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May 12, 2025

Reverend Kevin Ewing of the Catholic Community of South Baltimore delivered an opening prayer.

Led by Marine veteran, Councilmember Zac Blanchard, the President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Zeke Cohen, President, and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL PAGES

President Cohen extended floor privileges to Jaylin Robinson, Page to the Baltimore City Council.

President Cohen requested that Mr. Robinson's presentation be Journalized:

Hello, my name is Jaylin Robinson. I go to Bard High School, early college. I will be attending UMD for political science. I live in the 9th District.

For the past 5 months, I have served as a Baltimore City Council Page. But longer than that, I have lived and resided in Baltimore. And I have borne witness to a great ailment in the City.

Childhood food insecurity, affecting nearly one in three children in Baltimore, is a pressing issue caused by economic hardship, systemic inequalities, and food deserts. And that is precisely the reason I choose this issue. That everyone in this room knows or has been the victim of a lack of food. This problem impacts children's physical and mental health, academic performance, and perpetuates cycles of poverty.

This issue, like so many, disproportionately affects African-Americans and other protected minorities. I urge the Baltimore City Council to take action by expanding food assistance programs, increasing funding for school meals, supporting local food banks, and improving access to fresh, affordable food.

The President and City Council recognized Ms. Ellis and Mr. Robinson for their service and extended best wishes towards both Pages in the future.

President Cohen extended floor privileges to Anelka Ellis, Page to the Baltimore City Council.

President Cohen requested that Ms. Ellis's presentation be Journalized:

My name is Anelka Ellis, and I'm a 12th grade student at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. This fall, I'll be taking my many talents to Morgan State University as an incoming freshman. I currently live in District 7, represented by Councilman James Torrence.

For my advocacy project, I focused on the Prevalence of Drug Use on North Avenue, Baltimore. I chose this topic because it's not just a problem I've read about, it's something I witness in my own neighborhood. The effects of drug use are deeply felt, not just by those struggling with addiction, but by entire families and the larger community.

The most impactful thing I've learned is that change doesn't always start in big, dramatic ways, it starts when everyday people raise their voices. I'd like to recognize and thank Councilman Mark Conway, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for his leadership and commitment to creating safer, healthier communities in Baltimore.

My time as a Page has been greatly appreciated, not only the long meetings but being able to be a part of something bigger than myself and the ability to witness change first hand. I appreciate all the help from Shamooya, Ethan, and the welcoming smile from Alana every 2 weeks. Regardless of how hurt I might be today, I enjoyed my time here. Thank you.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of April 28, 2025 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR****OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Zeke Cohen, Council President
Baltimore City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Cohen 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:

25-0001 – Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing

For the purpose of creating the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the leadership and staffing of the Department; establishing the Department's purpose, powers, and duties; creating the Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the membership of the Board; establishing the purpose, powers, and duties of the Board; transferring the administration of certain business licenses to the Department; repealing certain obsolete Boards; allowing the Department to suspend a certain license if the licensee engages in unfair, abusive, and deceptive trade practices; providing for a special effective date; making conforming changes; and generally relating to consumer protection and business licensing.

25-0002 – Study and Report – Absences in Baltimore City Schools

For the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Public School System ("City Schools") to prepare a report exploring the causes of student absences to better identify solutions to address the most persistent barriers students face to attending school; requiring City Schools to collaborate with certain City agencies to propose recommendations to address the root causes of unexcused absences found in the report; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0006 – Zoning Code – Modifications

For the purpose of amending provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code relating to variances to conform to relevant State law; making modifications to the process of granting variances; clarifying provisions of the Zoning Code relating to nonconforming structures; and generally relating to the zoning and land use laws of the City of Baltimore.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

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. 25-0060 – By: The 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 2026 year.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill No. 25-0061 – By: The 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 of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill No. 25-0062 – By: Councilmember Dorsey

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Conway, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, and Ramos

An Ordinance permitting certain residential buildings to have a single exit or access to a single exit, so long as certain conditions are met regarding the construction of the exit.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0063 – By: Councilmember Middleton

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey, Conway, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, and Ramos

An Ordinance transferring the Office of Zoning Administrator and all attendant authorities and duties from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Planning.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

Bill No. 25-0064 – By: Councilmember Gray

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey, Middleton, Torrence, Blanchard, Ramos, Bullock, and Porter

An Ordinance amending certain bulk and yard requirements in residential zoning districts.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0065 – By: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey and Gray

An Ordinance repealing requirements for providing a minimum number of off-street parking spaces per use type; setting certain parking maximums; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions and tables.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0066 – By: The City Council President (Administration)

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey, Gray, and Blanchard

An Ordinance amending certain provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code to promote increased development of low-density multi-family dwellings in certain residential districts; striking residential conversion standards for single-family dwellings into multi-family dwellings; amending certain permitted and conditional uses; amending certain bulk and yard standards; and defining certain terms.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0067 – By: Councilmember Schleifer

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Conway, Jones, and Glover

An Ordinance requiring a City employee serving as an acting official to be a City resident under certain circumstances; and defining a certain term.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislative Investigations.

Bill No. 25-0068 – By: Councilmember Torrence

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Conway, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Ramos, Parker, Schleifer, Porter, and Glover

An Ordinance requiring the Department of Finance to conduct a disparity study to determine whether a disparity exists between the number of available businesses that are owned by returning citizens, or whose employees are comprised of 50% or more returning citizens, providing goods or services in specified business categories and the number who are contracting with the City as a prime contractor or subcontractor.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

Bill No. 25-0069 – By: The City Council President (Administration)

Cosponsored by: Councilmember Torrence

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 1820 North Charles Street (Block 0388, Lot 009) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0070 – By: The City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

Cosponsored by: Councilmember Parker

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 242 South Patterson Park Avenue (Block 1758, Lot 020) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0071 – By: Councilmember Blanchard

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 15 East West Street (Block 0965, Lot 046), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area); and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0072 – By: Councilmember Bullock

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 1703 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 017) and a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1709 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 020), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0073 – By: Councilmember Porter

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 1100 Wicomico Street (Block 0811, Lot 060), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0074 – By: Councilmember Porter

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 06-222, which designated certain property located at 1100 Wicomico Street an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

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

Bill No. 25-0025R - By: Councilmember Parker

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, Schleifer, and Porter

Introduced

(Read and adopted)

**Recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and
Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

FOR the purpose of recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month in Baltimore City and celebrating the significant contributions of AANHPI communities to the City's and the United States' history, economy, arts, and culture.

Recitals

WHEREAS, nearly 50 years ago, the United States first provided formal recognition to Asian Americans and their accomplishments. In 1978, President Carter signed a joint resolution that established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. Over time, this recognition was expanded in length and scope to become Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, the month of May marks events of significance in Asian American history, such as the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. on May 7, 1843 and the placement on May 19, 1869 of the final spike in the transcontinental railroad, in which Chinese American laborers played a major role.

WHEREAS, as early as 1900, Chinese immigrants were among the first Asian immigrants to settle in Baltimore City. As this community grew, families and businesses established Baltimore City's Chinatown near the intersections of Marion and Liberty Streets.

WHEREAS, starting in the 1960s, Baltimore's first Koreatown began to emerge in the Charles North neighborhood, along with several Korean-owned businesses, including restaurants, dry cleaners, corner stores, carry-outs, a supermarket, gas stations, auto repair shops, wig stores, a rice cake shop, and more.

WHEREAS, today, nearly 20,000 City residents in Baltimore identify as members of AANHPI communities. Approximately two-thirds of the City's AANHPI residents are immigrants, while one-third are U.S.-born.

WHEREAS, in 2024, Baltimore City served AANHPI residents that speak a diverse range of languages, including Arabic, Burmese, Dari, Korean, Mandarin, Nepali, Thai, Uzbek, and Vietnamese.

WHEREAS, the City Council celebrates the significant contributions that Baltimore's AANHPI communities have made to the City's history and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Council recognizes May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month in Baltimore City and celebrates the significant contributions of AANHPI communities to the City's and the United States' history, economy, arts, and culture.

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

Councilmember Parker made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Parker made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 25-0026R - By: Councilmember Porter

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and Glover

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Recognizing June as Men's Health Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing June as Men's Health Month in Baltimore City, expressing the City Council's support for reestablishing the Baltimore City Health Department's Men's Health Center, and emphasizing the importance of using City resources for targeted services to support men's health and longevity, including in areas around mental health, preventative care, fatherhood, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and suicide.

Recitals

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, American men now live an average of nearly 6 years less than women, and American Indian/Alaska Native and African American men have the lowest life expectancy.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, diabetes, chronic lower respiratory diseases, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, influenza and pneumonia, and Parkinson's disease lead to death in men at a higher age-adjusted rate than women.

WHEREAS, men lead in 9 of the top 10 causes of death and have an expected life span that is nearly 6 years shorter than the expected life span for women.

WHEREAS, significant numbers of predominantly male-related health problems, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, infertility, and colon cancer, could be detected and treated in the early stages if men were more widely aware of the many early detection and screening tools and preventive measures currently available.

WHEREAS, educating both the public and health care providers about the importance of early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality for many diseases.

WHEREAS, men are less likely than women to visit their health center or physician for regular screening examinations of male-related problems for a variety of reasons, including fear of learning or confirming health status or condition, embarrassment, lack of health insurance, lack of information, and high out-of-pocket costs.

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value that preventive health care can play in prolonging their lifespans and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings.

WHEREAS, men and their families are encouraged to increase their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical checkups.

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month has the purpose of heightening the awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the City Council recognizes June as Men's Health Month in Baltimore City, expresses the City Council's support for reestablishing the Baltimore City Health Department's Men's Health Center, and emphasizes the importance of using City resources for targeted services to support men's health and longevity, including in areas around mental health, preventative care, fatherhood, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and suicide.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Director of the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Porter made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Porter made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 25-0027R – By: Councilmember Ramos

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, and Porter

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 06-222, which designated certain property located at 1100 Wicomico Street an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0133, 0134, 0135, 0136, 0137, 0138, 0139, 0140, 0141, 0142, 0143, 0144, 0145, 0146, 0147, 0148, 0149, 0150, 0151, 0152, 0153, 0154, 0155, 0156, 0157, 0158, AND 0159 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS**BILL NO. 25-0045 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0045 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0045

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 17, strike “State funding” and substitute “a grant”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “funding” and substitute “grant”; and, on page 2, in line 7, strike “the State funding” and substitute “a grant”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0046 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0046 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,236 to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to provide funding for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building community awareness of dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to provide services to the growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care givers; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0046

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 16, strike “money” and substitute “a grant”; and, on that same page, in line 19, strike “funding” and substitute “grant”; and, on page 2, in line 7, strike “State funding” and substitute “a grant”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0047 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0047 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance use; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0047

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 17, strike “federal funding” and substitute “a grant”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “funding” and substitute “grant”; and, on page 2, in line 8, strike “the federal funding” and substitute “a grant”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0048 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0048 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,375,655 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0048

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 18, strike “federal funds” and substitute “a grant”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “funding” and substitute “grant”; and, on page 2, in line 8, strike “federal funding” and substitute “a grant”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0003 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Torrence, for the Housing and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0003 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance establishing Conservation Districts; providing a study, proposal, and review process; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0003

Amendment No. 1

On page 11, in line 23, strike “30th” and substitute “365th”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0038 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Torrence, for the Housing and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0038 favorably.

An Ordinance naming the playground located at Senator Troy Brailey Easterwood Park to be the Margaret L. Powell Playground.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0005 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Conway, for the Public Safety Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0005 favorably.

An Ordinance altering the criteria for registering as an arson offender with the Police Commissioner; 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. 25-0013 - An Ordinance addressing disparities in child health care by expanding access to comprehensive health services for children across Baltimore City, including well-child preventive care and vaccines, family planning services, and dental services; providing for a referral to a vision or mental and behavioral health specialist at the written request of a specified individual; requiring, without prior approval, mandatory follow-up care for any positive or abnormal health screening; defining certain terms; generally relating to expanding access to health care for City students in school health centers and health suites; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0021 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 3221 Frederick Avenue (Block 2123A, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0022 - An Ordinance granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations (minimum building height, rear-yard setback, and maximum lot coverage) on the property known as 1121 Bayard Street (Block 0767, Lot 032), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

Councilmember Dorsey, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee moved amended Findings of Fact.

LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FINDINGS OF FACT

City Council Bill No. 25-0022

MOTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH AGENCY REPORTS AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WERE CONSIDERED, AND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 32, SECTION 5-406 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THESE FINDINGS OF FACT CONCERNING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR:

Zoning - Conditional Use Approval to Construct a Rowhouse Dwelling Requiring Conditional Use Approval for Maximum Height and Variances From Bulk And Yard Regulations.

1. the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use **will not** be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare for the following reasons:

Rowhome dwellings are permitted in the R-8 district and staff finds that this use would not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

2. the use would not be precluded by any other law, including an applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

The use is permitted by the R-8 district and would not conflict with any Urban Renewal Plan

3. the authorization would not be contrary to the public interest for the following reasons:

Use of this property as a rowhome dwelling is in the public interest because it will provide additional housing options in the community.

4. the authorization would be in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Code for the following reasons:

Use of this property as a single dwelling will not create in the community with a negative impact on public health, safety, or welfare.

After consideration of the following, where applicable (fill out all that are relevant):

1. the nature of the proposed site, including its size and shape and the proposed size, shape, and arrangement of structures;
 - a. The proposed site is a corner lot in an R-8 zoning district, where building heights between 35 feet and 45 feet are allowed if the lot is bordered by street rights-of-way that are both at least 30 feet wide. That is the case here with both Bayard and Sargeant.
2. The resulting traffic patterns and adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;
 - a. The height will allow for a three-story rowhouse to be built on these lots. It will have no impact on traffic patterns or off-street parking and loading.
3. the nature of the surrounding area and the extent to which the proposed use might impair its present and future development;
 - a. This corner of Pigtown is fully developed by century-old single-family rowhouses. Approval of this conditional use will have no adverse impact on present or future development.
4. the proximity of dwellings, churches, schools, public structures, and other places of public gathering;

There is reasonable proximity of other dwellings and places of public gathering.

5. accessibility of the premises for emergency vehicles;

There is adequate accessibility for emergency vehicles,

6. accessibility of light and air to the premises and to the property in the vicinity;

There is adequate accessibility of light and air to the premises.

7. the type and location of adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary facilities that have been or will be provided;

There are adequate utilities, roads, drainage, and other necessary facilities.

8. the preservation of cultural and historic landmarks and structures;

The proposed use of the existing structure would not affect preservation of cultural and historic landmarks and structures.

9. the character of the neighborhood;

This property is located in the Pigtown neighborhood, which is predominantly residential in nature, with the housing stock largely comprised of row homes.

10. the provisions of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan;

- a. The conditional use does not conflict with the provisions of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. The Comprehensive Master Plan articulates an interest in restoring vacant properties. This conditional use will assist in the restoration of a vacant property in Pigtown.

11. the provisions of any applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

The proposed use is not prevented or limited by the Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan which is applicable to the property.

12. all applicable standards and requirements of this Code;

The proposed use requires variances from the bulk and yard regulations

13. the intent and purpose of this Code; and

The proposed use is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning Code.

14. any other matters considered to be in the interest of the general welfare.

The proposed use is consistent with any other matters considered to be in the interest of the general welfare.

FINDINGS OF FACT FOR VARIANCE**City Council Bill No. 25-0022**

MOTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH AGENCY REPORTS AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WERE CONSIDERED, AND PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THESE FINDINGS OF FACT CONCERNING ANY VARIANCES OF APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR:

**Zoning - Conditional Use Approval to Construct a Rowhouse Dwelling Requiring
Conditional Use Approval for Maximum Height and Variances From Bulk
And Yard Regulations.**

VARIANCE FROM YARD REQUIREMENTS

(Use a separate Variance form for each Variance sought in the bill)

THRESHOLD QUESTION:

- X In accordance with Section 5-305(c), it has been determined that there is no written decision by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on an application for this same subject matter.

HARDSHIP OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY:

The City Council has considered at least one of the following:
(check all that apply to evidence consideration)

- X The physical surroundings around the **STRUCTURE / LAND** involved;
(underline one)
- X The shape of the **STRUCTURE / LAND** involved;
(underline one)
- The topographical conditions of the **STRUCTURE / LAND** involved.
(underline one)

*and finds **either** that:*

- (1) An unnecessary hardship **WOULD / WOULD NOT** (*underline one*) exist if the strict letter of the applicable requirement from which the variance is sought were applied because:

or that:

(2) Practical difficulty **WOULD** / **WOULD NOT** (*underline one*) exist if the strict letter of the applicable requirement from which the variance is sought were applied because:

The property at 1121 Bayard has hardship resulting from its shallow depth of 60 feet, which creates a practical difficulty in meeting the required 20-foot rear-yard setback. If the required setback were provided, the dwelling would be limited to only 40 feet in length, making it shorter than typical homes on the block. Allowing full use of the lot provides space for a side-loading garage, which is necessary to meet the off-street parking requirement due to the lack of rear alley access for off-street parking. An abandoned curb cut already exists on this portion of Sargeant Street.

Conditions on which this variance is based are unique to this property and are not generally applicable to other property within the same zoning classification. The purpose of the variance needed is not based exclusively on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property. The variance would not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity and not substantially diminish or impair property values in the neighborhood. The variance requested is in harmony with the Comprehensive Master Plan, and related considerations of public health, safety, and general welfare.

FINDINGS OF FACT FOR VARIANCE

City Council Bill No. 25-0022

MOTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH AGENCY REPORTS AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WERE CONSIDERED, AND PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THESE FINDINGS OF FACT CONCERNING ANY VARIANCES OF APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR:

Zoning - Conditional Use Approval to Construct a Rowhouse Dwelling Requiring Conditional Use Approval for Maximum Height and Variances From Bulk And Yard Regulations.

VARIANCE FROM BULK REQUIREMENTS

(Use a separate Variance form for each Variance sought in the bill)

THRESHOLD QUESTION:

- X In accordance with Section 5-305(c), it has been determined that there is no written decision by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on an application for this same subject matter.

HARDSHIP OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY:

The City Council has considered at least one of the following:
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- The physical surroundings around the **STRUCTURE / LAND** involved;
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and finds either that:

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The property at 1121 Bayard has hardship resulting from its shallow depth of 60 feet, which creates a practical difficulty in meeting the required 20-foot rear-yard setback. If the required setback were provided, the dwelling would be limited to only 40 feet in length, making it shorter than typical homes on the block. Allowing full use of the lot provides space for a side-loading garage, which is necessary to meet the off-street parking requirement due to the lack of rear alley access for off-street parking. An abandoned curb cut already exists on this portion of Sargeant Street.

Conditions on which this variance is based are unique to this property and are not generally applicable to other property within the same zoning classification. The purpose of the variance needed is not based exclusively on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property. The variance would not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity and not substantially diminish or impair property values in the neighborhood. The variance requested is in harmony with the Comprehensive Master Plan, and related considerations of public health, safety, and general welfare.

SOURCE OF FINDINGS (Check all that apply):

[X] Planning Commission's report, dated February 28, 2025 including the Department of Planning Staff Report, dated February 27, 2025

[X] Testimony presented at the Committee hearing.

[X] Findings of the applicant - adopted by committee on April 24, 2025

Oral - Witness:

Michele Toth, Law Department
Eric Tiso, Planning Commission
Luciano Diaz, Department of Transportation
Jason Wright, Department of Housing and Community Development

Written:

Department of Transportation, Agency Report - Dated March 10 2025
Department of Public Works, Agency Report -Dated February 19, 2025
Law Department, Agency Report - Dated March 11, 2025
Department of Housing and Community Development, Agency Report - March 12, 2025
Fire Department, Agency Report - Dated March 13, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR

Ryan Dorsey - Chair
Phylicia Porter
Paris Gray

FINDINGS OF FACT

To: The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
From: AB Associates, on behalf of Kenneth Hobbs
Date: April 16, 2025
Re: CCB 2025-022, for conditional use approval to construct a rowhouse dwelling requiring conditional use approval for maximum height and variances from bulk and yard regulations.

Council Bill 2025-022 concerns the conditional use of 1121 Bayard Street to rebuild a rowhouse following a gas-line explosion in 2022 that destroyed the subject property and irreparably damaged the neighboring structure at 1123 Bayard. Kenneth Hobbs, who owned 1121 Bayard at the time of the explosion, purchased 1123 Bayard in May of 2024, consolidated the two lots, and engaged an architect to design a double-wide rowhouse he and his partner could live in after construction.

Plans for this rebuild include a three-story, 37-foot tall rowhouse that covers the entire consolidated lot, creating a footprint of 24 feet by 60 feet. Such a development requires conditional use approval for the building height and variances from the Zoning Code's requirements for maximum lot coverage and rear-yard setbacks.

1. Bayard Street

Bayard Street is located on the southwestern edge of Pigtown, straddling Washington Boulevard. The four blocks west of Washington are lined with Formstone-façade rowhouses, all built before 1900. These are small lots; the properties on Hobbs's block measure only 60 feet deep. Notable is that most of the corner lots on Bayard Street are covered entirely by their respective structures; the original builds each exceeded the dimensions permitted by the modern code. This is a common theme in this section of Pigtown, where 27 of the 36 corner lots are non-conforming to maximum lot coverage and rear-yard setback requirements.

Bayard Street is distinct in that it bookends the northeast side of Carroll Park. From Washington Boulevard, it is the first street in Pigtown that people see when they drive into the city. At present, because of the gas-line explosion, 1121 Bayard is the street's only vacant lot. In that sense, there exists a public interest in the property's rehabilitation: A rebuilt home will improve the block. The public benefit represents one reason why the Citizens of Pigtown support this legislation.

2. Entitlements Necessary

Mr. Hobbs would like to build a 24-foot-wide rowhouse that covers the full expanse of the consolidated lot. He seeks an ordinance for two variances and the conditional use of a 37-foot building height.

Conditional use for height: 35 feet required; 37 feet proposed.

Minimum rear yard setback: 20 feet required, 0 feet proposed, 20 feet variance requested.

Maximum lot coverage: 80 percent allowed, 0 percent proposed, 100 percent variance requested.

3. ZC § 5-406: Conditional Use Approval Standards

A conditional use is a use that may be authorized as a special exception subject to the City Council's review. As a guide to its decision on the facts of each case, the Council must consider the following, where appropriate:

- a. The nature of the proposed site, including its size and shape and the proposed size, shape, and arrangement of structures;

The proposed site is a corner lot in an R-8 zoning district, where building heights between 35 feet and 45 feet are allowed if the lot is bordered by street rights-of-way that are both at least 30 feet wide. That is the case here with both Bayard and Sargeant.

- b. The resulting traffic patterns and adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;

The height will allow for a three-story rowhouse to be built on these lots. It will have no impact on traffic patterns or off-street parking and loading.

- c. The nature of the surrounding area and the extent to which the proposed use might impair its present and future development;

This corner of Pigtown is fully developed by century-old single-family rowhouses. Approval of this conditional use will have no adverse impact on present or future development.

- d. The proximity of dwellings, churches, schools, public structures, and other places of public gathering;

There are no churches, public structures, or other places of public gathering in the immediate vicinity aside from Carroll Park, across the street, and the Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School, located on the northeast corner of Washington Boulevard and Bayard Street. The proposed development will have no impact on the public's use or enjoyment of that park, or operations at the school. 1121 Bayard is located in close proximity to rowhouses that will not be impacted by the conditional use of this increased height.

- e. Accessibility of the premises for emergency vehicles;

The conditional use will not impact accessibility of the premises for emergency vehicles.

- f. Accessibility of light and air to the premises and to the property in the vicinity;

The conditional use will have no impact on accessibility of light and air to the premises or to property in the vicinity.

- g. The type and location of adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary facilities that have been or will be provided;

The conditional use will have no impact on utilities, access roads, drainage, or other necessary facilities.

- h. The preservation of cultural and historic landmarks and structures;

The conditional use will not impact any cultural or historic landmark or structure.

- i. The character of the neighborhood;

The conditional use will not negatively impact the character of the neighborhood. It will facilitate the construction of a home on this vacant property, which will improve the character of the neighborhood.

- j. The provisions of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan;

The conditional use does not conflict with the provisions of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. The Comprehensive Master Plan articulates an interest in restoring vacant properties. This conditional use will assist in the restoration of a vacant property in Pigtown.

- k. The provisions of any applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

The Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan includes 1121 Bayard Street but does not prohibit the conditional use of a 37-foot structure.

- l. All applicable standards and requirements of this Code;

With the approval of the necessary variances, the conditional use authorization of the proposed expansion meets all applicable standards and requirements of the Zoning Code

- m. The intent and purpose of this Code; and

The Zoning Code allows for rowhomes in R-8 zoning districts to be built to a height in excess of 35 feet if they meet certain criteria. This property will meet that criteria.

- n. Any other matters considered to be in the interest of the general welfare.

The applicant has met with the Citizens of Pigtown neighborhood association about this proposal. That association voted unanimously to support the plan.

The City Council may not approve a conditional use unless, after public notice and hearing and on consideration of the standards required by this subtitle, the Council finds that:

- a. The conditional use would not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare;

The conditional use will have no impact on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- b. The use is not precluded by any other law, including an applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

No law or Urban Renewal Plan prohibits this use.

- c. The authorization will not be contrary to the public interest;

The authorization will not be contrary to the public interest. The conditional use will have no impact on the public interest.

- d. The authorization will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Code.

The Zoning Code allows for rowhomes in R-8 zoning districts to be built to a height in excess of 35 feet if they meet certain criteria. This property will meet that criteria.

4. ZC § 5-308(a) Variance Approval Standards

Granting a variance requires the Council find in part that, because of the structure or property's physical surroundings, shape, or conditions, an unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty would result if the Zoning Code were strictly followed. This standard requires applicants establish: (1) uniqueness, (2) an unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty imposed by the Code, and (3) that the uniqueness is the proximate cause of that hardship. The Council must also find that the request meets other elements outlined § 5-308(b).

a. Uniqueness

This property is unique because of the damage incurred by the gas-line explosion, requiring a full rebuild. It is currently the only vacant lot on Bayard Street.

b. Practical Difficulty Imposed by the Code

The property at 1121 Bayard has hardship resulting from its shallow depth of 60 feet, which creates a practical difficulty in meeting the required 20-foot rear-yard setback. If the required setback were provided, the dwelling would be limited to only 40 feet in length, making it shorter than typical homes on the block. Allowing full use of the lot provides space for a side-loading garage, which is necessary to meet the off-street parking requirement due to the lack of rear alley access for off-street parking. An abandoned curb cut already exists on this portion of Sargeant Street.

c. Uniqueness as Proximate Cause of Hardship

The lot requires a full rebuild, which is hindered by its shallow depth.

Under ZC § 5-308(b), the Council must also find that:

a. The conditions on which the application is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and are not generally applicable to other property within the same zoning classification;

The conditions are based on the present state of the property following the gas-line explosion and structural damage to the house on what was 1123 Bayard.

b. the practical difficulty is caused by this Code and has not been created by the intentional action or inaction of any person who has a present interest in the property;

The practical difficulty is caused by the Code's regulations that govern rear-yard setbacks and maximum lot coverage.

- c. the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property;

The purpose of the variances is to design a new rowhouse that is not impractically shallow.

- d. the variance will not:
 - a. be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity; or
 - b. substantially diminish and impair property values in the neighborhood;

The variances will not impact the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity. The new home will not diminish or impair property values in the neighborhood. The Citizens of Pigtown association supports this plan.

- e. the variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Code;

The Zoning Code functions in part to accommodate the development of suitable housing on lots zoned for residential use, including the property at issue.

- f. the variance is not precluded by and will not adversely affect:
 - a. any Urban Renewal Plan;
 - b. the City's Comprehensive Master Plan; or
 - c. any Historical and Architectural Preservation District; and

The property is located in a National Register Historic District but is not located in a CHAP district. The variances are not precluded by and will not adversely affect the National Register Historic District. The property is also located in the Washington Village Urban Renewal Plan. The variances are not precluded by and will not adversely affect the URP.

- g. the variance will not otherwise:
 - a. be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare; or
 - b. be in any way contrary to the public interest.

The Citizens of Pigtown association supports this plan.

5. Summary and Conclusion

1121 Bayard Street is a shallow lot in need of a full rebuild following a gas-line explosion that destroyed one house and damaged another. The variances requested will allow for a rowhouse to be built at appropriate scale and in conformity with a significant majority of the corner lots in this part of Pigtown. The conditional use requested will not have any negative impact on the public health, safety, or welfare and is presumed to be permitted if the property meets certain criteria, which this property does. For those reasons, the Council should vote to approve this legislation.

The amended Findings of Fact were read and adopted.

The bill 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0023 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 3200 Lily Avenue (Block 7566, Lot 035), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0035 - An Ordinance clarifying and conforming certain provisions related to the enforcement of the prohibition of gas-powered debris removal equipment.

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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - Schleifer - Total 1.

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

THIRD READING TODAY

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0045 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 25-0045 - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0046 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 25-0046 - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,236 to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to provide funding for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building community awareness of dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to provide services to the growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care givers; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0047 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 25-0047 - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared “Passed”.

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0048 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 25-0048 - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,375,655 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared “Passed”.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 25-0060**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 25-0060.

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 25-0061**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 25-0061.

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 25-0016R**

Councilmember Porter made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 25-0016R.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 12:45 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0133 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority: Alpha Zeta Chapter in recognition of their dedication in honoring our Older Adults.

CR0134 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority: Alpha Zeta Chapter: Sherl Woodland, Nicole Hart, Silvia Boswell, Dr. Adu Sarkodie in recognition of their committed service.

CR0135 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Lavetta Yvette Webster, December 28, 1959 - March 30, 2025.

CR0136 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Zelda Summerville in recognition of 43 years of dedicated service with the Department of Transportation.

CR0137 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mount Pleasant Church and Ministries in recognition of celebrating their 95th Church Anniversary!

CR0138 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dawn S. Lettman in recognition of 34 years of service with the City of Baltimore as an attorney.

CR0139 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Frank Trzcinka, in recognition of retiring from the City of Baltimore after 44 years of service as a Survey Tech IV.

CR0140 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating John Staley, in recognition of retiring from the City of Baltimore after 11 years of service as the Chief of Surveys.

CR0141 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Patricia Lynn Watson in recognition of her steadfast commitment to her community, her tireless advocacy, example of what leadership, love, and legacy truly look like.

CR0142 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mount Hebron Baptist Church in recognition of Rev. Dr. Beryl M. Whipple's 10th Pastoral Anniversary.

CR0143 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Carole Ramsey Young, Alice Kennedy, Yvonne Moore-Jackson in recognition of 2024 LIDINSKY Winner and honorable mentions!

CR0144 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Chopped Broadway Bodega & Deli In recognition of their Grand Opening.

CR0145 President Cohen and Bullock

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Rev. William Ray, February 4, 1949 - April 20, 2025.

CR0146 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Adrian Muldrow, October 30, 1950 - April 26, 2025.

CR0147 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Bishop William E. Gaines, Jr. in recognition of 50 years of faithful service to the U. B.C., Inc. Your sacrifice, faithfulness and commitment has built a legacy for generations to come.

CR0148 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Nurse Practitioner on Call, LLC, in recognition of celebrating their 5-year anniversary and Grand Reopening.

CR0149 Bullock

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Elder Nadean Paige in recognition of their Timeless service and ministry.

CR0150 Jones

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dignity Plates Culinary Academy Cohort 12 in recognition of graduating from Dignity Plates Culinary Academy.

CR0151 President Cohen, VP Middleton, Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of Commerce (GBBCC) in recognition of their organization's commitment to advancing economic empowerment for minority-owned businesses.

CR0152 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Henry A. Owens III, November 5, 1985 - April 16, 2025.

CR0153 President Cohen and all Members & Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Maude Del Washington, June 2, 1934 - April 26, 2025.

CR0154 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Forest Park Class of 1965 in recognition of celebrating their 60-year anniversary.

CR0155 Schleifer

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Riley Bear McNulty in recognition of your retirement after 9 years of invaluable service to both abused children in Baltimore and the men and women of the Baltimore City Fire Department.

CR0156 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Tri-State Association; Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World in recognition of their 102nd Anniversary and of years of dedicated service to the communities of Baltimore City.

CR0157 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of William Alfonso "Fonzie" Swann, May 28, 1949 – April 28, 2025.

CR0158

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Robert P. Stanton Sr., September 20, 1946 – May 4, 2025.

CR0159

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Jaylin Robinson and Anelka Ellis in recognition of their commitment to public service and support for the Baltimore City Council as pages in the 74th term.