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
\$330,000.00	9958-906405-9526	
GO Bonds	Constr. Reserve	
26 th Rec. & Parks		
\$270,039.17	-----	9958-911409-9525-3
		Engineering
59,960.83	-----	9958-911409-9525-9
<u>\$330,000.00</u>		Administration
\$390,000.00	9958-906090-9522	
Other Funds	Constr. Reserve	
\$333,301.05	-----	9958-907090-9525-3
		Engineering
56,698.95	-----	9958-907090-9525-9
<u>\$390,000.00</u>		Administration

The transfer will cover costs for Project 1226H, Design of ER 4031, ER 4028, and ER 4035. On March 9, 2016, the Board approved the original agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, PC under Project 1226H.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board rescinded its March 9, 2016 approval of funding submitted to the Board and approved the transfer of funds and Expenditure Authorization Request for Project 1226H, Stream Restoration Design and Post Award Services. The Transfer of Funds was approved, **SUBJECT** to

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DPW/Office of Engineering & Construction - cont'd

the receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Commission, the Director of Finance having reported favorably thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

MINUTES

Department of Public Works/Office - Agreement
Of Engineering and Construction

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of an agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) under Project 1238J, On-Call Mechanical Engineering Services. The period of the Agreement is effective upon Board approval for three years or until the upset limit is reached, whichever occurs first.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$1,000,000.00 - Upset limit

The dollar amount will be determined with each individual project. No funds are required at this time.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The JMT will provide Mechanical Engineering Services. The project consists of on-call consulting for various tasks assigned by the Office of Engineering and Construction on an as-needed basis. The scope involves mechanical consulting engineering services for various Water and Wastewater Facilities including treatment plants and pumping stations and may include planning, design and construction phase services. These services will be made as needs are identified.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

MBE: Min Engineering, Inc.	\$100,000.00	10%
Findling, Inc.	70,000.00	7%
Phoenix Engineering, Inc.	100,000.00	10%
	<u>\$270,000.00</u>	<u>27%</u>

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WBE: Carroll Engineering, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00	7%
Constellation Design Group, Inc.	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>3%</u>
	\$100,000.00	10%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

AUDITS NOTED THIS ON-CALL AGREEMENT AND WILL REVIEW TASK ASSIGNMENTS.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. under Project 1238J, On-Call Mechanical Engineering Services. The President voted **NO**.

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Department of Public Works/Office - Task Assignment
of Construction and Engineering

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the assignment of Task No. 005, to Dewberry & Davis LLC, under Project 1178D, (SC 948) On-Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$284,392.93 - Wastewater Revenue Bonds (81.16%)
11,668.66 - County Grants (3.33%)
54,348.63 - Anne Arundel County Grants (15.51%)
\$350,410.22 - 9956-902547-9551-900020-703032

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

During the study of SC 948, the consultant performed a comprehensive assessment of current conditions at the pumping station and identified deficiencies. To correct these deficiencies, a comprehensive improvement program was developed which calls for hydraulic, electrical, and structural improvements to the pumping station, and rehabilitation of the station's structure. In addition, a Thioguard System has been designed to augment the existing dosing system.

AUDITS REVIEWED AND FOUND THE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH CITY POLICY.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
\$324,640.00	9956-905533-9549	
Wastewater	Construction Res.	
Revenue Bonds	Annual Facilities	
75,360.00	" "	
<u>Counties</u>		
\$400,000.00	-----	9995-902547-9551-3 Design

This transfer will provide funds to cover costs associated with Project 1178D, Task No. 005, SC 948, Design of Brooklyn Pumping Station Renovations.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the assignment of Task No. 005, to Dewberry & Davis LLC, under Project 1178D, (SC 948) On-Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services. The Transfer of Funds was approved, **SUBJECT** to the receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Commission, the Director of Finance having reported favorably thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

MINUTES

Department of Public Works/Office - Task Assignment
of Construction and Engineering

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the assignment of Task No. 006, to Dewberry & Davis LLC, under Project 1178D, (SC 949) On-Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$ 11,746.40 - Baltimore County (4.66%)
240,322.24 - Baltimore County (95.34%)
\$252,068.64 - 9956-906548-9551-900020-703032

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

During the study of SC 949, the consultant performed a comprehensive assessment of current conditions at the Stony Run Pumping Station and identified deficiencies. Based on the study, there is a need for electrical, mechanical, and hydraulic design in order to correct for current deficiencies at the station. There is also a need for structural rehabilitation to support mechanical upgrades. Improvements are essential for wet weather events occurring in the City.

AUDITS REVIEWED AND FOUND THE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH CITY POLICY.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM ACCOUNT/S</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT/S</u>
\$286,020.00	9956-905533-9549	
Wastewater	Construction Res.	
Revenue Bonds	Annual Facilities	
13,980.00	" "	
<u>Counties</u>		
\$300,000.00	-----	9995-906548-9551-3 Design

This transfer will provide funds to cover costs associated with Project 1178D, Task No. 006, SC 949, Design of Stony Run Pumping Station.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the assignment of Task No. 006, to Dewberry & Davis LLC, under Project 1178D, (SC 949) On-Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services. The Transfer of Funds was approved, **SUBJECT** to the receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Commission, the Director of Finance having reported favorably thereon, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

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Department of Public Works/Office - Task Assignment
of Construction and Engineering

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the assignment of Task No. 001, to Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, under Project 1236R, On-Call Stormwater Management Study and Engineering Design Services.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$87,706.65 - 9958-905994-9525-900020-703032

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On December 27, 2013, the Maryland Department of the Environment reissued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit to the City of Baltimore. The City prepared and submitted the MS4 and Total Maximum Daily Load Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) as required by the MS4 Permit. ER 4018, Powder Mill Stream Restoration project will treat 58.5 acres impervious area and it is listed in the WIP. Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP will assist O'Brien & Gere with the inclusion of the ER 4018, Powder Mill Stream Restoration project into SC 955 under their Project 1236R, On-Call Stormwater Management Study and Engineering Design Services.

THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES ON AUGUST 17, 2016.

AUDITS REVIEWED AND FOUND THE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH CITY POLICY.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the assignment of Task No. 001, to Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, under Project 1236R, On-Call Stormwater Management Study and Engineering Design Services.

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OPTIONS/CONDEMNATION/QUICK-TAKES:

<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - Options</u>			
1. Jean Harriet Alston	2110 Llewelyn Avenue	L/H	\$13,733.00
Funds are available in account 9910-910634-9588-900000-704040.			
2. Paul W. Nochumowitz and Amy S. Nochumowitz	1700 N. Castle Street	G/R \$90.00	\$ 825.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908636-9588-900000-704040, FY 16 Whole Block Demolition Project.			
3. Marie Grampp	1707 Brunt Street	G/R \$36.00	\$ 330.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			
4. Ashland, LLC	1717 Brunt Street	G/R \$36.00	\$ 330.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			
5. Charles Muskin, Trustee	1728 Division Street	G/R \$72.00	\$ 660.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			
6. Nikita Whitley	1842 Division Street	L/H	\$ 8,404.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			

MINUTES

OPTIONS/CONDEMNATION/QUICK-TAKES:

<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>DHCD - Options</u>			
7. M & E Investments, LLC	1130 N. Carey Street	G/R \$70.00	\$ 641.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908636-9588-900000-704040.			
8. Francis Lee Murphy	4815 Park Heights Avenue	G/R \$70.00	\$ 583.00
Funds are available in account 9910-903183-9588-900000-704040, Parks Heights Acquisition/Project.			
9. Braverman Trusts	618 E. Biddle Street	G/R \$65.00	\$ 650.00
Funds are available in account 9990-907714-9593-900001-704040, Johnston Square Project.			
10. Norma Thompson	1102 Greenmount Avenue	F/S	\$ 3,800.00
Funds are available in City Bond Funds, account 9910-910715-9588-900000-704040, Johnston Square Project.			
11. Norma Thompson	1114 Greenmount Avenue	F/S	\$ 3,800.00
Funds are available in City Bond Funds, account 9910-910715-9588-900000-704040, Johnston Square Project.			

In the event that the option agreement/s fail/s and settlement cannot be achieved, the Department requests the Board's approval to purchase the interest in the above property/ies by condemnation proceedings for an amount equal to or lesser than the option amounts.

MINUTES

OPTIONS/CONDEMNATION/QUICK-TAKES:

<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>DHCD - Condemnations</u>			
12. William E. Faulkner and Nancy D. Faulkner	1716 N. Castle Street	F/S	\$15,500.00
13. James Boyd and Lillian Boyd	1722 N. Collington Avenue	L/H	\$14,658.00
14. Wanda Price	4410 Daytona Avenue	L/H	\$21,250.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908636-9588-900000-704040, FY 16 Whole Block Demo Project.			
15. S. Goldberg Properties, LLC	1830 Division Street	G/R \$54.00	\$ 360.00
16. S. Goldberg Properties, LLC	1844 Division Street	G/R \$54.00	\$ 360.00
17. S. Goldberg Properties, LLC	1846 Division Street	G/R \$54.00	\$ 360.00
18. S. Goldberg- Custodian, LLC	2129 Etting Street	G/R \$36.00	\$ 240.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			
19. Howard Cook and Kimberly Cook	3110 Virginia Avenue	F/S	\$ 6,000.00
Funds are available in account 9910-903183-9588-900000- 704040, Park Heights Project.			

MINUTES

OPTIONS/CONDEMNATION/QUICK-TAKES:

<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>DHCD - Condemnations</u>			
20. Purnell Hinton	3114 Virginia Avenue	F/S	\$17,000.00

Funds are available in account 9910-903183-9588-900000-704040, Park Heights Project.

DHCD - Condemnation/Redemption

The Board is requested to approve acquisition of the ground rent interest by condemnation, or in the alternative may, SUBJECT to the prior approval of the Board, make application to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation to redeem or extinguish the ground rent interest for the below-listed properties. A Redemption Certificate vesting fee simple title in the City will be recorded.

21. Unknown	315 E. Biddle Street	G/R \$75.00	\$ 500.00
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Funds are available in account 9910-910715-9588-900000-704040, Johnston Square Project.

22. Carole Goldman	321 E. Biddle Street	G/R \$87.00	\$ 580.00
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Funds are available in account 9910-910715-9588-900000-704040, Johnston Square Project.

23. Annie Walker	403 E. Biddle St.	G/R \$62.00	\$ 413.00
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Funds are available in account 9990-907714-9593-900001-704040, Johnston Square Project.

MINUTES

OPTIONS/CONDEMNATION/QUICK-TAKES:

<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>DHCD - Condemnation/Redemption</u>			
24. Edward F. Gerber	510 Bloom Street	G/R \$120.00	\$ 800.00
Funds are available in account 9910-908044-9588-900000-704040.			
25. Charles Gross	1112 Brentwood Avenue	G/R \$ 56.00	\$ 373.00
Funds are available in account 9910-910715-9588-900000-704040, Johnston Square Project.			

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the foregoing Options, Condemnations, Quick Takes, and Condemnation/Redemption.

MINUTES

Department of Transportation - Minor Privilege Permit Applications

The Board is requested to approve the following applications for a Minor Privilege Permit. The applications are in order as to the Minor Privilege Regulations of the Board and the Building Regulations of Baltimore City.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PRIVILEGE/SIZE</u>
1. 1414 Key Highway Holdings, LLC	1414 Key Highway	Outdoor seating 20' x 4'
Annual charge: \$337.50		
2. 20 E. Lanvale Street	22-24 E. Lanvale Street, LLC	One planter 20.5' x 3.5', one set of steps
Annual charge: \$537.45		

Since no protests were received, there are no objections to approval.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Minor Privilege Permits.

MINUTES

Department of Transportation - Memorandum of Understanding

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gallery Church of Baltimore, Inc., Owner. The period of the MOU is effective upon Board approval for 25 years, with an option to renew for an additional 25 years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this MOU.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

This MOU establishes the framework for the Owner to maintain stormwater management facilities in the right-of-way for the Gallery Church of Baltimore, Inc. at 3101-3113 Eastern Avenue, all at its sole cost and subsequently for the Owner to perform ongoing maintenance of all aspects of the project during the term of the MOU.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with Gallery Church of Baltimore, Inc., Owner.

MINUTES

Department of Transportation - Expenditure of Funds

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Expenditure of Funds with Harbor Care, LLC. The period of the Expenditure of Funds is August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$86,109.42 - 6000-617417-2303-248700-603026

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

On March 30, 2005, the Board approved the 2005 Wharfage Agreement with Harbor Boating and Living Classroom Foundation for the operation of a Water Taxi and Shuttle Service in the Inner Harbor and Outer Harbor. Additionally, since the commencement of the Wharfage License Agreement the Board also approved four amendments on April 22, 2009, August 11, 2011, July 16, 2014, and July 30, 2014 and one Consent of Assignment on August 11, 2010.

On April 1, 2015, the Board approved Amendment No. 5, for \$860,950.00, to cover operating and fuel cost for the requested 18-month period. However, the amount needed to cover the 18-month time extension for operation and fuel cost was underestimated. The total amount paid to date (April through July 2016) is \$842,194.62, resulting in an insufficient balance of \$18,755.38 to cover expenses through the expiration date of September 30, 2016. Therefore, the Department is requesting an additional \$86,109.42, to cover the operating and fuel cost during the months of August and September 2016.

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

MINUTES

Department of Transportation - cont'd

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Expenditure of Funds with Harbor Care, LLC. The Mayor **ABSTAINED**. The President **ABSTAINED**.

MINUTES

INFORMAL AWARDS, RENEWALS, INCREASES TO CONTRACTS AND EXTENSIONS

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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Bureau of Purchases

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| 1. COMMODITIES | | |
| USA, INC. | \$ 31,080.00 | Low Bid |
- Solicitation No. B50004685 - Calcium Chloride Pellets -
Department of General Services/Department of Public Works -
Req. No. to be determined.

The period of the award is August 31, 2016 through August 30, 2017.

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| 2. TELVENT USA LLC | | |
| d/b/a SCHEIDER ELECTRIC | \$ 34,200.00 | Sole Source |
- Contract No. 08000 - Arc/FM Solution Software -
Transportation - Req. No. R738169

The vendor is the sole provider of the Arc/FM software used by the Department of Transportation and the purchase of the licenses are required to facilitate data entry. The period of the award is August 31, 2016 through August 30, 2019, with two 1-year renewal options remaining.

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| 3. SAFEWARE, INC. f/k/a | | |
| F.L. ANDERSON COMPANY | \$ 0.00 | Renewal |
- Contract No. B50002461 - Turnout Gear - Baltimore City Fire
Department - P.O. No. P521574

On September 26, 2012, the Board approved the initial award in the amount of \$3,600,000.00. The award contained six 1-year renewal options. Three renewal options have been exercised. This fourth renewal in the amount of \$0.00 is for the period September 26, 2016 through September 25, 2017, with two 1-year renewal options remaining. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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This renewal in the amount of \$60,000.00 is necessary due to an unanticipated increase in employee enrollment in the program, which resulted in a reduction in the administrative cost from \$3.50 to \$3.40 per employee per month. This final renewal is for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

7. ITEM 1

L/B WATER SERVICE, INC.

ITEM 2HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS,
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

\$ 300,000.00

Renewal

Contract No. B50002577 - Brass Fittings - Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water and Wastewater - P.O. Nos. P521765 and P521766

On October 10, 2012, the Board approved the initial award in the amount of \$200,000.00. The award contained two 1-year renewal options. Subsequent actions have been approved. This final renewal will allow the agency to continue to purchase required parts for repairs to the water services and retain an ample supply in stock to ensure minimal disruptions in service. This renewal is for the period October 10, 2016 through October 9, 2017. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.8. BENTLEY SYSTEMS,
INC.

\$ 44,918.04

Ratification/
Renewal

Contract No. 08000 Bentley WaterCAD Perpetual Licenses - Mayor's Office of Information Technology - Req. No. R733151

On August 18, 2010, the Board approved the initial award in the amount of \$57,434.26. The award contained two 1-year

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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renewal options. This renewal will provide for the continuation of mapping and analysis for water distribution systems required by the Department of Public Works. The vendor provided GSA Schedule GS35F0453L pricing. The period of the ratification is June 18, 2016 through August 30, 2016. This renewal in the amount of \$44,918.04 is for the period August 31, 2106 through June 17, 2019.

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| 9. VAISALA
INC. | \$ 32,243.00 | Ratification/
Renewal |
| Contract No. 08000 - Weather Stations Maintenance - Department of Transportation - P.O. No. P536520 | | |

On June 11, 2012, the City Purchasing Agent approved the initial award in the amount of \$20,815.20. The award contained four 1-year renewal options. Subsequent actions have been approved. Due to administrative delays caused by the vendor the contract expired with one renewal option remaining. The period of the ratification is April 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. This final renewal in the amount of \$32,243.00 is for the period August 31, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

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| 10. DELTA DENTAL OF
PENNSYLVANIA | \$5,400,000.00 | Renewal |
| Contract No. B50002905 - Dental Health Maintenance Organization and Dental Preferred Provider Organization Plans - Department of Human Resources - Req. N. N/A | | |

On September 13, 2013, the Board approved the initial award in the amount of \$13,525,949.00. The award contained two

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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This increase in the amount of \$24,000.00 is necessary to continue to provide annual five year certification and inspections for ladder trucks during the contract period. This increase will make the award amount \$96,000.00. The contract expires on April 10, 2017, with one 1-year renewal option remaining. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

12. WASTE EQUIPMENT SALES
AND SERVICE, LLC
MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL
TRUCKS, INCORPORATED

	\$1,500,000.00	Increase
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Contract No. B50003570 - OEM Parts and Service for New Way Trucks - General Services - Fleet Management - P.O. Nos. P528196 and P528197

On July 30, 2014, the Board approved the initial award in the amount of \$250,000.00. The award contained two 1-year renewal options. Subsequent actions have been approved. This increase in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 is necessary because 38 New Way refuse trucks were purchased during Fiscal years 2015 and 2016, which prompted an increased need for parts and repair services provided under this contract. This increase is necessary to continue use of the contract for the remainder of its term. This increase in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 will make the award amount \$4,000,000.00. The contract expires on June 30, 2017 with two 1-year renewal options remaining. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

MWBOO GRANTED A WAIVER.

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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On August 6, 2008, the Board approved the initial award to United Healthcare and Kaiser Permanente. On December 10, 2008, the Board approved an additional award to Aetna Health and Life. The renewals and subsequent actions have been approved. This extension in the amount of \$45,600,000.00 for HMO and \$21,900,000.00 for POS will allow the City time to incorporate recommendations resulting from the Mayor's Ten Year Financial Plan in conjunction with other benefit contracts and commitments. The extension will make the total contract value \$612,474,803.00. The period of the extension is January 01, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The above amount is the City's estimated requirement.

MWBOO SET GOALS OF 14% MBE AND 5% WBE.

MBE/WBE goals are applied separately against the HMO and POS Administrative Retention Fees.

a. United Healthcare Insurance Company (HMO Administrative Fee)

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Performed</u>
MBE: Time Printers, Inc.	\$ 0.00	
Camera Ready, Inc.	137,600.00	
Burs and Garrett	0.00	
Total MBE: 14%	\$137,600.00	15%
WBE: Mary Kraft & Assocs., Inc.	\$ 66,649.00	
Well Workplace d/b/a Well Advantage	0.00	
Total WBE: 5%	\$ 66,649.00	7%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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b. Aetna Health & Life Insurance Company (HMO Administrative Fee)

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Performed</u>	
MBE: Time Printers, Inc.	14%	\$11,619.96	16.7%
WBE: Well Workplace d/b/a Well Advantage	5%	\$ 4,282.74	6.1%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

c. Kaiser Permanente Insurance Company (HMO Administrative Fee)

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Performed</u>	
MBE: Walker Benefit Services, LLC	14%	\$ 64,327.77	5.1%
WBE: Dana Insurance Services, Inc.		\$ 40,415.00	3.2%
Optimal Health Quest Management Services		<u>3,846.00</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
Total WBE:	5%	\$44,261.00	3.5%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN NON-COMPLIANCE.

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF AWARD</u>	<u>AWARD BASIS</u>
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d. United Healthcare Insurance Company (POS) Administrative Fee

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Performed</u>	
MBE: Camera Ready, Inc.		\$ 50,038.00	6.2%
Time Printers, Inc.		46,914.00	5.8%
Total WBE:	14%	\$ 96,952.00	12%
WBE: Mary Kraft & Associates Inc.		\$ 7,032.00	0.9%
Well Workplace d/b/a Well Advantage		50,727.00	6.3%
Total WBE:	5%	\$ 57,769.59	7%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

e. Aetna Health & Life Insurance Company (POS Administrative Fee)

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Performed</u>	
MBE: Time Printers, Inc. 14%	\$ 5,986.04	17.4%	
WBE Well Workplace d/b/a Well Advantage	5%	\$ 2,206.26	6.4%

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

MINUTES

Department of Public Works/ - Memorandum of Understanding
Bureau of Solid Waste

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NMWDA).

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$260,004.88 - 1001-000000-5161-389861-603026

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Bureau of Solid Waste intends to enter into an MOU with the NMWDA to perform repairs to the Quarantine Road Landfill. The necessary repairs are due to malfunctions and failings reported by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

The NMWDA will perform this work through its On-Call Contractor, selected through its own procurement process. The NMWDA is a public instrumentality of the State of Maryland and has statutory authority to receive grants from and to construct or maintain facilities for its participating jurisdiction. The NMWDA's contractor will perform and complete the urgent repair work as soon as possible to prevent the City from receiving any further MDE administrative complaints and possible fines regarding the problems observed.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, §11 (e) (i) OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER, IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED NO ADVANTAGE WILL RESULT IN SEEKING NOR IS IT PRACTICABLE TO OBTAIN COMPETITIVE BIDS.

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Department of Public Works/ - cont'd
Bureau of Solid Waste

ON AUGUST 22, 2016, WRITTEN NOTICE WAS PROVIDED TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE INTENT TO USE NMWDA TO PERFORM THE WORK.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

APPROVED FOR FUNDS BY FINANCE

AUDITS REVIEWED AND HAD NO OBJECTION.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority.

MINUTES

Department of Public Works/Office - Agreement
Of Engineering and Construction

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve and authorize execution of an agreement with Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC (WBCM) under Project 1183, Post Award Services Replacement of Loch Raven Dam Environmental Operations Facilities. The period of the Agreement is effective upon Board approval for four and half years or until the upset limit is reached, whichever occurs first.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$256,852.75 - Water Revenue Bonds (56.0146%)
201,693.32 - Baltimore County (43.9854%)
\$458,546.07 - 9960-901916-9557-900020-703032

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The WBCM will provide engineering services including submittal, requests for information, and shop drawing reviews, attending progress meetings, site visits, factory witness testing, preparation of record drawings, and providing reports to the Maryland Department of the Environment during the construction period of the new environmental facility. The Consultant was approved by the Office of Boards and Commissions and Architectural and Engineering Awards Commission.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

MBE: Sidhu Associates, Inc.	\$120,042.20	26.17%
Soil Land Use Technology, Inc.	<u>28,297.82</u>	<u>6.17%</u>
	\$148,340.02	32.34%

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DPW - cont'd

WBE: Phoenix Engineering, Inc.	\$ 21,680.95	4.72%
SP Arch, Inc.	29,116.63	6.34%
Floura Teeter Landscape Architects, Inc.	14,812.35	3.23%
Aria Environmental, Inc.	10,139.04	2.21%
	<u>\$ 75,748.97</u>	<u>16.50%</u>

THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES ON MAY 18, 2016.

MWBOO FOUND VENDOR IN COMPLIANCE.

AUDITS REVIEWED AND FOUND THE BASIS FOR COMPENSATION CONSISTENT WITH CITY POLICY.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved and authorized execution of the agreement with Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC under Project 1183, Post Award Services Replacement of Loch Raven Dam Environmental Operations Facilities.

MINUTES**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Police Department</u>			
1. Kevin Davis* Ganesha Martin** Stanley Brandford**	Major Cities Chiefs Association and the International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police San Diego, CA Oct. 13 - 19, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$350.00* Reg. Fee \$700.00**)	General Funds	\$10,896.04

The subsistence rate for this location is \$204.00 per night. The hotel cost is \$320.00 per night for each attendee plus hotel taxes of \$41.86 per night for Mr. Davis and Ms. Martin. The hotel tax for Mr. Brandford is \$40.64 per night. The Department is requesting additional subsistence of \$116.00 per night for hotel balance for each attendee and \$40.00 per day for meals and incidentals. The transportation fee in the amount of \$579.96 for each attendee was prepaid by City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Trib Thacker. The registration for Mr. Davis is \$350.00 and for Ms. Martin and Mr. Brandford it is \$700.00 each which were prepaid by City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Trib Tracker. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Mr. Davis and Ms. Martin is \$2,471.16 each and the amount to be disbursed to Mr. Brandford is \$2,463.84.

2. Dean Palmere	Major Cities Chiefs Association 2016 Fall Meeting San Diego, CA Oct. 13 - 15, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$350.00)	General Funds	\$2,104.87
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The subsistence rate for this location is \$204.00 per night. The hotel cost is \$320.00 per night, plus taxes of \$40.64.

MINUTES**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Police Department - cont'd</u>			

The Department is requesting additional subsistence of \$116.00 per night to cover the cost of the hotel and \$40.00 per day for food and incidentals. The airfare in the amount of \$492.95, and the registration fee in the amount of \$350.00 were paid using the Baltimore Police Department Emergency Fund. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Mr. Palmere is \$1,261.92.

Office of the Labor Commissioner

3. Yvette Brown	AAA-Essential Mediation Skills For the New Mediator Washington, D.C. Nov. 14 - 18, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$1,625.00)	General Funds	\$1,706.50
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The registration cost of \$1,625.00 was prepaid using a City-issued credit card assigned to Deborah F. Moore-Carter. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Brown is \$81.50.

Health Department

4. Cathy Costa	2016 CityMatch Leadership and Maternal Child Health Epidemiology Conference Philadelphia, PA Sept. 12 - 16, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$400.00*)	Care- first Out-of- State	\$1,708.40
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MINUTES**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Health Department - cont'd</u>			
<p>The subsistence rate for this location is \$238.00 per night. The hotel cost is \$220.00 per night plus hotel taxes of \$34.10 per night. The Department is requesting subsistence of \$22.00 per day for meals and incidentals. The registration was prepaid by City-issued procurement card assigned to Mr. Ryan Hemminger. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Costa \$1,308.40.</p>			
5. Rose Jefferson	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Immunization Conf. Atlanta, GA Sept. 12 - 15, 2016	DHMH Immuni- zation	\$1,098.16
<p>The transportation was prepaid by City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Ryan Hemminger. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Jefferson is \$762.24.</p>			
6. Melina Turtle	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Immunization Conf. Atlanta, GA Sept. 12 - 15, 2016	DHMH Immuni- zation	\$1,098.16
<p>The transportation was prepaid by City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Ryan Hemminger. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Turtle is \$762.24.</p>			

MINUTES**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Baltimore City Fire Department</u>			
7. Brian Boviard	Incident Management Training Butlerville, IN Sept. 12 - 16, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$0.00)	Federal Grant	\$1,025.08

Mr. Boviard will require a rental car to travel from his hotel to the training area, which is roughly a 20-mile distance. The cost of the rental vehicle is \$284.99. Pursuant to AM-240-8 if official City business at the event site will require extensive inspection trips, tours, or other unusual but necessary land travel, the Board must approve funds for such expenses in advance of the trip.

The 2015 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Fund will cover all other cost. The airfare of \$292.46 was prepaid using a procurement card assigned to David McMillan. Therefore, the disbursement to Mr. Boviard is \$284.99.

Baltimore City Police Department

8. Kevin Davis Jason Johnson	MD Chief of Police and MD Sheriff's Assoc. 2016 Professional Develop Seminar Sept. 11 - 15, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$325.00 ea.)	General Funds	\$2,251.84
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The subsistence rate for this location is \$153.00 per night for each attendee. The cost of the hotel is \$145.00 per night plus taxes of \$15.23 per night for each attendee. The Department is requesting additional subsistence of \$32.00 per day to cover the cost of meals and incidentals for Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson each.

MINUTES**TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Office of Council President</u>			
9. Sharon Middleton	2016 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition Long Beach, CA July 21 - 25, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$0.00)	Elected Officials Expense Account	\$ 414.46

On July 21 - 25, 2016, Mrs. Middleton traveled to Long Beach, CA on City related business. Mrs. Middleton's outbound flight on Southwest Air was canceled due to a nationwide computer outage. Southwest Air issued a credit in the amount of \$277.98 to the City-issued credit card assigned to Hosea T. Chew. Mrs. Middleton, who was unable to get another flight on Southwest on the same day, secured a flight on American Airlines for \$365.10 with a \$25.00 baggage fee at her expense. Because the arrival time at LAX was later than anticipated, the transportation cost from the hotel was \$100.00. Therefore, additional subsistence is requested for transportation from the hotel to the airport.

The requested travel reimbursement is as follows:

\$365.10	- Airfare
25.00	- Baggage Fee
100.00	- Transportation
20.25	- Transportation to Airport
.68	- Hotel Tax
-96.57	- Advanced Funds
<u>\$414.46</u>	

MINUTES**RETROACTIVE TRAVEL APPROVAL/REIMBURSEMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Bureau of Water and Wastewater</u>			
10. Maria DeChellis	2016 CS Week Conference Phoenix, AZ April 24 - 29, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$1,390.00)	Utility Funds	\$2,960.06

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

\$ 725.10 - Hotel
 844.96 - Airfare
1,390.00 - Registration Fee
\$2,960.06 - Total Reimbursement

On April 1, 2016, a freeze on all travel for all City employees was imposed. The Director did grant permission, however for Ms. DeChellis to attend using Utility Funds, as the Citywide freeze only applied to general funds.

Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement

11. Sharita Thomas	Annual Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Federal Employment Practice Agency (FEPA) Training Conference July 11 - 14, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$175.00)	Federal Funds	\$1,107.62
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MINUTES**RETROACTIVE TRAVEL APPROVAL/REIMBURSEMENT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement - cont'd</u>			

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

\$ 425.96 - airfare
60.00 - ground transportation
366.00 - hotel
63.66 - hotel taxes
149.40 - meals
<u>42.60 - incidentals</u>
\$1,107.62 - Total Reimbursement

Advance approval was not possible because there was a ban on all out-of-town travel through June 30, 2016.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Health Department</u>			
12. Stacey Tuck	Epidemiology 2016 CityMatch Leader- Ship and Maternal and Child Health Philadelphia, PA Sept. 13 - 16, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$440.00)	Care- First BlueCross Blue- Shield	\$1,400.69

The transportation cost in the amount of \$96.00 and the registration fee in the amount of \$440.00 were prepaid using a City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Ryan Hemminger. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Tuck is \$864.69.

MINUTES**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>To Attend</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Health Department</u>			
13. Jennifer Kirschner	Epidemiology 2016 CityMatch Leader- Ship and Maternal and Child Health Philadelphia, PA Sept. 13 - 16, 2016 (Reg. Fee \$440.00)	Care- First BlueCross Blue- Shield	\$1,388.69

The transportation cost in the amount of \$84.00 and the registration fee in the amount of \$440.00 were prepaid using a City-issued credit card assigned to Mr. Ryan Hemminger. Therefore, the amount to be disbursed to Ms. Kirschner is \$864.69

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the foregoing travel requests, travel reimbursement, and retroactive travel approval/reimbursement. The President **ABSTAINED** on item no. 9.

MINUTES

Department of General Services - Expenditure Authorization
Request for Emergency
Procurement

ACTION REQUESTED OF B/E:

The Board is requested to approve the expenditure authorization for emergency procurement with Kann Partners, for Project 16814, City Hall Stonework Assessment and Remediation. The period of the emergency procurement is effective upon Board approval for approximately five months.

AMOUNT OF MONEY AND SOURCE:

\$200,570.00 - 9916-907105-9197-000000-703032

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

Kann Partners will provide design and construction services for the repairs to City Hall Stonework. Recently, a part of the City Hall dome stonework came loose and fell into the City Hall rotunda. The Department contacted Kann Partners, a firm with historical knowledge of City Hall stonework, to assess the damage areas and determine and complete the best method for repair and restoration. This work is being contracted as a selected source under the emergency work guidelines.

ON JUNE 23, 2016, THE AGENCY HEAD REQUESTED THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI §11(e)(ii) OF THE CITY CHARTER BECAUSE THE WORK REQUIRED IS AN EMERGENCY OF SUCH NATURE THAT THE PUBLIC WELFARE WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY WAITING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE APPROVED PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.

MINUTES

Department of General Services - cont'd

THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES ON JUNE 29, 2016.

MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION:

Due to the nature of this specialized work, there is no MBE/WBE participation so far on this contract.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board approved the expenditure authorization for emergency procurement with Kann Partners, for Project 16814, City Hall Stonework Assessment and Remediation.

MINUTES

A PROTEST WAS RECEIVED FROM MS. KIM TRUEHEART ON ALL ITEMS IN THE AGENDA

The Board of Estimates received and reviewed Ms. Trueheart's protest. As Ms. Trueheart does not have a specific interest that is different from that of the general public, the Board will not hear her protest.

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Kim A. Trueheart

August 30, 2016

Board of Estimates
Attn: Clerk
City Hall, Room 204
100 N. Holliday Street,
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Herein is my written protest on behalf of the underserved and disparately treated citizens of the Baltimore City who appear to be victims of questionable management and administration within the various boards, commissions, agencies and departments of the Baltimore City municipal government.

The following details are provided to initiate this action as required by the Board of Estimates:

1. Whom you represent: Self
2. What the issues are:

Pages 1 - 113, City Council President and members of the Board of Estimates, BOE Agenda dated August 31, 2016 , if acted upon:

- a. The proceedings of this board often renew business agreements without benefit of clear measures of effectiveness to validate the board's decision to continue funding the provider of the city service being procured;
- b. The Baltimore City School Board of Commissioners routinely requires submissions for board consideration to include details of the provider's success in meeting the objectives and/or desired outcomes delineated in the previously awarded agreement;
- c. The members of this board continue to fail to provide good stewardship of taxpayers' funds as noted by the lack of concrete justification to substantiate approval of actions presented in each weekly agenda;
- d. This board should immediately adjust the board's policy to ensure submissions to the board include measures of effectiveness in each instance where taxpayer funds have already been expended for city services;
- e. In the interest of promoting greater transparency with the public this board should willing begin to include in the weekly agenda more details which it discusses in closed sessions without benefit of public participation.

Email: kimtrueheart@gmail.com

*5519 Belleville Ave
Baltimore, MD 21207*

- f. Lastly this board should explain to the public how, without violating the open meeting act, a consent agenda is published outlining the protocols for each week's meeting prior to the board opening its public meeting.

3. How the protestant will be harmed by the proposed Board of Estimates' action: As a citizen I have witnessed what appears to be a significant dearth in responsible and accountable leadership, management and cogent decision making within the various agencies and departments of the Baltimore City municipal government which potentially cost myself and my fellow citizens excessive amounts of money in cost over-runs and wasteful spending.

4. Remedy I desire: The Board of Estimates should immediately direct each agency to include measures of effectiveness in any future submissions for the board's consideration.

I look forward to the opportunity to address this matter in person at your upcoming meeting of the Board of Estimates on August 31, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at (410) 205-5114.

Sincerely,
Kim Trueheart, Citizen & Resident

*5519 Belleville Ave
Baltimore, MD 21207*

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President: "There being no more business before the Board, the Board will recess until bid opening at 12 noon. Thank you."

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Clerk: "The Board is now in session for the receiving and opening of bids."

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BIDS, PROPOSALS, AND CONTRACT AWARDS

Prior to the reading of bids received today and the opening of bids scheduled for today, the Clerk announced that the following agencies had issued Addenda extending the dates for receipt and opening of bids on the following contract. There were no objections.

Department of Public Works - ER 4097, Watershed 263-Phase 3 & 4/Slope Repair at Biddison Run and Western Run (WS 263 Portion)
BIDS TO BE RECV'D: 07/16/2014
BIDS TO BE OPENED: 07/16/2014

Department Public Works - ER 4097, Watershed 263-Phase 3 & 4/Slope Repair at Biddison Run and Western Run (WS 263 Portion)
BIDS TO BE RECV'D: 09/14/2016
BIDS TO BE OPENED: 09/14/206

Bureau of Purchases - B50004604, Janitorial Services for Area B
BIDS TO BE RECV'D: 09/14/2016
BIDS TO BE OPENED: 09/14/206

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- Bureau of Purchases - B50004606, Provide Janitorial Services for Area D
BIDS TO BE RECV'D: 09/14/2016
BIDS TO BE OPENED: 09/14/206
- Bureau of Purchases - B50004652, Demand Response System and Services
BIDS TO BE RECV'D: 09/21/2016
BIDS TO BE OPENED: 09/21/206

Thereafter, UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, the Board received, opened, and referred the following bids to the respective departments for tabulation and report:

Department of Transportation - TR 11013, Cement Concrete Slab Repairs Citywide II

THERE WERE NO BIDS RECEIVED.

Department of Transportation - TR 17011, Resurfacing Highways at Various Locations Northeast, Sector I

M. Luis Construction Co., Inc.
P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc.
Machado Construction Co., Inc.
Gray + Son, Inc.
Civil Construction, LLC

Department of Transportation - TR 17012, Resurfacing Highways at Various Locations Northwest, Sector II

M. Luis Construction Co., Inc.
P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc.
Machado Construction Co., Inc.
Gray + Son, Inc.
Civil Construction, LLC

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Department of Transportation -TR 17013, Resurfacing
Highways at Various Locations
Southwest, Sector III

M. Luis Construction Co., Inc.
P. Flanigan & Sons, Inc.
Machado Construction Co., Inc.

Department of Public Works -ER 4019RR, East Stony
Run Stream Restoration

Appalachian Stream Restoration, LLC (ASR)*
Monumental Paving & Excavating, Inc.
Metra Industries

Department of Recreation -RP 15802, Latrobe Park
& Parks Field House

Orfanos Construction, Inc.
JLN Construction Services, LLC
Boulevard Contractors Corp.**
Trionfo Builders, Inc.

*UPON FURTHER MOTION, the Board found the bid of Appalachian Stream Restoration, LLC **NON-RESPONSIVE** since the bid was not accompanied by bid deposit checks or an annual bid bond, as required by the provisions of the City Charter and as set forth in the specifications.

UPON FURTHER MOTION, the Board found the bid of Boulevard Contractors Corp. **NON-RESPONSIVE because of the company's failure to submit an entire bid book and bid price as required in the bid instructions.

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Bureau of Purchases-B50004535, Provide Tree
Inventory Services

ArborPro, Inc.
 The Davey Tree Expert Co.
 Letke Security Contractors
 Floura Teeter Landscape Architects

Bureau of Purchases- B50004603, Janitorial
Services for Area A

Broadway Services, Inc.
 J & H Maintenance Service, Corp.
 A.S.B dba Aaron S. Bell
 Associated Building Maintenance Co., Inc.
 B&B Diversified Services, LLC
 Brookway, LLC
 Running Things Cleaning Services
 Baltimore Janitorial Services
 C.J. Maintenance, Inc.
 P2 Cleaning Services
 Multicorp, Inc.
 Primestar Industries, Inc.
 Affordable Carpet Cleaning Corp.
 Just Business, LLC
 Clean Keepers, LLC
 Dazer-Bal d/b/a Jani-King Baltimore
 CMS, LLC
 Now, LLC
 Merit Building Contracting Services

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Bureau of Purchases - B50004605, Janitorial Services for Area C

Broadway Services, Inc.
 J & H Maintenance Services, Corp.
 A.S.B. dba Aaron S. Bell
 Associated Building Maintenance Co., Inc.
 B&B Diversified Services, LLC
 C.J. Maintenance, Inc.
 Multicorp, Inc.
 Clean Keepers, LLC
 Dazer-Bal d/b/a Jani-King Baltimore
 Now, LLC

Bureau of Purchases - B50004648, Audio Video (AV) Upgrades for City Hall Chambers

Contract Video Specialists, Inc.

Bureau of Purchases - B50004677, Headend and Playout Servers Installation

Contract Video Specialists, Inc.

Bureau of Purchases - B50004682, Furnish and Deliver Various Soil and Sand Products

Patuxent Materials, Inc.

Bureau of Purchases - B50004699, Water Meter Expansion Connectors

LB Water Service, Inc.
 Belair Road Supply
 HD Supply Waterworks, LTD
 Ferguson Waterworks

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Bureau of Purchases - B50004706, Lobby Trash Cans
for the Baltimore Convention
Center

Max-R
Acme Paper

Bureau of Purchases - B50004707, Reflective Sign
Sheeting

Avery Dennison Corporation - Reflective Solutions
Protection Services, Inc.
3M Company
Garden State Highway Products
Osburn Associates, Inc.
Nippon Carbide Industries (USA) Inc.

There being no objections, the Board, UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, adjourned until its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.


JOAN M. PRATT
Secretary