

SPECIAL MEETING

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FOURTH COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

**JOURNAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

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May 1, 2024

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The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection.

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

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**SHOWCASE BALTIMORE**

Darin Atwater, founder of the Soulful Symphony and Artistic Director of the Monterey Jazz Festival, delivered a presentation.

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

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of April 15, 2024 was read and approved.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 24, 2024

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President  
Baltimore City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law this day the following bills:

**22-0301 – Sale of Property – 844 Roundview Road**

For the purpose of 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 844 Roundview Road (Block 7622; Lot 002) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**23-0351 – Rezoning – 1801 to 1807 Bloomingdale Road and 1800 to 1816 North Rosedale Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 1801 to 1807 Bloomingdale Road (Block 2427, Lots 032 to 035) and 1800 to 1816 North Rosedale Street (Block 2427, Lots 001 to 009), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

**23-0416 – Baltimore City Office of Returning Citizens**

For the purpose of establishing a Baltimore City Office of Returning Citizens; defining certain terms; providing for the appointment of the Director of the Office; establishing the duties of the Office; providing for the staff and budget of the Office; establishing the Re-Entry Action Council to advise and collaborate with the Office; providing for the appointment, structure, and governance of the Council; requiring the Director, Council members, and staff of the Office to file financial disclosures under the Ethics Code; and requiring that the Office submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council.

**23-0427 – Baltimore Police Department – Trauma-Informed Care Training**

For the purpose of adding the Baltimore Police Department to the list of City agencies who are required to designate 2 agency staff members to participate in certain trauma-informed training and activities.

**23-0430 – Rezoning – 2529 Georgetown Road**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2529 Georgetown Road (Block 7796, Lot 003), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

**23-0432 – Rezoning – 3301 Saint Paul Street and 3311 through 3327 Saint Paul Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 3301, 3311, 3313, 3315, 3317, 3319, 3321, 3323, and 3327 Saint Paul Street (Block 3871, Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

**23-0433 – Planned Unit Development – Amendment – North Charles Village**

For the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the North Charles Village Planned Unit Development.

**23-0437 – Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - 1600 South Charles Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1600 South Charles Street (Block 1013, Lot 065), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

**23-0443 – Rezoning - 3500 West Forest Park Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3500 West Forest Park Avenue (Block 2911, Lot 023), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the R-1 Zoning District.

**23-0465 – Tree Removal on City Property – Permits and Procedure**

For the purpose of establishing certain standards and requirements for authorized tree removal along certain rights-of-way; requiring that the Department of Recreation and Parks approve any tree removal on land operated by the Department; specifying the procedure for tree removal mitigation on land operated by the Department of Recreation and Parks; conforming, clarifying, and correcting related provisions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the removal of trees on certain City properties.

**23-0468 – Off-Street Parking – Affordable Housing**

For the purpose of eliminating off-street parking requirements for a residential project that is subject to inclusionary housing requirements.

**23-0470 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 4 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances – 704 North Gilmore Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit into 4 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 704 North Gilmore Street (Block 0098, Lot 016), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size) and off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

**23-0471 – Sale of Property – 3000 Highman Avenue**

For the purpose of 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 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**24-0480 – Motor Fuel Credit Price – Signage**

For the purpose of requiring a certain retail dealer in motor fuel to display the credit price of motor fuel on a certain sign; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to a retail dealer in motor fuel's credit price for motor fuel.

**24-0485 – Tenant Opportunity to Purchase – Corrective Bill**

For the purpose of clarifying a definition under Article 13, Subtitle 6 "Opportunity to Purchase"; and providing for a special effective date.

**24-0488 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R: Arts and Culture – \$581,334**

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$581,334 to M-R: Arts and Culture - Service 824 (Events: Art: Culture: and Film), to provide funding for general operations; and providing for a special effective date.

**24-0494 – Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District – Prohibited Uses**

For the purpose of amending certain prohibited uses within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Overlay Zoning District; defining certain terms; and establishing a special effective date.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor

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**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. 24-0521 – By City Council President (Administration – Department of Finance)**

An Ordinance providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2025 year.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the

**Bill No. 24-0522 – By City Council President (Administration – Department of Finance)**

An Ordinance providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the

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

Bill No. 24-0218R - By City Council President (Administration – Office of the Mayor)

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**State of Emergency – Continuation**

FOR the purpose of expressing the Baltimore City Council’s consent under State Public Safety Article § 14-111 for extending and continuing the Mayor's State of Emergency declaration, dated March 26, 2024.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, Under State Public Safety Article § 14-111, the consent of the governing body of a political subdivision is required to continue or renew a state of emergency beyond 30 days.

**WHEREAS**, On March 26, 2024, Mayor Brandon S. Scott declared a state of emergency for Baltimore City and issued an accompanying executive order implementing the City’s emergency operations plan.

**WHEREAS**, The collision of the Dali container ship with the Francis Scott Key Bridge (“Key Bridge”) is a public safety and economic emergency that continues to adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Baltimore.

**WHEREAS**, The City must continue to take measures to protect the persons affected by these circumstances, including continued implementation of Baltimore City’s emergency operations plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the Council expresses its consent under State Public Safety Article § 14-111 for extending and continuing the Mayor’s State of Emergency declaration dated March 26, 2024.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Council consents to the Mayor’s declaration of a state of emergency remaining in effect as of April 26, 2024 and consents to the indefinite extension of this state of emergency declaration until such time as the Key Bridge emergency has subsided.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.

Councilmember Stokes 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 Stokes 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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, AND 2148 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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

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

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

**THIRD READING**

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 22-0273** - 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 3750 Greenspring Avenue (Block 3327E; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

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

**BILL NO. 23-0380** - An Ordinance establishing a continuing, non-lapsing Community Reinvestment and Repairs Fund, to be used exclusively to support the work of the Community Reinvestment and Repairs Commission; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

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

**BILL NO. 23-0438** - An Ordinance establishing the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; defining certain terms, providing for the establishment of the Office; articulating the purpose of the Office; establishing the powers and duties of the Office; providing for the administration, staffing, and budget of the Office; and requiring the Office to submit a certain annual report.

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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

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

**BILL NO. 24-0493** - 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 1807 Harlem Avenue (Block 0108, Lot 030) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Ramos- Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Porter, Glover - Total 2.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 2137 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Rising Sun First Baptist Church on your 40th Anniversary, many thanks for the great work you have been doing in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

CR 2138 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Engel Dawson Burns on your 6 years as Pastor of the Rising Sun First Baptist Church.

CR 2139 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Constance “Connie” Master, November 29, 1949 – March 27, 2024.

CR 2140 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Arnetta Boyd, September 18, 1947 – March 23, 2024.

CR 2141 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Linda D. Whitker, September 11, 1954 – March 28, 2024.

CR 2142 Burnett

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Cora Emma Jones, June 2, 1965 – March 28, 2024.

CR 2143 President Mosby, All Members

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

CR 2144 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution to the Family of Erik Jones, December 21, 1968 – January 31, 2024.

CR 2145 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution to the Family of Reginald D. Jackson, Jr., May 26m 1988 – April 8, 2024.

CR 2146 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Dorothy M. Foster, August 28, 1928 – April 10, 2024.

CR 2147 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Derrick Greene on your Birthday Celebration, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health, and happiness.

CR 2148 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Edwin Perez on receiving the 2024 Latinx Educator of the Year, thank you for your commitment and dedication to your students.