

SPECIAL MEETING

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THIRD COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

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

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June 14, 2023 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of June 12, 2023 was read and approved.

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**INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME**

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

Bill No. 23-0177R - By Councilmember Costello and President Mosby

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**Reduction to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 2024 – Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts**

FOR the purpose of articulating the intent of the City Council’s amendment to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381, that reduces formal funding to Service 824 of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts.

**Recitals**

The Baltimore City Council reduced Service 824 of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA) by \$1,744,002 in an amendment to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381.

Citizens of Baltimore have expressed deep concerns about several aspects of BOPA, including: (1) BOPA’s board governance and membership; (2) the operations of the Baltimore Film Office; (3) the operations of the Baltimore Arts Council and Public Arts Commission; and (4) BOPA’s ability to carry out its mandate to produce events and festivals, administer grants, manage arts education and public art programming, provide film production support, and provide oversight of Baltimore City facilities in its care. As a result, the City Council has taken action to ensure improved stewardship of the City’s arts and culture initiatives. The \$1,744,002 previously allocated for BOPA will be reserved for managing these initiatives, as well as supporting current employees and grantees as the City’s administration of these resources changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Baltimore City Council requests that the Baltimore Office for Promotion and the Arts implement measures to address the concerns cited in this Resolution by September 30, 2023.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, through a supplemental appropriation for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, the City Council seeks to restore funding to the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts at a time to be determined by on the mutual agreement of the Mayor and City Council.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Dorsey, Glover - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 23-0178R - By President Mosby and Councilmembers Middleton, Costello, Bullock, Conway, Glover, McCray, Schleifer, Stokes

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**Amendments to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024**

FOR the purpose of articulating the intent of the amendments to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0281; and generally relating to the reallocation of monies in the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0281.

**Recitals**

For the first time in 125 years, the City Council was authorized to transfer appropriations in the annual Ordinance of Estimates. During the 2020 general election, Baltimore City voters overwhelmingly supported Question F, the amendment to the City's Charter that authorized the City Council to make increases to items in the City's budget. Until this year, the City Council has had a limited role in the budget process. Before the passage of Question F, the Council could reduce budgeted items, but not make additions to them. Considering the new authority Baltimore City voters granted to the Council, Councilmembers approached this year's process with great care and diligence.

The Council's Ways and Means Committee conducted rigorous agency hearings from Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Tuesday, June 6, 2023. This year's budget hearings were constructive and led to productive conversations regarding the delivery of City services. During the budget hearings, the Council identified that, Citywide, 1,552 vacant positions were set to receive monies from the General Fund. Of these vacant positions, 210 had been vacant for longer than 18 months. Following the budget hearings, the City Council agreed to use alternate funding sources that were identified by the Administration, instead of freezing the funding for the vacant positions.

The City Council amendments to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381, increase funding for the following priorities:

- \$5,401,000 additional funding for upgraded fire equipment and apparatuses;
- \$1,000,000 allocated to the Dante Barksdale Fund for vocational training;
- \$1,000,000 to purchase additional CitiWatch cameras;
- \$1,000,000 for Citiwatch Infrastructure Improvements;
- \$800,000 for increased youth recreational programming at recreational centers;
- \$250,000 for DPW Solid Waste Facility Improvements;
- \$200,000 for the Home Security Rebate Program;
- \$150,000 for the Lillian Jones Recreation Center Renovation;
- \$125,000 for Citywide Façade Improvements; and
- \$74,000 for a Language Access Coordinator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Baltimore City Council adopts this Resolution to articulate the purposes of the amendments to the Ordinance of Estimates.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the City Council will support supplementary appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, as needed, to successfully implement the priorities detailed in this Resolution and the related amendments to the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, Council Bill 23-0381.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Dorsey, Glover - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 23-0381 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0381 favorably, with amendments.

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 2024 year.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 23-0381

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 4, in line 3, strike “\$184,063,556” and substitute “\$186,464,556”.

{Agency: . . . . . Fire}  
{Service: . . . . . 602}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue}  
{Action: . . . . . **+\$2,401,000**}

**Amendment No. 2**

On page 4, in line 30, strike “\$23,066,169” and substitute “\$23,665,169”.

{Agency: . . . . . Fire}  
{Service: . . . . . 613}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Fire Facilities Maintenance and Replacement}  
{Action: . . . . . **+\$599,000**}

**ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

**DRAFTING NOTE:** Lines 4 and 18 of page 55 will be updated before the passage of this bill by the Council. This update will reflect changes made by the Council to the total value of appropriations through the amendment process.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 5, in line 9, strike “\$609,825” and substitute “\$375,825”.

{Agency: . . . . . General Services}  
{Service: . . . . . 726}  
{Service Name: . . . . Administration - General Services}  
{Action: . . . . . ~~-\$234,000~~}

**Amendment No. 4**

On page 5, in line 13, strike “\$1,288,252” and substitute “\$1,055,252”.

{Agency: . . . . . General Services}  
{Service: . . . . . 730}  
{Service Name: . . . . Public and Private Energy Performance}  
{Action: . . . . . ~~-\$233,000~~}

**Amendment No. 5**

On page 5, in line 23, strike “\$1,068,235” and substitute “\$835,235”.

{Agency: . . . . . General Services}  
{Service: . . . . . 734}  
{Service Name: . . . . Capital Projects Division - Design and Construction}  
{Action: . . . . . ~~-\$233,000~~}

**Amendment No. 6**

On page 10, in line 4, strike “\$14,246,998” and substitute “\$13,746,998”.

{Agency: . . . . . Housing and Community Development}  
{Service: . . . . . 745}  
{Service Name: . . . . Housing Code Enforcement}  
{Action: . . . . . ~~-\$500,000~~}

**Amendment No. 7**

On page 11, in line 24, strike “\$2,525,666” and substitute “\$2,395,666”.

{Agency: . . . . . Law}  
 {Service: . . . . . 862}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Transactions}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$130,000~~}

**Amendment No. 8**

On page 12, in line 7, strike “\$2,625,754” and substitute “\$881,752”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Art and Culture}  
 {Service: . . . . . 824}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Events: Art: Culture: and Film}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$1,744,002~~}

**Amendment No. 9**

On page 12, in line 15, strike “\$1,309,124” and substitute “\$1,109,124”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Cable and Communications}  
 {Service: . . . . . 876}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Media Production}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$200,000~~}

**Amendment No. 10**

On page 13, in line 23, strike “\$30,294,058” and substitute “\$31,294,058”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Miscellaneous General Expenses}  
 {Service: . . . . . 122}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Miscellaneous General Expenses}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~+\$1,000,000~~}



**Amendment No. 11**

On page 17, in line 8, strike “\$2,927,701” and substitute “\$4,127,701”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Office of Information and Technology}  
{Service: . . . . . 757}  
{Service Name: . . . . . CitiWatch}  
{Action: . . . . . **+\$1,200,000**}

**Amendment No. 12**

On page 17, in line 16, strike “\$16,182,634” and substitute “\$15,383,634”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Office of Information and Technology}  
{Service: . . . . . 805}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Enterprise IT Delivery Services}  
{Action: . . . . . **-\$799,000**}

**Amendment No. 13**

On page 19, in line 1, strike “\$15,831,343” and substitute “\$15,605,343”.

{Agency: . . . . . Mayoralty}  
{Service: . . . . . 125}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Executive Direction and Control - Mayoralty}  
{Action: . . . . . **-\$226,000**}

**Amendment No. 14**

On page 21, in line 25, strike “\$3,324,537” and substitute “\$3,114,537”.

{Agency: . . . . . Public Works}  
{Service: . . . . . 660}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Administration - Solid Waste}  
{Action: . . . . . **-\$210,000**}

**Amendment No. 15**

On page 23, in line 23, strike “\$2,388,161” and substitute “\$1,628,161”.

{Agency: . . . . . Public Works}  
 {Service: . . . . . 676}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration - DPW}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$760,000~~}

**Amendment No. 16**

On page 23, in line 31, strike “\$6,405,949” and substitute “\$5,905,949”.

{Agency: . . . . . Recreation and Parks}  
 {Service: . . . . . 644}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration - Recreation and Parks}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$500,000~~}

**Amendment No. 17**

On page 24, in line 19, strike “\$16,262,082” and substitute “\$17,062,082”.

{Agency: . . . . . Recreation and Parks}  
 {Service: . . . . . 648}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Community Recreation Centers}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$800,000}

**Amendment No. 18**

On page 26, in line 33, strike “\$7,298,762” and substitute “\$6,798,762”.

{Agency: . . . . . Transportation}  
 {Service: . . . . . 688}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Snow and Ice Control}  
 {Action: . . . . . ~~-\$500,000~~}

**Amendment No. 19**

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On page 29, before line 9, insert:

<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>601-013</u>	<u>Citywide</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
<u>Development</u>		<u>Facade</u>		
<u>Corporation</u>		<u>Improvements</u>		

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and, on that same page, in lines 9 through 11, strike:

<b>Baltimore</b>	601-013	Citywide		
<b>Development</b>		Facade		
<b>Corporation</b>		Improvements		

{Agency: . . . . . Baltimore Development Corporation}  
 {Project: . . . . . 601-013}  
 {Project Name: . . . . . Citywide Facade Improvements}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$125,000}

**Amendment No. 20**

On page 33, in line 20, strike “\$4,000,000” and substitute “\$1,000,000”.

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Office of Information and Technology}  
 {Project: . . . . . 117-071}  
 {Project Name: . . . . . Upgrade Public Safety Technology System Infrastructure}  
 {Action: . . . . . -\$3,000,000}

**Amendment No. 21**

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On page 33, after line 22, insert:

	<u>117-072</u>	<u>CitiWatch</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
		<u>Camera</u>	<u>Funds</u>	
		<u>Upgrades</u>		

{Agency: . . . . . M-R: Office of Information and Technology}  
 {Project: . . . . . 117-072}  
 {Project Name: . . . . . CitiWatch Camera Upgrades}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$1,000,000}

**Amendment No. 22**

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On page 34, after line 28, insert:

<u>517-035</u>	<u>Solid Waste Facility Health and Safety Improvements</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
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{Agency: . . . . . Public Works}  
 {Project: . . . . . 517-035}  
 {Project Name: . . . . . Solid Waste Facility Health and Safety Improvements}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$250,000}

**Amendment No. 23**

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On page 47, after line 27, insert:

<u>474-214</u>	<u>Lilian Jones Recreation Center</u>	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
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{Agency: . . . . . Recreation and Parks}  
 {Project: . . . . . 474-214}  
 {Project Name: . . . . . Lilian Jones Recreation Center}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$150,000}

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. 23-0382 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0382 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 23-0383 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0383 favorably.

An Ordinance approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2024; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; 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 TODAY**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, which was duly seconded, to place Bill No. 23-0381 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Dorsey, Glover - Total 2.

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.

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, which was duly seconded, to place Bill No. 23-0382 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Dorsey, Glover - Total 2.

The President declared that three fourths of the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Rule 12-3 of the Rules of the City Council having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

### THIRD READING TODAY

Councilmember Costello made a motion, which was duly seconded, to place Bill No. 23-0383 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Dorsey, Glover - Total 2.

The President declared that three fourths of the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Rule 12-3 of the Rules of the City Council having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

### CLEARING OF THE BILL STATUS REPORT - CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-12

Under City Council Rule 10-12, President Mosby announced that the following bills will be removed from consideration before the Council, unless the sponsor notifies the Council's Executive Secretary.

***Ordinances: 21-0074, 21-0159, 21-0163, 21-0176, 21-0177, 22-0188, 22-0210, 22-0217, 22-0241, 22-0245, 22-0249, 22-0251, 22-0253, 22-0256, 22-0260, 22-0274, 22-0275, 22-0278, 22-0288, 22-0294, 22-0295, 22-0297, 22-0301***

***Resolutions: 21-0004R, 21-0005R, 21-0027R, 21-0035R, 21-0040R, 21-0041R, 21-0049R, 21-0055R, 21-0078R, 21-0080R, 22-0088R, 22-0095R, 22-0099R, 22-0103R, 22-0107R, 22-0108R, 22-0111R, 22-0112R, 22-0114R, 22-0115R, 22-0117R, 22-0118R, 22-0123R, 22-0124R, 22-0128R, 22-0129R, 22-0130R, 22-0131R, 22-0134R, 22-0138R, 22-0139R, 22-0143R, 22-0148R***

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.