BOARD OF ESTIMATES JULY 06, 2012

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## **EMERGENCY MEETING**

Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President
Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor
Joan M. Pratt, Comptroller and Secretary
George A. Nilson, City Solicitor - ABSENT
Alfred H. Foxx, Director of Public Works
David E. Ralph, Deputy City Solicitor
Ben Meli, Deputy Director of Public Works - ABSENT
Bernice H. Taylor, Deputy Comptroller and Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the President.

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<u>President</u>: "Good afternoon. The July 7<sup>th</sup> Emergency Meeting of the Board of Estimates is now called to order."

Clerk: "And Mr. President, I might correct. Today is July 6th."

President: "July 6<sup>th</sup>."

Clerk: "Thank you."

<u>President</u>: "Ok, emergency meeting of the Board of Estimates is now called to order. Madam Deputy Comptroller, will you please read the matter before the Board."

<u>Clerk</u>: Yes, Mr. President and members of the Board, I have a request from the Mayor's Office seeking approval from the Board to issue a continuance to the Executive Order for the State of Emergency in Baltimore City, which expires Saturday, July 07, 2012. In light of recent events, related to the storm and its aftermath, an extension is needed as restoration efforts

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continue. I will now read the Executive Order "State of Emergency Continuation." 'Whereas, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor is authorized to declare a local State of Emergency, and to continue or renew the state of emergency beyond its initial duration of 7 days with the consent of the governing body; Whereas, on June 30th 2012, the Mayor issued an executive order declaring a local state of emergency to remain in effect for 7 days, in response to severe weather, including devastating thunderstorms and severe heat, in Baltimore city, which adversely affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Baltimore City, including the disruption of the delivery of power to 96,000 BGE customers; Whereas, the initial State of Emergency shall cease on July 7th 2012, unless renewed or continued; Whereas, measures must be taken in order to continue to protect the persons and property affected by this prolonged power outages and severe weather, including implementation of Baltimore City's Emergency Operations Plan; and Whereas, the Board of Estimates, as the governing body of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, has consented to the continuation of the State of Emergency for an additional 7 day period. Now therefore, I, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, by virtue of the authority vested in

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me, do hereby declare a continuation of the State of Emergency in Baltimore City, and I do hereby issue the following executive order: Be it ordered that the City's Emergency Operations Plan remains in place in Baltimore City. This declaration of a continuation of the State of Emergency shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until July 14, 2012 at 11:59 PM, subject to renewal as conditions warrant. In witness whereof, I hereunto place my hand and the great seal of the City of Baltimore this 6th day of July 2012. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, City of Baltimore.' It will be attested to with the Custodian of the City Seal. It was approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the Baltimore City Law Department, Erin Sher-Smyth, Assistant Solicitor; and it will be certified as approved by the Clerk to the Board of Estimates on today, upon the Board's approval."

President: "Is that it?"

Clerk: "Yes it is, Mr. President and Members of the Board."

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President: "Thank you. I will entertain a motion."

Deputy City Solicitor: "Move the approval of the Executive

Order for the continuation of the State of Emergency."

Comptroller: "Second."

President: "All those in favor say 'AYE'."

Deputy City Solicitor: "Aye."

Comptroller: "Aye."

Mayor: "Aye."

Director of Public Works: "Aye."

<u>President</u>: "All opposed 'NAY'. The Motion carries. As there is more business before the Board, the meeting will recess until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for being on this call."

Mayor: "Thank you again, for making yourselves available."

JOAN M. PRATT

Secretary

# **EXECUTIVE ORDER** STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland the Mayor is authorized to declare a local state of emergency, and to continue or renew the state of emergency beyond its initial duration of seven days with the consent of the governing body.;

WHEREAS, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Mayor issued an executive order declaring a local state of emergency to remain in effect for seven days, in response to severe weather, including devastating thunderstorms and severe heat, in Baltimore City, which adversely affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Baltimore City, including the disruption of the delivery of power to 96,000 BGE customers;

WHEREAS, the initial state of emergency shall cease on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, unless renewed or continued;

WHEREAS, measures must be taken in order to continue to protect the persons and property affected by this prolonged power outages and severe weather, including implementation of Baltimore City's emergency operations plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimates, as the governing body of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, has consented to the continuation of the state of emergency for an additional seven day period.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby declare a continuation of the State of Emergency in Baltimore City, and I do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

BE IT ORDERED that the City's Emergency Operations Plan remains in place in Baltimore City.

This declaration of a continuation of the state of emergency shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until July 14, 2012 at 11:59 PM, subject to renewal as conditions warrant.

ATTEST:

CUSTODIAN OF THE CITY SEAL

HEREUNTO PLACED MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE THIS 6TH DAYLOF JULY 2012

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE

STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE

**MAYOR** 

CITY OF BALTIMORE

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY BY THE BALTIMORE CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

ERIN SHER SMYTH, ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES

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