

MEMORANDUM TO: All Members of the Metropolitan Council

FROM: Jon Cooper, Director  
Metropolitan Council Office

DATE: **April 7, 2011 – Adjourned Meeting**

RE: **Analysis Report**

**– BILLS ON SECOND READING –**

**ORDINANCE NO. BL2011-873** (GILMORE & HODGE) – This ordinance abandons approximately 285 feet of 10-inch sanitary sewer line and corresponding easement for the Bristol Germantown development located in alley numbers 221 and 205 between Madison and Jefferson Streets. When portions of these alleys were closed in 2007, the ordinance providing for the closure (BL2007-1439) retained all easements held by the Metropolitan Government. The sewer line is the only actual Metro easement encumbering this property, and it is no longer being used by the department of water and sewerage services. This sewer line will be converted to a private line as part of the development. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

There may be an amendment for this ordinance abandoning any and all other easements held by the Metropolitan Government, which action is necessary in order for the developer to obtain financing for the project.

**ORDINANCE NO. BL2011-902** (GOTTO, HUNT & OTHERS) – This ordinance adopts a new redistricting plan for the council districts and school board districts as required by the Metropolitan Charter. Section 18.06 of the Charter provides that within six months after the decennial census is published by the U.S. Census Bureau showing the population in the area of the Metropolitan Government, it is the duty of the planning commission to recommend to the council whether there has been substantial under-representation of particular areas as the result of population changes. The decennial census of 2010 was published on March 16, 2011, and showed substantial underrepresentation of the current council districts and school board districts, especially in southeast Davidson County. Over the course of two weeks, the planning department prepared three versions of a redistricting plan and held a series of public meetings to receive input regarding the plans. The planning commission approved the planning staff's recommendation, with amendments, on March 31, 2011.

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The redistricting plan proposed by the planning commission accomplishes the necessary redistricting to assure population representation so as to provide for the required "one person, one vote." The council may adopt or reject this plan, but the plan may not be amended. In the event the council rejects the plan it may adopt its own plan and submit the council plan, together with the plan forwarded by the planning commission, to a referendum vote. However, in order to have the redistricting plan implemented in time for the August 2011 general election, the council will need to adopt the planning commission's recommendation on third and final reading at the April 12, 2011 special council meeting.