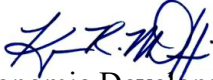


**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
Chair, Committee on Business and Economic Development
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the December 1, 2020 Legislative Meeting
DATE: November 25, 2020

Pursuant to Council Rule 339, or a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measures be agendized for the December 1, 2020 Legislative Meeting. I also request that these measures be agendized for an Additional Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, should one be scheduled. These measures were marked up by the Committee on Business and Economic Development and have been filed timely with the Secretary's Office:

Measures from the Committee:

- **B23-117, the “Underground Facilities Protection Amendment Act of 2020”**

As introduced, Bill 23-117 would amend the District's excavation safety law – the Underground Facilities Protection Act of 1980 (“UFPA”), to better protect underground facilities, such as gas and water lines. Significantly, the bill would amend existing law to allow the UFPA, which may now be enforced only in the District of Columbia Superior Court, to also be enforced administratively under the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Civil Infractions Act of 1985.

- **B23-0884, the “Bruce Monroe Extension of Disposition Authority Act of 2020”**

As introduced, Bill 23-0884 would extend the time for the District to dispose of real property located at 3012 Georgia Avenue, N.W., a portion of the Bruce Monroe site that consists of approximately 77,421 square feet (“Property”). As part of the redevelopment of Park Morton, the Property will also be developed to further the New Community Initiative (“NCI”) objectives. The current development plan for the Property contemplates creating 273 residential units, of which 90 will be replacement public housing and another 111 will be additional affordable units. In addition to the development of the Property, the District will retain a portion of the site consisting of approximately 44,404 square feet of land area for a permanent public park or other public uses.

- **PR23-1026, the “KIPP D.C. Public Charter Schools, Inc. Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2020”**

Proposed Resolution 23-1026 was introduced by Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, on November 16, 2020. The Proposed Resolution was referred to the Committee on November 17, 2020.

As introduced, this resolution would provide for the debt financing (or refinancing) on a tax exempt or taxable basis of all of the costs incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction, equipping, and development of real estate property comprising a high school campus for KIPP D.C. Public Charter Schools (“KIPP D.C.”) and an adjacent recreation center located at 3999 8th Street, S.E. (also known as 700 Yuma Street, S.E.). KIPP D.C. has requested that the District issue up to \$52 million of District of Columbia revenue bonds in one or more series and authorize and provide for the loan of the proceeds of the bonds to assist with the project.

I am also requesting that you agendaize the following emergency measures for the December 1, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- **PR23-1030, the “Friendship Public Charter School, Inc. Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”**
- **PR23-1031, the “Friendship Public Charter School, Inc. Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Approval Resolution of 2020”**

Proposed Resolution 23-1031 and the underlying declaration resolution, PR23-1030, were introduced by Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, on November 17, 2020. The resolutions were retained by the Council with comments from the Committee on December 1, 2020.

As introduced, these resolutions would provide for the financing, refinancing or reimbursement of Friendship Public Charter School for certain costs of all or a portion of the acquisition, rehabilitation and renovation of the school facilities located at 1400 First Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C. and other locations. Friendship Public Charter School has requested that the District issue up to \$70 million of District of Columbia tax exempt bonds to assist with this project.

- **The “Howard Center and Howard Tubman Quad Refunding Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”**
- **The “Howard Center and Howard Tubman Quad Refunding Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Approval Resolution of 2020”**

As introduced, these resolutions would authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$130 million. The bonds will be used for refunding or reimbursing of costs incurred by Provident Group – Howard Center Inc. and Provident Group – Tubman Quad Properties Inc., associated with costs related to the renovations and construction at and related to Howard University. The Howard University (“Howard”) is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, coeducational, nonsectarian institution of higher education located principally on three campuses in the District of Columbia.

- **The “Launchpad Development Two DC, LLC Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”**
- **The “Launchpad Development Two DC, LLC Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Approval Resolution of 2020”**

As introduced, these resolutions would authorize the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt revenue bonds, notes, or other obligations in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$32 million. These bonds will be used for the financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs incurred by Rocketship Public Charter School for the acquisition of their existing building located at 4250 Massachusetts Avenue S.E. in Ward 7. Launchpad Development Two DC, LLC/Rocketship Public Charter School is a non-profit charter school network that was started in Redwood City, California. In 2016, Rocketship opened its first school (Rise Academy) in Washington, D.C., in Ward 8 in addition to Legacy Prep, its second location.

Contracts at the request of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer

- **PR23-1008, “Contract No. CFOPD-11-C-023, Banking Services Approval Resolution of 2020”**

Proposed Resolution 23-1008 was introduced by Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, on November 4, 2020. The resolution was retained by the Council with comments from the Committee on November 10, 2020.

As introduced, this resolution would exercise Option Period Two (a five-year extension) with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (CA23-0727) for the not to exceed amount of \$17.5 million from December 16, 2020 to December 15, 2025. Wells Fargo provides the District’s aggregate banking services including revenue collection, managing disbursement accounts, cash management, and custodial services. The exercise of this option is necessary to ensure the continuity of District operations. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is currently leading a significant technology project to replace the District’s antiquated financial systems. This effort, coupled with the ongoing impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on daily operations, would prevent a successful transition to a new banking partner at this time, should one be selected. The OCFO plans to begin the extensive process of a new procurement for banking services as soon as practicable.

- **PR23-1009, “Contract No. CFOPD-11-C-023, Banking Services Approval Resolution of 2020”**

Proposed Resolution 23-1009 was introduced by Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, on November 4, 2020. The resolution was retained by the Council with comments from the Committee on November 10, 2020.

As introduced, this resolution would exercise Option Period Two (a five-year extension) with Citibank (CA23-0731) for the not to exceed amount of \$3.45 million from January 20, 2021 to January 19, 2026. Citibank provides the District’s aggregate banking services including revenue collection, managing disbursement accounts, cash management, and custodial services. The exercise of this option is necessary to ensure the continuity of District operations. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is currently leading a significant technology project to replace the District’s antiquated financial systems. This effort, coupled with the ongoing impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on daily operations, would prevent a successful transition to a new banking partner at this time, should one be selected. The OCFO plans to begin the extensive process of a new procurement for banking services as soon as practicable.

Ceremonial Resolution

I am also requesting that you agendaize the following ceremonial resolution for the December 1, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

- **The “Pierpont and Jeannette Mobley Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame Induction Recognition Resolution of 2020”**

This ceremonial resolution honors and recognizes Pierpont and L. Jeannette Mobley for their induction into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame as a result of their long-standing leadership and service to Ward 5, the city, and residents of the District of Columbia.

All reports have been filed with the Secretary’s Office. Drafts of the ceremonial and emergency measures are attached.

Please contact Alicia DiFazio, Committee Director, at adifazio@dccouncil.us if you have any questions.

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