

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie *K.R.M.*
RE: Revised Request to Agendize Measures for the June 1, 2021 Legislative Meeting
DATE: May 26, 2021

Pursuant to Council Rule 426, regarding a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measure be agendized for the June 1, 2021 Legislative Meeting. I also request that this measure be agendized for an Additional Meeting of the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Rule 403 (b), should one be scheduled. This measure was marked up by the Committee on Business and Economic Development and has been filed timely with the Secretary's Office:

Measure from the Committee

- **PR24-0132, the “Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Frederick P. Moosally Confirmation Resolution of 2021”**

This measure would confirm the reappointment of Frederick P. Moosally, a Ward 3 resident, as Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) for a four-year term. Mr. Moosally has served as the Director of ABRA since 2009 and has more than 20 years of experience in local and federal government. Prior to leading ABRA, Mr. Moosally served for seven years as General Counsel in the Office of Attorney General's ABRA adjudication division. Mr. Moosally has focused his efforts on legislation to boost access to DC-made products; deliver outstanding customer service; solicit and incorporate community input; improve transparency; and protect the health and safety of the District's residents and visitors, alike. His efforts have earned ABRA national accolades, including the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association's Agency of the Year in 2018, and the Innovative Alcohol Law Enforcement Program of the Year in 2017 and 2020.

I am also writing to request that the following emergency measures be placed on the agenda for the Legislative Meeting on June 1, 2021.

Emergency Measure:

- **“Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **“Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Equitable Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**
- **“Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Equitable Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”**

This legislation would amend Section 47-1332 of the District of Columbia Official Code to cancel the tax sale in calendar year 2021, and to require that notice of the cancellation be mailed to affected property owners. The real property tax sale is a public auction conducted pursuant to District law by the Office of Tax and Revenue. Canceling the tax sale will allow property owners and businesses that are directly and indirectly impacted by the pandemic to focus on recovery.

Furthermore, the tax sale has consistently been attended by significant numbers of persons, preventing social distancing in the site generally reserved for the tax sale, and requires nearly three months to plan. The current public health emergency and uncertainty of future conditions impede the ability to set a tax sale date and site.

Congressional Review Emergencies:

- **“Medical Cannabis Emergency Amendment Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **“Medical Cannabis Emergency Amendment Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**

The Medical Cannabis Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective May 3, 2024 (D.C. Act 24-75; 68 DCR 004932), was introduced on April 5, 2021 and expires on June 20. The Medical Cannabis Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, passed on 2nd reading on May 4, 2021 (Enrolled version of Bill 24-195) has not yet been transmitted to Congress.

- **“New Convention Center Hotel Omnibus Financing and Development Amendment Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **“New Convention Center Hotel Omnibus Financing and Development Amendment Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”**

The New Convention Center Hotel Omnibus Financing and Development Amendment Emergency Act of 2021, effective March 24, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-46; 68 DCR 003456), was introduced on February 22, 2021 and expires on June 22, 2021. The New Convention Center Hotel Omnibus Financing and Development Amendment Temporary Act of 2021, enacted on May 3, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-78; 68 DCR 004955), was introduced on February 22, 2021 and is pending with an expected law date of June 29, 2021.

Contract on behalf of the Mayor:

- **PR24-0256, the “Modifications to Contract No. CW64488 with Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB) Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”**
- **B24-0255, the “Modifications to Contract No. CW64488 with Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB) Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2021”**

There exists an immediate need to approve proposed Modification No. 5 to Contract No. CW64488 with Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB) to administer the District’s Opportunity Accounts Program on behalf of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking. The purpose of this contract is to increase the ability of low-income individuals and families to save and expend money for business start-up costs, job training, education, and the purchase or major repair of a primary residence. Once program participants save \$1,500 they receive matching funds provided by the District government, federal government, or third-party entities for each dollar saved. Due to the impact of COVID-19, it is urgent that the program expand to assist more households and cover additional expenses. Accordingly, this contract exercises Option Year Two and enables the program to double the number of persons served and increases the allowable uses of funds to cover emergency medical expenses and the purchase of a vehicle.

The proposed period of performance for the remaining balance of Option Year Two is through September 28, 2021. The proposed change of Contract modification No. 5 and its period of performance is the date of award to September 28, 2021.

Drafts of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Mrs. Alicia DiFazio, Committee Director, at adifazio@dccouncil.us.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director