

Baltimore City Chamber of Committee
MONTHLY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT
Due each Tuesday before monthly Board Meeting

Committee Name: Public Policy Committee (PPC) _____

Committee Chair/Co-Chair: Hal Resnick _____

Committee Report Date: June 2020 _____

Date of Last Committee Meeting: June 16, 2020 _____

Date of Next Committee Meeting: July 14, 2020 _____

Upcoming Event and Date (if applicable): _____

- Old Business/Issues:**
- 1) Aerial Surveillance program contractor (Persistent Surveillance Systems) has secured the cooperation of the Baltimore Police Department and will provide a webinar at no cost to the Chamber. Chamber to continue with planning
 - 2) General Assembly passed Racing and Community Development Act of 2020 permitting Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds to fund the rehabilitation of Pimlico Racetrack, keeping the Preakness in Baltimore. Bill has become law without Governor's signature
 - 3) City Bill (20-0488) requiring a "project labor agreement" with contractors on major City contracts awaiting action by Labor Committee. Possible adverse impact on small/minority businesses
 - 4) General Assembly Bill HR1354 "targeting" certain services passed by General Assembly and is in review by House committee
 - 5) HB732 Tobacco Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax to provide revenue for HB1300 Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation (i.e., "Kirwan Bill") have been passed by General Assembly, but have been vetoed by Governor
 - 6) City Bill 20-526 Baltimore City COVID-19 Renter Relief Act passed by City Council and signed by Mayor (Ordinance 20.364)
 - 7) City Bill 20-535 COVID-19 Premium Pay for essential Workers has been introduced in City Council and is in review by the Labor committee
- Progress Report:**
- 1) Aerial Surveillance Program webinar will be presented by the contractor with the support of the Baltimore Police Department
- New Business/Issues:**
- 1) The City Primary results indicate that there likely will be three new Citywide officials (Mayor, City Council President, Comptroller) and five new members of the City Council (Districts 4, 7, 10, 13, 14) following the November election. The Chamber/PPC will (a) send congratulatory letters to the successful candidates and (b) sponsor an open meeting of the candidates to present their plans and respond to questions

2) The PPC will consider the development of a program to provide advocacy-related information and guidance for businesses addressing contemporary critical issues, such as those arising from George Floyd's death and the treatment of minorities

Action Items to Report Next Meeting:

1) Old and new business /issues (above)_____

2) _____

3) _____

Please maintain list of all committee members here: Beverly Williams, Chris Costello, Faviola Donato-Galindo, James Dorf, Kimya Dennis, Mostafa Razzak, Moshe Pelberg, Philip Cronin, Sonny Morstein, Will Honablew, Hal Resnick