Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 23-522, the “Closing a portion of Chesapeake Street, S.W., Magazine Road, S.W., and Keel Avenue, S.W… Act of 2019,” Bill 23-562, the “Closing of Columbian Quarter Alley in Square 5860 Act of 2019,” Bill 23-580, the “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2892, S.O. 19-47478, Act of 2019,” Bill 23-656, the “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 740, S.O. 18-41567, Act of 2020,” and Bill 23-784, the “Closing of Public Streets and Alleys and Dedication of Land for Public and Alley Purposes Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043, S.O. 17-21093 and S.O. 17-21094 Act of 2020.” The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020 via Zoom virtual hearing.

The purpose of Bill 23-522 is to close a portion of Chesapeake St., S.W., Magazine Rd., S.W., and Keel Ave., S.W., in Ward 8, to transfer administrative jurisdiction to the Department of Navy, as this property lies within the fence line of the Navy’s Bellevue Housing Complex. The purpose of Bill 23-562 is to close a 15-foot wide public alley in Square 5860 bounded by Howard Rd., S.E., the Suitland Parkway, and the U.S. Botanic Garden Nursery in Ward 8. This will
facilitate a private development. The purpose of Bill 23-580 is to facilitate a private development by closing a portion of a public alley in Square 2892, bounded by Lamon St., Georgia Ave., Kenyon St., and Sherman Ave. N.W. in Ward 1. The purpose of Bill 23-656 is to close a portion of a public alley in Square 740, bounded by K St., S.E., First St., S.E., L St., S.E., and New Jersey Ave. S.E. in Ward 6. This will facilitate a private development. The purpose of Bill 23-784 is to close a portion of Morton St., N.W., adjacent to Squares 3039 and 3040, close a portion of a public alley adjacent to Square 3039, to accept the dedication and designation of 6th St. N.W., Luray Place, N.W., and extension of Morton St., N.W., adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 for public street purposes, and to accept the dedication of land adjacent to Square 3039 for public alley purposes. This bill relates to the New Communities project at Park Morton in Ward 1.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or to call Blaine Stum, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any) by the close of business Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives maybe offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on September 15, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. The hearing will be limited to three hours. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on http://lims.dccouncil.us. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation, 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2020.