

# **Acting City Solicitor Response**

**Case # 20-0027-I**

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

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To: Inspector General Isabel Cumming  
From: Acting City Solicitor Dana P. Moore  
Date: September 21, 2020  
CC: The Honorable Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young  
The Honorable City Council President Brandon Scott  
Chief of Staff Kimberley Morton, Office of the Mayor  
Chief of Staff Michael Huber, Office of the President

Dear Inspector General Cumming:

The Honorable Mayor Bernard "Jack" Young, the Honorable City Council President Brandon Scott and the Law Department are all in receipt of your August 14, 2020, Report of Investigation (ROI) into concerns referred to your office regarding the Master Lease Agreement between the City of Baltimore and Grant Capital Management, Inc. Your office requested an official response. This is that official response, and is submitted on behalf of Mayor Young, City Council President Scott and, my office.

The ROI in this matter, styled "Case #20-0027-1," details actions on behalf of Grant Capital Management and its executive leadership that appear to fall below the City's standards and expectations. The ROI also reflects actions by a person within City government. These actions seem to give the appearance of impropriety and, might call into question the integrity of the City's procurement process.

The appropriate response to the documented actions of Grant Capital Management and its executive leadership is to determine whether additional investigation by the Law Department is in order and then, to recommend certain actions to the Board of Estimates. These recommendations will include that Grant Capital Management's current bid for the City's Master Lease Agreement ("MLA") be rejected, that the most recent award be revoked and, that the Board be asked to decide whether proceedings be instituted to determine whether the company and/or its executive leadership should be barred from doing business with the City of Baltimore. The Law Department will undertake these considerations, actions and recommendations. Appropriate action has been taken with respect to the City personnel involved. That person is no longer with the City.

Sincerely,

*Dana P. Moore*

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Dana Petersen Moore, Esq.  
Acting City Solicitor