

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

2:00 PM

**THIS MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FROM MONDAY, JUNE 7,
2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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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 David Olson, First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore****Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

May 17, 2021

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

May 21, 2021 and May 26, 2021

[21-0026](#)**Rezoning - 1201 South Caton Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1201 South Caton Avenue (Block 2108C, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the EC-1 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Phylcia Porter

[21-0040](#)**Floodplain Management Code - Revision**

For the purpose of modifying the City laws governing floodplain management to meet or exceed requirements for eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and other requirements of Federal and State law; incorporating certain flood-resistant design and construction standards adopted by the American Society of Civil Engineers; defining and redefining certain terms; repealing redundant, obsolete, or otherwise superfluous provisions; correcting and conforming certain obsolete nomenclature; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare through floodplain management.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Bills Introduced[21-0090](#)**City Streets - Closing - Etting Street and four 10 Foot Alleys bounded by Druid Hill Avenue, Gold Street, Division Street and Baker Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing of Etting Street and four ten-foot alleys bounded by Druid Hill Avenue, Gold Street, Division Street and Baker Street as shown on a plat numbered 337-A-28A and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Transportation

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0091](#)**Sale of Property - Block 6997, Lot 002**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property located at NES Broening Highway 844-1 ft. SE of Colgate Creek (Block 6997, Lot 002) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Office of the Comptroller

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

[21-0092](#)**Charter Amendment - Homegrown Heroes Fund**

For the purpose of authorizing the establishment of a continuing, nonlapsing Homegrown Heroes Fund, to be used exclusively to administer a Public Safety Apprenticeship Program for youth and young adults who are Baltimore City residents and between the ages of 11 through 21 years old; requiring that the annual Ordinance of Estimates include a specified appropriation for the Homegrown Heroes Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

[21-0093](#)**Revising Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities**

For the purpose of updating Article 1, Subtitle 8 {Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities} of the City Code to define certain terms; requiring a whistleblower to report their complaint to their agency's personnel officer or to the Office of the Inspector General if the whistleblower has a reasonable and articulable belief that the personnel officer cannot competently investigate the covered disclosure; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to give written notice of investigation or a notice of declination to the whistleblower within 30 days of receipt of the complaint; requiring the Office of the Inspector General, if initiating an investigation, to send a Memorandum of Protected Activity to the whistleblower's supervisor; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to provide recommendations for action in the Office's written findings of an investigation and to give the written findings to the City Administrator, the agency head, and the whistleblower; requiring the City Administrator to hold a meeting with the agency head and the Inspector General to discuss the recommendations within a certain amount of time; providing possible remedies in case of a violation of this subtitle; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, Administration City Council, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Councilmember Dorsey on behalf of the Administration

RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[21-0094](#)**Public Safety Apprenticeship Program - Establishment (The Hometown Heroes Act)**

For the purpose of providing for the establishment and implementation of a Public Safety Apprenticeship Program for Baltimore City; providing for the development and oversight of the Program by the Baltimore City Fire Department in partnership with certain other public safety agencies in Baltimore City; establishing the purposes of the Program; and requiring that the Baltimore City Fire Department report annually certain information to the Mayor and City Council and requiring the report to be made available on the Department's website.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0095](#)**Labor Trafficking - Notice Requirements**

For the purpose of requiring certain contractors with the City of Baltimore to place a notice regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline in certain locations; providing that certain contractors may obtain the required human-trafficking notices from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign website; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to labor trafficking notice requirements for city contractors.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0096](#)**Building Code - Permit Exemption for Shed, Etc. Construction**

For the purpose of adopting a provision of the International Building Code exempting certain one story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses from construction permitting requirements; and conforming related provisions.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ORDINANCE

RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[21-0097](#)**Emergency Security Deposit Relief Act**

For the purpose of establishing the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; placing a cap on the amount of money the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program can give each family for a security deposit; providing for certain funding for the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; setting forth the eligibility requirements for the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; requiring that the Department of Housing and Community Development adopt rules and regulations to administer the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; establishing procedures on a family's admission into the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; putting certain priorities in place for distribution of security deposit vouchers; requiring the security deposit voucher to be used within a certain time frame; making a family liable for the cost of the security deposit voucher upon a Departmental finding that the family has used the security deposit voucher improperly; providing for an appeals process in case of a finding of improper use of the security deposit voucher or denial of a security deposit voucher; defining certain terms; and providing for termination of this subtitle on a certain date.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mark Conway, James Torrence, Odette Ramos, Antonio Glover, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock, Robert Stokes, Sr.

ORDINANCE

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[21-0046R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Use of Facial Recognition Technology in Baltimore**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Department of Transportation, the Law Department, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Finance, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender for Baltimore City, the Baltimore Development Corporation, and concerned parties from Baltimore's legal, academic, security, and non-profit sectors to discuss the use of facial recognition technology in Baltimore and any local legislative options for the Baltimore City Council to consider in order to balance public safety, privacy, and individual civil liberties.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Mark Conway, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

[21-0047R](#)**Upkeep and Maintenance of Vacant Lots and Public Green Spaces**

For the purpose of requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, the Sustainability Coordinator, a representative from the Office of the Comptroller, and the Chief of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to report on the annual cumulative total of calls for service for the upkeep and maintenance of vacant lots and green spaces; and recommending to the Administration that a single City agency be charged with the responsibility for mowing all City-owned lots, parcels, parks, and green spaces.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

[21-0048R](#)**Request for Federal Action - End the Embargo Against Cuba**

For the purpose of urging Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States' economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba, including restrictions on travel to Cuba by United States citizens; urging the United States government to remove the Republic of Cuba from the United States' list of state sponsors of terrorism; and urging the return of the Guantanamo Bay property to the Republic of Cuba.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[21-0049R](#)**Investigational Hearing - Existing Alternatives to Policing Strategies**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from ROCA, Safe Streets, the Baltimore Police Department's Group Violence Prevention Strategy, and 911 Diversion Program, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement to inform the City Council about the existing alternatives to policing strategies the City has in its arsenal.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Economic and Community Development

[21-0031](#)

Landlord-Tenant - Lease Renewals

For the purpose of requiring, absent certain good cause circumstances, landlords to offer tenants a reasonable opportunity renew leases; providing for the manner of notice for which a landlord must send renewal notices or decline-to-renew notices; establishing a presumption of offer and acceptance, absent certain circumstances; providing for the effect of the subtitle; providing for certain administrative and criminal penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Antonio Glover, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Health, Environment and Technology

[21-0044R](#)

Informational Hearing - COVID-19 and Mental Health

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Health Department, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, and members from the Baltimore City healthcare community to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss the financial, physical, and social impacts that COVID-19 has had on the mental health of Baltimore City residents and what resources are available to help people cope and recover from this trauma.

Sponsors:

Danielle N. McCray, Zeke Cohen, Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton, Antonio Glover, Kristerfer Burnett, James Torrence, Robert Stokes, Sr.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Public Safety and Government Operations

[21-0001](#)

Surveillance Technology in Baltimore

For the purpose of prohibiting Baltimore City government from purchasing or obtaining certain face surveillance technology; prohibiting Baltimore City government from contracting or subcontracting with another for the purpose of face surveillance technology; prohibiting any person in Baltimore City from obtaining, retaining, accessing, or using certain face surveillance technology or any information obtained from certain face surveillance technology; requiring the Director of Baltimore City Information and Technology to submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council regarding the use of surveillance by the Mayor and City Council; providing for certain termination dates; providing for certain penalties; and defining certain terms.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[21-0033](#)**Imari's LGBTQ Procurement Preference Act**

For the purpose of creating a LGBTQ Business Enterprise ("LGBTQBE") Program, to be administered by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office; defining certain terms; establishing the eligibility requirements for firms seeking to participate in the LGBTQBE Program; establishing revocation criteria for firms in the LGBTQBE Program; authorizing the City to employ various affirmative procurement initiatives to promote the award of City contracts to LGBTQBEs; requiring annual reports on the LGBTQBE Program; requiring periodic hearings on and review of the LGBTQBE Program; providing for the appeal of certain adverse determinations by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office; setting certain penalties; correcting, conforming, and clarifying related provisions; renumbering certain sections; and generally relating to City procurement requirements.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Antonio Glover

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Rules and Oversight[21-0019](#)**Baltimore City Office of LGBTQ Affairs**

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

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, James Torrence, Robert Stokes, Sr., Antonio Glover, Odette Ramos

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Ways and Means[21-0072](#)**Local 911 Telephone Fee - Revision**

For the purpose of revising the local 911 telephone fee; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[21-0080](#)**Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2022 year.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[21-0081](#)**Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2022**

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[21-0082](#)**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2022 providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; 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)***[21-0031](#)**Landlord-Tenant - Lease Renewals**

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City Council President (Administration)

Third Reader (for final passage)[21-0025](#)**Rezoning - 2200, 2205, 2220, 2300, 2301, 2310, 2330, 2400, and 2500
Broening Highway and Block 6916, Lot 015**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 2200 (Block 6916, Lot 003), 2220 (Block 6916, Lot 004), 2300 (Block 6916, Lot 005), 2310 (Block 6916, Lot 007), 2330 (Block 6916, Lots 010A and 009), 2400 (Block 6916, Lot 011, and 2500 (Block 6916, Lot 013) Broening Highway and Block 6916, Lot 015, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OIC Zoning District to the MI Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the properties known as 2205 (Block 6915, Lot 001), 2301 (Block 6915, Lot 006), and 2501 (Block 6915, Lot 009A) Broening Highway, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the MI Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen

[21-0028](#)**Landmark List - Clifton School**

For the purpose of designating the Clifton School, 2670 Kennedy Avenue, as an historical landmark: exterior.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos

[21-0023](#)**Urban Renewal - Middle East - Amendment __**

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to modify certain land uses allowed in the Plan, to correct, clarify, and conform certain provisions and references in the Plan to those in the current Baltimore City Zoning Code, to replace Appendix B with new Appendix B, to delete Appendix E in its entirety, to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A, C, and D and to remove certain other properties located within the Renewal Area; to replace the exhibits with new exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, and to modify the boundaries of the Plan to reflect the removal of certain properties, as shown on the new exhibits; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Antonio Glover

[21-0045](#)**Rezoning - Block 4053, Lot 013, Ward 09, Section 020**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property at Block 4053, Lot 013, Ward 09, and Section 020, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the O-S Zoning District to the R-7 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos

[21-0059](#)**Study and Report - Succession Planning**

For the purpose of requiring that the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council examining the short and long term sustainability of the City's internal workforce, to ensure that we are able to provide and maintain appropriate service delivery standards for our constituents; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos, Mark Conway, Antonio Glover, Eric T. Costello, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence, Kristerfer Burnett

[21-0060](#)**Study and Report - Fire Department Promotional Practices**

For the purpose of requiring that the Baltimore City Fire Department submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating certain promotional practices of the Department; specifying the contents of the report; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

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

Bills Withdrawn[21-0077](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single Family Dwelling Unit to 5 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1110 West Lafayette Avenue**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 5 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1110 W. Lafayette Avenue (Block 0079, Lot 004A), as shown on the accompanying plat with the lot number circled.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

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