

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 29, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall, 4th Floor, Du Burns Chambers

Baltimore City Council

*Nicholas J. Mosby, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2:
Danielle N. McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5:
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James
Torrence - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10:
Phylcia Porter - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District
13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Reverend Ayanna L. Franklin, Pastor of Ray of Hope Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Valarie Matthews and Shannon Morgan, Co-founders, Catherine's Family and Youth Services (CFYS)

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

January 22, 2024

Communications from the Mayor**Bills Signed by the Mayor**

January 23, 2024 and January 25, 2024

[22-0195](#)**Inclusionary Housing for Baltimore City**

For the purpose of defining certain terms; repealing certain findings and policy statements; repealing rules of statutory interpretation that have been superseded by the enactment of Code-wide revisions; requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt an inclusionary housing manual; requiring annual reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development; amending the duties of the Inclusionary Housing Board; amending certain affordability requirements; clarifying a certain City policy regarding mixed income communities; repealing off-site substitutions; repealing the Inclusionary Housing Offset Fund; repealing density bonuses; requiring residential projects to submit inclusionary housing plans; amending requirements for continued affordability; clarifying the applicability of certain fair housing laws and regulations; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to inclusionary housing.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Ryan Dorsey, Antonio Glover, Mark Conway, John T. Bullock, James Torrence, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Zeke Cohen

[23-0369](#)**High-Performance Inclusionary Housing Tax Credit**

For the purpose of establishing a High-Performance Inclusionary Housing Tax Credit; providing for the eligibility criteria of the tax credit; establishing the amount of the tax credit; requiring a certain annual report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the High-Performance Inclusionary Housing Tax Credit.

Sponsors:

Odetta Ramos, John T. Bullock, James Torrence, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey

[23-0445](#)**Charter Amendment - Baltimore City Police Department**

For the purpose of establishing the objectives, powers, and duties of the Baltimore City Police Department; defining certain terms; creating the role of the Police Commissioner and establishing the Commissioner as the head of the Department; providing for the appointment and confirmation of the Commissioner; establishing the powers and duties of the Commissioner; establishing the powers and duties of police officers; providing for police officers' enjoyment of certain immunities and defenses; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Administration City Council, President Nicholas J. Mosby

[23-0449](#)**Public Safety - Baltimore City Police Department**

For the purpose of repealing Subtitle 16 of the Public Laws of Baltimore City; creating a new article in the Baltimore City Code designated "Police Department"; defining certain terms; requiring the promulgation of certain rules and regulations; requiring the Police Commissioner to maintain the records of the Department; requiring that the Department be composed of a certain percentage of civilian employees; establishing a procedure for redistricting police districts; providing for collective bargaining and negotiations relating to direct compensation of police officers; establishing certain provisions relating to the qualifications, appointment, promotion, and probation of police officers; permitting police officers to earn witness fees; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Police Department.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Administration City Council, President Nicholas J. Mosby

Bills Introduced[24-0486](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Banquet Hall - Variance - 601 Cherry Hill Road**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 601 Cherry Hill Road (Block 7625, Lot 046), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance from off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Phylcia Porter

ORDINANCE

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced

[24-0211R](#)

Request for State Action - Passage of HB002/SB138 - Baltimore City Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property

For the purpose of calling on the General Assembly to pass and Governor Wes Moore to sign HB002/SB138 - Baltimore City Property Taxes - Authority to Set a Special Rate for Vacant and Abandoned Property.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Health, Environment and Technology

[23-0418](#)

Tobacco Products - Tobacco Product Use in Stadiums - Prohibition

For the purpose of prohibiting the use of tobacco products in stadiums; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Phylcia Porter, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Finance and Performance

[24-0477](#)

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Department of General Services - \$8,700,000

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services - Service 734 (Capital Projects Division - Design and Construction), to provide funding for emergency repairs to the Baltimore Police Department headquarters' parking garage; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)

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Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Third Reader (for final passage)

[23-0407](#)

Zoning - Discontinuance or Abandonment of Nonconforming Use - Reporting

For the purpose of establishing a process for a person to report to the Zoning Administrator that a nonconforming use, or any part of that use, has been discontinued for 12 consecutive months or actually abandoned.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos

Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

We are live streaming more to you now than ever before! Please visit <https://baltimore.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to view all legislative hearings, work sessions, voting sessions and council meetings that are covered by CHARM TV 25.
<http://charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live>

Thank you all for attending this meeting.
Please check the area around your seat to make certain that you have everything that you brought with you.

We will be closing the room shortly and ask that everyone exit promptly to the 1st floor main entrance.
Thank you for visiting City Hall.