

EIGHTH DAY

THIRD COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

April 17, 2023

Reverend Miesha Osbourne, pastor of Wayman AME Church, led the Council in Prayer.

The President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Akil Parker, CEO of All This Math, delivered a presentation.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos Absent: Middleton

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of April 3, 2023 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

VICTOR CLARK, as a member of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 9.

TRACEY BARBOUR-GILLET, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 11.

DOUGLAS B. MCCOACH, as a member of the Planning Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 4.

NOELLE W. NEWMAN, as a member of the Board of Ethics, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 14.

DAVID A. ROSARIO, as a member of the Baltimore Hispanic Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 5.

INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

Bill No. 23-0373 - By City Council President (Administration - Office of the Mayor),
Councilmember Ramos, Conway

An Ordinance authorizing that certain real property taxes owed on qualifying properties may be paid through a monthly installment plan; establishing the maximum term for an installment payment plan in accordance with State law; requiring the Director of Finance to adopt regulations to implement this subtitle; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of certain real property taxes in Baltimore City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

Bill No. 23-0166R - By Councilmembers Porter and Conway

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Request for City Action - Climate Change Solutions for Baltimore City

FOR the purpose of calling on the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability to renew Baltimore City's commitment to fighting climate change and to support programs and policies that combat the causes and negative effects of climate change.

Recitals

Baltimore City is responsible for promoting the public health and safety of its residents, including ensuring its citizens have access to clean air, clean water, and a liveable environment.

Climate change is already effecting our City. In 2021, Baltimore experienced over 50 days with temperatures above 90 degrees. These effects are felt more intensely in formerly redlined neighborhoods, which have disproportionately fewer trees and green spaces than neighborhoods that were not subject to redlining. Temperatures in some parts of the City can be as much as 17 degrees hotter than others, posing a health threat to those with respiratory and cardiac illnesses, the elderly, young children, and people with disabilities.

The City has the responsibility and opportunity to protect its resources for its citizens and future generations by adopting programs and policies that will combat the causes and negative effects of climate change. These include adopting and implementing a revised version of the Baltimore Clean Air Act and pursuing the energy, land use, transportation, and green city goals set forth in the Baltimore Climate Action Plan.

Climate change is caused by the emission of heat-trapping gases, more commonly known as greenhouse gases, which are primarily made up of carbon dioxide and methane. Relative to measures taken in 2007, the City has committed to lessening its contribution to climate change by establishing a progressive reduction in emissions to achieve full carbon neutrality by 2045.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability to renew Baltimore City's commitment to fighting climate change and to support programs and policies that combat the causes and negative effects of climate change.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Administrator, Director of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Porter made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Porter made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Middleton - 1.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 23-0167R - By President Mosby, Councilmember McCray

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Recognizing the Service of Jennifer Coates

FOR the purpose of recognizing Jennifer Coates for her cumulative 25 years of distinguished service to the City of Baltimore.

Ms. Coates began working for the Office of Council Services in 1992 and served as a legislative policy analyst until 2001, when she became the Director of Council services, advising the City Council on legislative and fiscal matters ranging from the budget to agency operations and performance until 2008. After a period of service with the Department of Treasury, Ms. Coates returned to Council Services in 2014 as a senior legislative policy analyst, where she has served to this day.

During her time as a senior legislative policy analyst, Ms. Coates has staffed the Economic and Community Development Committee, where she has been pivotal in assisting the Committee Chair, Vice President Middleton, with day-to-day operations and ensuring the City’s business continues efficiently and uninterrupted, especially during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Coates has proved herself to be an invaluable member of the Office of Council Services and regularly shares her wealth of institutional knowledge to advise and guide everyone from members of the Committee, to Council Services staff, to the Department of Legislative Reference.

It will be difficult to replace her collegial spirit, organizational mastery, and wealth of knowledge; however, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, sincerely congratulates Ms. Coates on her well-deserved retirement, extends its best wishes for the future, and thanks her for her years of dedicated service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council recognizes Jennifer Coates for her distinguished service to the City of Baltimore and expresses its gratitude for her significant contribution to the Office of Council Services.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Ms. Coates, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Dorsey made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Dorsey made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Middleton - 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, AND 1380 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolutions, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Middleton - 1.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

JOHN A. MCCAULEY	Member
BOARD:	Board of Ethics
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 3, 2024

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of John A. McCauley be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Middleton - 1.

The President declared the appointment of John A. McCauley confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BILL NO. 21-0158 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0158 favorably.

An Ordinance designating the Truck House No. 5 (Oliver Community Firehouse), 1220 E. Oliver St., as an historical landmark: exterior.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 22-0321 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0321 favorably.

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1419 to 1431 Bank Street (Block 1433, Lots 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, and 048/050) and 409 South Spring Street (Block 1433, Lot 051/060), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 and IMU-1 Zoning Districts to the C-2 Zoning District, and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 22-0271 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0271 favorably.

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1101 Winston Avenue (Block 5188; Lot 004) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0331 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0331 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$11,000,000.00 to the Department of Housing and Community Development - PRJ002439 (Vacants Initiative), to provide funding for the vacants initiative; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0335 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0335 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 to the Mayor's Office of Information and Technology - PRJ001617 (914017 Enterprise IT Infrastructure), to provide funding for enterprise information technology infrastructure; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0336 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0336 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$1,750,000.00 to the Mayor's Office of Information Technology - PRJ002410 (915079 117-079 Infrastructure Platforms End of Life Refresh/Upgrades), to provide funding for refreshing and upgrading infrastructure platforms that are at the end of their useful lives; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0337 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0337 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to the Mayor's Office of Information and Technology - PRJ002418 (923059 117-059 Upgrade Application Integration and Infrastructure), to provide funding for upgrading information technology application integration and infrastructure; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0338 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0338 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Mayor's Office of Information and Technology - PRJ002405 (912072 117-072 CitiWatch Replacement Camera Cycle), to provide funding for the replacement of CitiWatch cameras; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0339 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. ? favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Mayor's Office of Information and Technology - PRJ002417 (922029 117-029 Citywide Cyber Security Systems Upgrade), to provide funding for upgrading citywide cyber security systems; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0341 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0341 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$16,600,000.00 to the Department of General Services - PRJ000528 (Abel Wolman HVAC and Fire Protection), to provide funding to upgrade the HVAC and fire protection at the Abel Wolman Municipal Building; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0342 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0342 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Department of General Services - PRJ002749 (City Hall HVAC), to provide funding to upgrade the HVAC at City Hall; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 23-0355 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0355 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$660,000.00 to the Department of General Services - Service 731 (Facilities Management), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 22-0322 - An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1801 Hollins Street (Block 0225, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size) and off street parking requirements.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Middleton - 1.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-2
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 23-0372**

Councilmember Conway made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rule 10-2 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 23-0372.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Conway announced a hearing date for the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Schleifer, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

**CR 1364 President Mosby, All Members,
A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Shirley Tellington,
January 1, 1939 - March 21, 2023.**

CR 1365 Porter,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Tawanna Fisher on your 70th Birthday and the many years of service to the community of Cherry Hill through your Cherry Hill Alumni Initiative.

CR 1366 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Mercy Medical Staff and Bluedot Program on your dedication to serving victims/survivors of Human Trafficking and setting international best practices in the medical community.

CR 1367 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Debra S. Holbrook MSN, RN, SANE A, FNE A/P, AD-AFN, AFN-C, FAAN on your dedication to serving victims/survivors of human trafficking and setting international best practices in the medical community.

CR 1368 President Mosby, All Members,

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Thomas B. Bailey Thomas B. Bailey,
March 29, 1959 - March 23, 2023.**

CR 1369 President Mosby, All Members,

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Yvonne Blanche Tinsley,
March 8, 1940 - March 21, 2023.**

CR 1370 President Mosby, All Members,

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Olaseinde Idowu Akerele,
March 29, 2023 - February 19, 2023.**

CR 1371 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Dennis Wiesel on your retirement from the City of Baltimore after 37 years of service as a Traffic Electronic Maintenance Tech II.

CR 1372 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Mrs. Elizabeth Goins on celebrating your 99th Birthday, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health and happiness.

CR 1373 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Jena Jontel Draine-Moss, 1985 - 2023.

CR 1374 Cohen

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ella Broadway, August 13, 1951 - March 27, 2023.

CR 1375 Porter

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Selena Ella Hines, April 23, 1924 - March 15, 2023.

CR 1376 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Jeneffer Haslam on your birthday celebration, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health and happiness.

CR 1377 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Yosef Kebede on your dedicated service to the city of Baltimore for over 3 and a half years as Bureau Head of Water and Wastewater with the Department of Public Works.

CR 1378 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Dr. Charles W. Griffin, September 25, 1930 - March 16, 2023.

CR 1379 Conway

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Melven Jean Scott, November 28, 1938 - March 22, 2023.

CR 1380 President Mosby, All Members,

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Christina V. Phillips Holtsclaw on your 98th Birthday Celebration, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health and happiness.