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SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

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

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April 27, 2026

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Led by Marine veteran, Councilmember Zac Blanchard, 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: Zeke Cohen, President, and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos. Absent: Glover.

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of April 6, 2026 was read and approved.

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**INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME**

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

**Bill No. 26-0173** – By: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Jones, and Ramos

An Ordinance exempting dispositions by the Department of Housing and Community Development of property valued at less than \$25,000 from requiring approval of the Board of Estimates; and requiring a monthly report by the Department of Housing and Community Development of all dispositions of property worth less than \$25,000.

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

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**Bill No. 26-0174** – By: Councilmember Porter

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

An Ordinance establishing data centers as a conditional use by ordinance; establishing the Health Equity Assessment as an additional requirement for certain conditional uses; requiring a Health Equity Assessment for a data center conditional use; and defining certain terms.

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

**Bill No. 26-0175** – By: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Middleton, Jones, and Ramos

An Ordinance granting to the City Council the authority to change the suffix of a street name.

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

**Bill No. 26-0176** – 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 812 N Carey Street (Block 0089, Lot 057), 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. 26-0177** – By: Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 901 S Caton Avenue (Block 2108C, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OR-2 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District; 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. 26-0178** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance repealing obsolete provisions of Subtitle 5 {“Harbor”} of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City and Article 10 {“Harbors, Docks, and Wharves”} of the Baltimore City Code regarding Baltimore Harbor; transferring the authority to regulate Baltimore Harbor from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Transportation; establishing the Office of the Harbormaster and all attendant authorities and duties under the Department of Transportation; and otherwise relating to the use and management of Baltimore Harbor.

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

**Bill No. 26-0179** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution I and Senate Resolution I of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding TWENTY TWO Million (\$22,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights of interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of, any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; costs related to the rehabilitation and new construction of and operation of rental and homeownership developments, such costs to include but not be limited to relocation assistance, rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and project financing comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants or other related activities and buyer education assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings,

streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of such certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

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

**Bill No. 26-0180** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution II and Senate Resolution II of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding SIXTY Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and demolishing, constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property now or hereafter owned by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and/or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, new school buildings, athletic and other auxiliary facilities including community health and recreation facilities, and for additions and improvements to, or for the modernization of reconstruction of, including the inspection, removal, encapsulation, management, containment and abatement of asbestos from existing facilities, and for equipment for any and all new or existing facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, added, improved, modernized or reconstructed by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services, including, without limitation, services relating to planning for future projects of the same general character which may be constructed out of future loans; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring certain powers upon the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; imposing certain conditions in connection with the expenditure of the proceeds

derived from the sale of said certificates of indebtedness; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the Election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

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

**Bill No. 26-0181** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution III and Senate Resolution III of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding FIFTY Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used, with or without complementary funding sources, for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the community, commercial and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the development, or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; building from strength; stabilizing middle neighborhoods, strengthening neighborhood retail corridors, the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities or services, parks or other recreational land or facilities, and other structures or improvements and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities or services, parks or other recreational land or facilities, and other structures or improvements; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; promoting economic inclusion and facilitating transformational change

and achieving whole block outcomes; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving the cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City; and the lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes and the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; all such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated, rehabilitated, altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

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

**Bill No. 26-0182** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution IV and Senate Resolution IV of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT Million Dollars (\$148,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the development of the public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology public park and recreational and related land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including but not limited to, the acquisition by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property, new buildings, structures, infrastructure and auxiliary facilities; and for the renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing infrastructure, buildings, structures or facilities, to be or now being used for or in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services,

including information technology infrastructure, and other structures or improvements; for the acquisition and installation of trees or for tree planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment and fixtures for any and all facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, altered, reconstructed, renovated, reconstructed, installed or improved by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

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

**Bill No. 26-0183** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$121,308 to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for diversion services, treatment access, and overdose response within the Sheriff's Office; and providing for a special effective date.

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

**Bill No. 26-0184** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for the establishment of the Neighborhood Services Unit to improve neighborhood safety and cohesion by addressing persistent public nuisances and environmental factors that contribute to crime; and providing for a special effective date.

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

**Bill No. 26-0185** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$74,667 to the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children; and providing for a special effective date.

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

**Bill No. 26-0186** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$612,096 to the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for a wide range of law enforcement needs, including investigations, training, facilities, equipment, travel, and operational costs, as well as awards, memorials, and prevention programs such as drug or gang education; and providing for a special effective date.

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

**Bill No. 26-0187** – By: The Council President (The Administration – Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$459,169 to the Department of Housing and Community Development – Service 738 (Weatherization Services), to provide funding for professional services and in service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low income households; and providing for a special effective date.

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

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

**Bill No. 26-0052R** - By: President Cohen and Councilmember Bullock

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Torrence, Gray, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, and Ramos

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**Baltimore Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights**

FOR the purpose of affirming the Baltimore Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights as a guiding framework for City policy, aligning existing City plans related to tree canopy, climate resilience, parks, and public health with equitable access to nature, supporting district-level planning efforts, and requesting development of recommendations for ordinances that increase equitable access to nature.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore’s children are the foundation of our City’s future, and every child deserves the right to learn, play, heal, and thrive in healthy outdoor environments.

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore’s children benefit physically, mentally, socially, and academically from safe access to healthy outdoor environments, and access to nature must be treated as a right, not a privilege.

**WHEREAS**, generations of environmental injustice, disinvestment, and systemic harm have denied too many Baltimore children access to fresh air, safe soil, clean water, and welcoming outdoor spaces.

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore continues to face tree canopy loss due to tree mortality, invasive vines, lack of maintenance, and unequal access to stewardship resources, and the protection and expansion of green space, including active maintenance of existing trees, forests, and parkland, is essential to the health and resilience of Baltimore’s neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS**, Baltimore’s Sustainability Plan, Green Network Plan, climate resilience initiatives, and 40% tree canopy goal all call for expanding, protecting, and actively maintaining green infrastructure across the City.

**WHEREAS**, Nature Everywhere Week each spring provides an opportunity for education, stewardship, public engagement, and reporting on progress toward canopy and nature-access goals.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council affirms the Baltimore Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights (COBOR) and recognizes that every child should have access to fresh air, clean water, and safe natural spaces.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the COBOR Summit, held annually on the Friday of Nature Everywhere Week, as an annual reporting and accountability moment on progress toward canopy protection, green space maintenance, and equitable access to nature in Baltimore City, and further recognizes Nature Everywhere Week, culminating on the first Saturday of May each year, as Baltimore City's moment to steward, celebrate, and exercise every child's right to the outdoors.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council encourages coordination across City agencies to expand equitable access to nature and to facilitate connection to the City's unique ecosystem by children and citizens of all ages.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City Council affirms the Baltimore Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as a guiding framework for City policy, and seeks to align existing City plans related to tree canopy, climate resilience, parks, and public health with equitable access to nature, to support district-level planning efforts, and to request development of recommendations for ordinances that increase equitable access to nature.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Health Commissioner, the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Office of Sustainability, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Bullock made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Bullock 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

**Bill No. 26-0053R** - By Councilmember Porter

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

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

### **Doulas and Perinatal Care**

FOR the purpose of recognizing doulas as essential members of the perinatal care team, calling on the Health Department and City hospitals to increase access to doulas, provide coverage for doulas at a sustainable wage, and invest in a strong and diverse perinatal workforce in local hospitals and clinics.

#### **Recitals**

Doulas are trained, non-clinical professionals providing physical, emotional, and informational care from pregnancy through childbirth and into the postpartum period.

Studies show that access to doula care improves outcomes for mothers and children, including reduced birthing complications, reduced NICU admissions, and improved mental health. Access to doulas can be particularly helpful in reducing racial disparities in pregnancy outcomes, with Black and Brown people facing higher maternal mortality rates.

Despite the value they bring to pregnancies and maternal outcomes, doulas often work without benefits or steady pay. With some 42% of U.S. births covered by Medicaid, there is often no coverage provided for doula care. In trying to provide care for racial and economic minorities, some doulas reduce their already low wages past their own economic breaking point, with downstream effects on burnout, a dwindling care workforce, and reduced maternal and infant outcomes.

The City Council calls on the Baltimore City Health Department, as well as all City-contracted hospitals, to increase doula access for pregnant families, to adopt policies that lead to doula coverage at fair, sustainable wages, and to make practical and lasting investments in a strong and diverse perinatal workforce in hospitals and clinics.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City Council recognizes doulas as essential members of the perinatal care team, and calls on the Health Department and City hospitals to increase access to doulas, provide coverage for doulas at a sustainable wage, and invest in a strong and diverse perinatal workforce in local hospitals and clinics.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Health Commissioner, the Director of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0545, 0546, 0547, 0548, 0550, 0551, 0552, 0553, 0554, 0555, 0556, 0557, 0558, 0559, 0560, 0561, 0562, 0563, 0564, 0565, 0566, 0567, 0568, 0569, 0570, AND 0571 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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. 26-0152 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 26-0152 favorably.

An Ordinance authorizing certain property tax arrearages to be paid through an installment payment plan; requiring the Director of Finance to establish an installment payment program; setting eligibility requirements for the program; prohibiting the Director from taking certain action against a person if compliant with a plan; establishing the effect of non-compliance with a plan; specifying the contents of the notice of an offer of a plan; specifying certain terms of the installment payment plan; requiring the publication of certain information on the City Tax Sale Ombudsman’s website; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of certain property taxes in Baltimore City.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0100 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0100 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance updating the process and procedures by which the Fund may disperse grants; altering the composition of the Board of Directors; requiring a certain report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the administration of the Children and Youth Fund.

Floor Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0100

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 8 of the Committee Amendments, in line 6, before “THE” insert “ENSURE THAT”; and, on that same page, in line 15, strike “IN § 9-5 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “BY-LAWS;” and substitute “BY-LAWS, REGARDING;”; and, on that same page, after line 15, insert:

“1. CURRENT RESIDENCY IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE; AND

2. KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN RACIAL EQUITY, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, OR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT;”;

and, on that same page, in line 16, before “RECEIVE” insert “OF WHICH THE MEMBERS SHALL”; and, on that same page, in line 19, before “MAY” insert “OF WHICH THE MEMBERS”; and, on page 9, in line 1, strike “BEING” and substitute “THE PROGRAMMING IS”; and, on that same page, in line 2, strike “ALIGNING” and substitute “THE PROGRAM ALIGNS”; and, on page 12, in line 23, strike “OR”.

The floor amendments were read and adopted.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0100

**Amendment No. 1**

Strike beginning with line 3 on page 1 down through and including line 23 on page 10 and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of updating the process and procedures by which the Fund may disburse grants; altering the composition of the Board of Directors; requiring a certain report; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the administration of the Children and Youth Fund.

BY authority of

Article I - General Provisions  
Section 13(e)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

Article 5 - Finance, Property and Procurement  
Sections 9-1, 9-2, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, and 9-8 to 9-10  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and re-ordaining, without amendments,

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Sections 9-3  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

Article 8 - Ethics  
Section 7-8(3a)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That  
the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

**Subtitle 9. Children and Youth Fund**

**§ 9-1. Definitions.**

*(a) In general.*

In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

*(b) Board.*

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the fiscal agent.

*(c) Fiscal agent.*

“Fiscal agent” means the entity designated by § 9-4(a) of this subtitle to administer the Fund and this subtitle.

*(D) FISCAL SPONSOR.*

“FISCAL SPONSOR” MEANS A NONPROFIT RECOGNIZED AS TAX-EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE § 501(C)(3) THAT ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

(E) [(d)] Fund.

“Fund” means the Children and Youth Fund established by City Charter Article I, § 13 {“Children and Youth Fund”}.

(F) GRANT.

“GRANT” MEANS MONEY, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE, THAT IS CONTROLLED BY THE FUND AND ALLOCATED FROM THE FUND TO A GRANTEE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

(G) GRANTEE.

“GRANTEE” MEANS A LEGAL ENTITY TO WHICH THE FUND MAKES A GRANT.

**§ 9-2. Uses of Fund.**(a) In general.

The Fund may be used only for the purposes generally described in City Charter Article I, § 13(a).

(b) Inclusions.

Allowed uses for the Fund include:

- (1) direct grants to program and service providers;
- (2) administrative costs to operate the Fund; and
- (3) capacity-building efforts to strengthen [Fund administration or] the ability of providers to successfully and sustainably offer services to Baltimore’s youth.

(C) EXCLUSION.

THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO PROVIDE DIRECT GRANTS TO AN ENTITY, UNLESS THAT ENTITY IS A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR IS USING A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION AS A FISCAL SPONSOR.

**§ 9-3. Purpose.**

The fiscal agent shall be a community-centered grant-making institution that fosters and promotes:

- (1) racial equity;
- (2) inter-generational leadership;
- (3) community ownership; and

(4) collective decision-making.

**§ 9-4. Fiscal agent.**

(a) Designation.

The fiscal agent for the Fund is the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Inc.

(b) General powers and duties.

The fiscal agent [must:] SHALL:

(1) identify specific programs and services to [be funded by the Fund; and] WHICH THE FUND MAY AWARD A GRANT; AND

[(2) allocate the available funds among the programs and services identified for funding.]

(2) MAKE GRANT AWARDS TO THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IDENTIFIED BY THE FUND;

(3) USE THE STANDARDIZED GRANT PROCESS AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL GRANTEES, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(4) REQUIRE REGULAR FISCAL AND PROGRAM REPORTS FROM ALL GRANTEES, AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) ETHICAL PROCEDURES.

(1) BOARD SHALL FILE.

THE BOARD SHALL ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 7 {"FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES"} OF THE CITY ETHICS ARTICLE AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS THEREIN.

(2) REQUIRED RECUSAL.

(1) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND SHALL ABSTAIN FROM A DISCUSSION AND RECUSE THEMSELF FROM A VOTE ON ANY MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD IF:

(A) THE BOARD MEMBER IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THE DISCUSSION OR VOTE PERTAINS;

(B) A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE BOARD MEMBER IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THE DISCUSSION OR VOTE PERTAINS;

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(C) THE BOARD MEMBER IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THE DISCUSSION OR VOTE PERTAINS; OR

(D) A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE BOARD MEMBER IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THE DISCUSSION OR VOTE PERTAINS.

(II) A BOARD MEMBER WHO ABSTAINS FROM A DISCUSSION OR RECUSES THEMSELF FROM A VOTE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

(III) THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE MEMBER'S SUBSEQUENT ABSTENTION OR RECUSAL SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BOARD'S MEETING MINUTES.

(D) [(c)] *Identifying programs and services for funding.*

(1) As it identifies specific programs and services to be funded by the Fund, the fiscal agent must select programs and services that:

(i) are active in Baltimore City;

(ii) are credible with and accountable to youth and the local communities they are proposing to serve;

(iii) have an element of youth-centered programming; and

(iv) can demonstrate how they are designed to improve outcomes for young people.

(2) The fiscal agent may also use any additional factors listed in City Charter Article I, § 13(a) to identify specific programs and services to be funded by the Fund so long as the additional factors are made [publically] PUBLICLY available to applicants for funding at the time that applications are requested.

(3) Beginning in Fiscal Year [2022] 2027 and continuing every 3 years thereafter, the fiscal agent [shall] SHALL:

(I) conduct a community-wide needs assessment to assist the Board in determining grant-making [areas.] AREAS; AND

(II) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETING THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT, SUBMIT THE ASSESSMENT TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

(E) GRANT APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL USE THE FOLLOWING PROCESS TO AWARD GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS:

(1) THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL MAKE ALL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS;

(2) THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL ASSESS EACH INDIVIDUAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE, BASED ON THE GOALS, SCOPE, AND COMPLEXITY OF EACH GRANT OPPORTUNITY, WHICH OF THE BELOW TYPES OF PANELS WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS:

(I) A COMMUNITY PANEL, WHICH SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) THE FOCUS OF THE GRANT IS NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED OR COMMUNITY-CENTERED;

(B) THE GRANT IS BROAD, COMPETITIVE, OR OPEN TO NEW APPLICANTS;

(C) THE GRANT NECESSITATES FIELD-SPECIFIC EXPERTISE; OR

(D) THE TERM OF THE GRANT WILL BE LONGER THAN 12 MONTHS; AND

(II) A PANEL OF FISCAL AGENT STAFF, WHICH SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) THE GRANT IS TIME-SENSITIVE AND REQUIRES EXPEDITED REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS;

(B) THE GRANT IS SPECIALIZED OR STRATEGIC; OR

(C) LIMITED IN SCOPE, INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS OR TARGETED INITIATIVES;

(3) THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL ASSEMBLE, EDIT, AND PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A GRANTS MANUAL THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO PROSPECTIVE GRANTEEES REGARDING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES USED BY THE FUND TO AWARD A GRANT, INCLUDING WHETHER APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED BY A COMMUNITY REVIEW PANEL OR A PANEL OF FISCAL AGENT STAFF, AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

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(4) FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A STANDARD GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN ORGANIZATION TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE FISCAL AGENT THAT INCLUDES:

(I) PROOF OF THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OR THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FISCAL SPONSOR;

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING:

(A) HOW THE ORGANIZATION ALIGNS WITH THE FUND'S PURPOSE AS STATED IN § 9-3 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(B) A SUMMARY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S EXPERIENCE WITH SERVING YOUTH; AND

(C) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CREDIBILITY WITH AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOUTH, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN THE CITY;

(III) COPIES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING:

(A) A COPY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT BUDGET;

(B) THE ORGANIZATION'S MOST RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT;

(C) THE ORGANIZATION'S MOST RECENT UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990, IF APPLICABLE; AND

(D) THE ORGANIZATION'S STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF STATUS;

(IV) IF APPLICABLE:

(A) A SIGNED AND EXECUTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT OR POTENTIAL FISCAL SPONSOR AND THE ORGANIZATION, IN WHICH THE FISCAL SPONSOR ENDORSES THE ORGANIZATION'S APPLICATION AND AGREES TO SERVE OR CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE ORGANIZATION'S FISCAL SPONSOR IF THE ORGANIZATION IS AWARDED A GRANT BY THE FUND;

(B) THE FISCAL SPONSOR'S MOST RECENT AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT;

(C) THE FISCAL SPONSOR'S MOST RECENT UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FORM 990; AND

(D) THE FISCAL SPONSOR'S STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF STATUS;

(V) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION THAT WILL BE FUNDED BY THE GRANT, INCLUDING EACH PROGRAM'S:

(A) PURPOSE;

(B) TIMELINE;

(C) PROPOSED MEASUREMENTS OF PROGRAM OUTCOMES; AND

(D) BUDGET; AND

(VI) ANY ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE FISCAL AGENT;

(5) UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED GRANT APPLICATION, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION TO:

(I) VERIFY THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT;

(II) REVIEW THE ORGANIZATION'S RECORD OF COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUSLY AWARDED GRANTS, IF APPLICABLE; AND

(III) THE ORGANIZATION MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE GRANT OPPORTUNITY;

(6) BASED UPON THE FISCAL AGENT'S DETERMINATION MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL CONVENE EITHER:

(I) A PANEL TO COMPLETE A COMMUNITY REVIEW OF THE COMPLETED GRANT APPLICATION:

(A) OF WHICH THE MEMBERS SHALL POSSESS THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS DESCRIBED IN § 9-5 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND IN THE BY-LAWS;

(B) RECEIVE ORIENTATION AND TRAINING REGARDING PROGRAM GOALS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STANDARDS; AND

(C) MAY INCLUDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, EDUCATORS, YOUTH LEADERS, AND SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS; OR

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- (II) A PANEL CONSISTENT OF STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FISCAL AGENT;
- (7) THE PANEL CONVENED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:
  - (I) A GROUP REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION;
  - (II) SCORING THE APPLICATION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:
    - (A) THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN BALTIMORE CITY;
    - (B) THE APPLICANT HAS CREDIBILITY WITH AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOUTH AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES THE ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING TO SERVE;
    - (C) THE APPLICANT HAS AN ELEMENT OF YOUTH-CENTERED PROGRAMMING;
    - (D) BEING DESIGNED TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH; AND
    - (E) ALIGNING WITH THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE 3-YEAR ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED UNDER § 9-4(C)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE;
- (8) BASED UPON THE GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW CONDUCTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (7) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PANEL SHALL REPORT THE NAME AND SCORE OF EACH APPLICANT, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FISCAL AGENT AND THE BOARD AND, IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE ON BEHALF OF A COMMUNITY REVIEW PANEL, FISCAL AGENT STAFF MAY CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE BOARD, AS NEEDED;
- (9) BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL, THE BOARD SHALL EITHER DENY OR APPROVE AN ORGANIZATION’S GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND FINALIZE THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FISCAL AGENT AND THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE; AND
- (10) FOLLOWING THE DENIAL OR APPROVAL OF AN ORGANIZATION’S GRANT APPLICATION, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL REPORT TO THE APPLICANT THE OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION EVALUATION PROCESS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK SPECIFIC TO THE APPLICATION FROM THE REVIEW PROCESS.

(F) GRANTEE REPORTING.

A GRANTEE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE FISCAL AGENT A QUARTERLY FISCAL REPORT.

(G) PERFORMANCE AUDIT.

BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND CONTINUING EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL PARTICIPATE IN A PERFORMANCE AUDIT CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COMPTROLLER.

**§ 9-5. Board of directors.**

(a) In general.

The fiscal agent shall be governed by and administered by a Board of Directors.

(b) Number and appointment.

(1) The number of voting members of the full Board may not be less than [9,] 13 excluding vacancies, and no more than [20.] 21.

(2) The Board may increase or decrease its membership, within the limits specified in this subsection, in its bylaws.

(3) The Board members shall be appointed and serve the terms prescribed by the Board's bylaws.

(c) Composition.

(1) Ex-officio members.

(i) Of the voting members of the Board:

(A) 1 shall be the [Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success or the Director's designee; and] MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE;

(B) 1 shall be the City Council President or a MEMBER OF THE City COUNCIL [Councilmember] designated by the City Council [President.] PRESIDENT; AND

(C) 1 SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH COMMISSION, AS DETERMINED BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM OF THE BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH COMMISSION.

(ii) Of the non-voting members of the Board:

(A) 1 shall be the City Solicitor or the City Solicitor's designee; and

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(B) 1 shall be the Director of Finance or the Director’s designee.

(2) Diversity.

(i) In general.

[The Board shall reflect a diverse economic, social, and racial mix.]

THE BOARD SHALL REFLECT THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE CITY AND SHALL REFLECT THE RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE CITY, AS REFLECTED IN THE MOST RECENT, PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE UNITED STATES CENSUS DATA ON BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH AGES 0-24 YEARS OLD.

(ii) Youth participation.

(A) In this subparagraph, “youth” means an individual between the ages of 14 and 25, inclusive.

(B) Except as provided in [sub-subparagraph (C),] SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D), at least [one-third] 1/3 of the Board shall consist of youth members.

(C) [The] NO MORE THAN 1 TIME IN A FISCAL YEAR, THE Board of Estimates may waive the requirement in sub-subparagraph (B) if the Board of Estimates finds [that] THAT:

1. the Fund’s Board has taken reasonable and diligent efforts to comply with that [requirement and that] REQUIREMENT;
2. those efforts have [failed.] FAILED; AND
3. THE BOARD CREATES AND SUBMITS TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES A PLAN TO RESTORE THE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP TO AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL BOARD.

(D) IF THE BOARD’S YOUTH MEMBERSHIP IS LESS THAN 2 YOUTH MEMBERS, THE BOARD SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES AND SHALL PRESENT THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES WITH A PLAN FOR RESTORING YOUTH BOARD MEMBERSHIP TO A MINIMUM OF 2 YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS AND SHALL CARRY OUT THAT PLAN WITHIN 90 DAYS OF PRESENTING THE PLAN.

(d) Bylaws.

(1) The Board must adopt bylaws for the administration of the fiscal agent. However, those bylaws may not be inconsistent with the terms of this subtitle or of City Charter Article I, § 13 {“Children and Youth Fund”}.

(2) The initial bylaws required by this subsection must be approved by the Board of Estimates before taking effect.

(3) Subsequent amendments to the initial bylaws must be filed with the Board of Estimates before taking effect.

(e) Board of Directors approval required.

No funds may be disbursed from the Fund without the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

(f) Staff.

The Board may employ staff to carry out the fiscal agent's day-to-day operations.

**§ 9-6. Annual financial plan.**

(a) In general.

Subject to the requirements of this section, PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, the Board shall adopt an annual financial plan, based on the City's fiscal year, [consisting of at least a budget and an amount to be disbursed from the Fund during that year.] THAT INCLUDES:

(1) A BUDGET;

(2) AN AMOUNT TO BE DISBURSED FROM THE FUND TO GRANTEEES DURING THE COMING FISCAL YEAR;

(3) THE BALANCE OF THE FUND HELD IN ACCOUNTS CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY THE FISCAL AGENT AS OF THE MOST RECENT QUARTER;

(4) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE FUND RECEIVED FROM THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR;

(5) THE RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT FINANCIAL AUDIT CONDUCTED BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY;

(6) THE END OF FISCAL YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE END OF YEAR BUDGET, AS COMPARTED WITH THE REPORT, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON FACILITATION AND EXECUTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATORY PROCESSES FOR GRANT MAKING; AND

(7) AN UPDATED PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE MULTI-YEAR BALANCE OF THE FUND.

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### (b) Fund allocations; Limitations.

#### (1) Limitations on use.

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph, “public engagement” may include:

(A) staffing needs for community outreach;

(B) space, supplies, and personnel for community information sessions;  
OR

(C) materials for education, marketing, and promotion of fund-related efforts; or

(D) facilitation and execution of community participatory processes for grant making.

(ii) In its financial plan, the Board may allocate from the Fund’s balance:

(A) up to 5% for public [engagement; and] ENGAGEMENT SPECIFYING HOW MUCH OF THIS ALLOCATION IS BUDGETED TO BE USED FOR FACILITATION AND EXECUTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS;

(B) up to 15% for staff and other costs to administer the [Fund.] FUND;  
AND

(C) UP TO 20% FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GRANTEEES REGARDING ADMINISTERING GRANT FUNDS AND COMPLYING WITH GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

#### (2) Remainder to be disbursed.

(i) The Board [must] SHALL allocate the remainder of the Fund’s balance among the programs and services identified under [§ 9-4(c)] § 9-4(D) of this subtitle, with an emphasis on programs or services operating in, or meant to assist young people from, the communities in Baltimore City most impacted by high poverty.

(ii) THE REMAINDER OF THE FUND’S BALANCE SHALL BE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THE PROCESSES ESTABLISHED IN § 9-4 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

#### (3) GRANT AMOUNTS - LIMITATIONS.

(i) THE SIZE OF A GRANT MAY NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY DISBURSED BY THE FUND AS GRANTS IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

(II) THE BOARD MAY NOT AWARD A GRANT TO ANY ORGANIZATION THAT HAS NOT FOLLOWED THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-4(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(c) Public hearing and comment on financial plan.

Before adopting any financial plan required by this section, the Board shall arrange for a public hearing on the proposed plan. Notice of the hearing must be published on the fiscal agent’s website for at least 3 consecutive weeks.

(d) Board of Estimates filing required.

[After] WITHIN 10 DAYS OF adopting a financial plan, the Board shall file the plan with the Board of Estimates.

**§ 9-7. {Reserved}**

**§ 9-8. Annual review; Dissolution of board.**

(a) Public hearings.

(1) No later than March 31 of each year, a relevant committee of the City Council shall hold 1 or more public hearings to evaluate the [activities] OPERATIONS of the fiscal agent and its disbursements.

(2) BY THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE COMPLETED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE FUND FROM THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

(b) Petition for dissolution.

(1) If after conducting a public hearing and hearing testimonial evidence, the City Council finds evidence of misappropriation of funds, malfeasance, or violation of law in connection with the administration of the Fund, the City Council may, by a three-fifths vote of its members, refer a petition to the Board of Estimates to dissolve the fiscal agent’s Board.

(2) On receipt of a petition described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board of Estimates shall consider and vote on that petition as soon as practicable.

**§ 9-9. Rules and regulations.**

Subject to Title 4 {“Administrative Procedure Act – Regulations”} of the City General Provisions Article, the Director of Finance must adopt rules and regulations to carry out this subtitle including:

(i) a schedule for [dispensing] DISBURSING the Fund each year; and

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- (ii) procedures for transferring money from the Fund to either the [interim] fiscal agent or directly to service and program providers designated by the [interim] fiscal agent.

### **§ 9-10. Annual [report.] REPORTS.**

#### (A) BOARD.

No later than [June 30] SEPTEMBER 1 of each year, the Board shall prepare and submit a report to the Mayor and City Council [detailing the activities and the impact of the Fund.] THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

- (1) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT OF THE FUND;
- (2) THE COMPOSITION AND DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF YOUTH MEMBERS ON THE BOARD AND THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE MEMBERS;
- (3) INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUND'S GRANTEES, INCLUDING:
  - (I) THE GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS;
  - (II) THE PROGRAMMATIC INTENT OF THE GRANTEE;
  - (III) THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED BY THE GRANTEE;
  - (IV) THE SIZE OF THE GRANT RECEIVED BY THE GRANTEE;
  - (V) THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE GRANTEE;
  - (VI) THE GRANTEE'S RECORD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE FUNDS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY GRANTS RECEIVED; AND
  - (VII) A SUMMARY OF THE OUTCOMES THAT THE GRANTEE ACHIEVED USING MONEY FROM THE FUND; AND
- (4) THE RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED AUDIT OF THE FUND.

#### (B) DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL ANNUALLY PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES:

- (1) THE DATE AND AMOUNT DISBURSED THROUGH GRANTS IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO § 9-9 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) THE FUND’S BALANCE PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING THE DATES OF ANY TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE FUND TO THE FISCAL AGENT.

**Article 8. Ethics**

**Subtitle 7. Financial Disclosure**

**Part II. Who Must File**

**§ 7-8. Persons required to file – Agency officials and staff.**

The following officials and employees must file the financial disclosure statements required by this subtitle:

(3a) *Baltimore Children and Youth [Fund.] FUND AND BALTIMORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND, INC.*

(i) All members of Board of Directors.

(ii) All non-clerical employees.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.”.**

The committee 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. 25-0114 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Dorsey, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0114 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance making smoke shops a conditional use by approval of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals in all commercial zoning and mixed-use districts; setting use standards for smoke shops; making conforming changes; and defining certain terms.

## Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0114

**Amendment No. 1**

Strike beginning with line 13 on page 2 down through and including line 2 on page 3 and substitute:

“(1) “SMOKE SHOP” MEANS A RETAIL GOODS ESTABLISHMENT THAT:

(I) IS ENGAGED IN THE RETAIL SALE OR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, TOBACCO SMOKING ACCESSORIES, ANY DEVICE OR PARAPHERNALIA THAT CAN BE USED TO DELIVER NICOTINE OR OTHER SUBSTANCES TO THE INDIVIDUAL INHALING FROM THE DEVICE, OR ANY CARTRIDGE, COMPONENT, OR ACCESSORY OF THE DEVICE; AND

(II) OPERATES UNDER 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE:

(A) OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS (OTP) RETAILER, AS ESTABLISHED BY § 16.5-201 {“LICENSES REQUIRED RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS”};

(B) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES RETAILER, AS ESTABLISHED BY § 16.7-201 {“LICENSE REQUIRED”};

(C) VAPE SHOP VENDOR, AS ESTABLISHED BY § 16.7-201 {“LICENSE REQUIRED”};

(D) A CIGARETTE RETAILER, AS ESTABLISHED BY SUBTITLE 2 OF TITLE 16 {“CIGARETTE BUSINESS LICENSES”}; OR

(E) A TOBACCONIST LICENSE, AS ESTABLISHED BY § 16.5-201 {“LICENSES REQUIRED RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS”} OF THE STATE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE; AND

(III) DEVOTES MORE THAN 10 LINEAR FEET OF DISPLAY AREA, MEASURED BY SHELF SPACE, COUNTER SPACE, AND WALL-MOUNTED DISPLAYS, WHETHER VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL, TO:

(A) OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AS DEFINED BY § 16.5-101(J) OF THE STATE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE;

(B) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, AS DEFINED BY § 16.7-101(C) OF THE STATE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE; OR

(C) A COMBINATION OF BOTH TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.

(2) EXCLUSIONS.

“SMOKE SHOP” DOES NOT INCLUDE A RETAIL GOODS ESTABLISHMENT:

(I) THAT PRIMARILY DERIVES ITS REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF PREMIUM CIGARS, PIPE TOBACCO, MEMBERSHIP FEES, OR LOCKER RENTALS; OR

(II) WHERE THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS SECONDARY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT’S PRIMARY RETAIL FUNCTION AND LESS THAN 25% OF THE ESTABLISHMENT’S REVENUE IS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.”.

**Amendment No. 2**

On page 3, in line 7, strike “500” and substitute “750”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “AND” and substitute “OR”; and, on that same page, in line 8, strike “1,500” and substitute “750”.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 1, in line 9, strike “(w) and” and substitute “(w),”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “14-340,” insert “and 18-702,”; and, on that same page, in line 11, strike “(x) and” and substitute “(x),”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “14-341,” insert “and 18-703,”; and, on that same page, in line 16, strike “and 15-305” and substitute “15-305, and 18-702”; and, on page 2, in line 2, strike “(w) and” and substitute “(w),”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “14-340,” insert “and 18-702,”; and, on that same page, in line 3, strike “(x) and” and substitute “(x),”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “14-341,” insert “and 18-703,”; and, on page 3, after line 13, insert:

**“Title 18. Nonconformities**

**Subtitle 7. Mandatory Termination of Certain Uses**

**§ 18-702. SMOKE SHOPS.**

**(A) IN GENERAL.**

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, SMOKE SHOPS LOCATED WITHIN 750 FEET OF ANY SCHOOL, RECREATION CENTER, OR PARK SHALL BE TERMINATED NO LATER THAN 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE USE BECAME NONCONFORMING.

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(B) WAIVER FOR HARDSHIP.

(1) BOARD AUTHORITY.

THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS MAY EXTEND BY AN ADDITIONAL 1 YEAR THE TIME BY WHICH A SMOKE SHOP MUST TERMINATE THE NONCONFORMING USE.

(2) TIMELY APPLICATION.

TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION, THE PROPERTY OWNER OR LESSEE SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD, IN WRITING, WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE PROPERTY BECOMES NONCONFORMING.

(3) FACTORS FOR EXTENSION.

THE PROPERTY OWNER OR LESSEE SEEKING AN EXTENSION UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ESTABLISH THE EXISTENCE OF 1 OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS THAT WOULD RENDER TERMINATION WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION A HARDSHIP:

(I) PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE 3 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE NONCONFORMITY;

(II) INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AND AFTER APRIL 1, 2021; OR

(III) A LEASE THAT WAS ENTERED INTO BEFORE APRIL 1, 2021, HAS A TERM REMAINING IN EXCESS OF 10 YEARS, AND IS NOT TERMINABLE BY THE LESSEE BECAUSE OF ZONING CHANGES PROHIBITING THE USE.”.

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. 25-0126 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Porter, for the Public Health and Environment Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0126 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance implementing subtitle A of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and 28 CFR Part 35 {"Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services"}; establishing the mandate that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a City agency, or be subjected to discrimination by a City agency; defining certain terms; establishing a special effective date; and generally relating to the provision of public services to qualified individuals with a disability.

Floor Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0126

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 8 of the Committee Amendments, after line 12, insert "(1) IN GENERAL."; and, on that same page, in line 13, after "EACH" insert "REGULAR"; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike "COUNCIL, INCLUDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS," and substitute "COUNCIL"; and, on that same page, in lines 15 and 16, respectively, strike "(1)" and "(2)", respectively, and substitute "(I)" and "(II)", respectively; and, on that same page, after line 19, insert:

"(2) OTHER MEETINGS.

(I) REQUEST PROCESS.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE AN ACCESSIBLE METHOD ON ITS WEBSITE BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL MAY REQUEST AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION FOR A SPECIAL MEETING, COMMITTEE HEARING, OR OTHER HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

(II) FULFILLMENT OF REQUEST.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION FOR ANY MEETING IDENTIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (2) WHEN A REQUEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF A MEETING.

(III) LATE REQUESTS.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ACCOMMODATE A REQUEST RECEIVED AFTER THE STATED DEADLINE.

(IV) NOTICE.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF:

(A) THE DEADLINE BY WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION AT A MEETING IDENTIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (2); AND

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(B) THE AVAILABILITY OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING SUCH SERVICE.

(V) COMPLIANCE.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL IMPLEMENT THIS PARAGRAPH (2) IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT."

The floor amendments were read and adopted.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0126

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 8, strike “establishing a special effective date;” and substitute “providing for the effective dates of this Ordinance;”; and strike beginning with line 15 on page 2 down through and including line 6 on page 9 and substitute:

“(C) ADA COORDINATOR.

“ADA COORDINATOR” MEANS A DESIGNATED CITY EMPLOYEE FROM EACH AGENCY WHO SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS ADDRESSING ACCESSIBILITY.

(D) AGENCY.

“AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 1, § 2(J) OF THE CITY CHARTER.

(E) AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES.

(1) IN GENERAL.

“AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.

(2) INCLUSIONS.

“AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES” INCLUDES:

- (I) QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS, EITHER ON-SITE OR THROUGH VIDEO REMOTE INTERPRETING SERVICES;
- (II) ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES AND SYSTEMS;
- (III) AUDIO RECORDINGS;
- (IV) BRAILED MATERIALS AND DISPLAYS; AND

(V) OTHER SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES.

(F) COMPANION.

“COMPANION” MEANS A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR ASSOCIATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS AN APPROPRIATE PERSON WITH WHOM AN AGENCY SHOULD COMMUNICATE TO ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

(G) DISABILITY.

“DISABILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 42 U.S.C. § 12102, AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED BROADLY IN FAVOR OF EXPANSIVE COVERAGE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE TERMS OF THE ADA, THE REHABILITATION ACT, AND STATE AND CITY LAWS.

(H) DISCRIMINATE.

“DISCRIMINATE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 28 C.F.R. § 35.130 {“GENERAL PROHIBITIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION”}.

(I) MAYOR’S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS.

“MAYOR’S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS” OR “MIMA” MEANS THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AS ESTABLISHED IN § 54-2 {“OFFICE ESTABLISHED”} OF THIS ARTICLE 1, OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

(J) OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

“OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS” OR “OECR” MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

(K) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

“QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO, WITH OR WITHOUT REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF BALTIMORE’S RULES, POLICIES, OR PRACTICES, THE REMOVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL, COMMUNICATION, OR TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS, OR THE PROVISION OF AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, MEETS THE ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF SERVICES OR THE PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

(L) QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

“QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER” MEANS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 24, PART III OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(M) REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION.

“REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION” MEANS AN ADJUSTMENT TO A JOB, WORK ENVIRONMENT, APPLICATION PROCESS, OR ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ACTIVITY THAT ENABLES A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY TO APPLY FOR A JOB, PERFORM AN ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTION, AND ENJOY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

(N) REASONABLE MODIFICATION.

“REASONABLE MODIFICATION” MEANS A CHANGE IN A POLICY, PRACTICE OR PROCEDURE THAT IS REQUIRED TO OFFER AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN, OR EQUAL ACCESS TO, THE BENEFITS OF A CITY SERVICE, PROGRAM, OR ACTIVITY.

(O) REHABILITATION ACT.

“REHABILITATION ACT” MEANS THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED, AND THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO, AS AMENDED.

(P) SERVICE ANIMAL.

“SERVICE ANIMAL” MEANS AN ANIMAL THAT IS INDIVIDUALLY TRAINED TO DO WORK OR PERFORM TASKS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

(Q) UNDUE BURDEN.

“UNDUE BURDEN” MEANS THAT, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE FUNDING AND OPERATION OF A PROGRAM, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITY, THE PROVISION OF A REQUESTED REASONABLE MODIFICATION, AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE, OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION WOULD RESULT IN A FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION IN THE NATURE OF THE SERVICE, PROGRAM, OR ACTIVITY, OR WOULD CAUSE AN UNREASONABLE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE HARDSHIP.

(R) WEB CONTENT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES.

“WEB CONTENT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES” MEANS THE TECHNICAL STANDARD DEVELOPED BY THE WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM THAT SETS MEASURABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING DIGITAL INFORMATION AND FUNCTIONS USABLE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AS REQUIRED IN 28 C.F.R. § 35.200 {“REQUIREMENTS FOR WEB AND MOBILE ACCESSIBILITY”}.

**§§ 4-2 TO 4-5. {RESERVED}**

**§ 4-6. DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY POLICY.**

(A) IN GENERAL.

EVERY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DIGITAL SYSTEM, INCLUDING ANY WEBSITE, WEB-BASED OR MOBILE APPLICATION, SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM, STREAMING SERVICE, OR OTHER THIRD-PARTY DIGITAL PLATFORM THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION OR SERVICES THROUGH THE INTERNET, SHALL MEET THE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN THE WEB CONTENT ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES VERSION 2.1, LEVEL AA, OR ANY LATER VERSION OR EQUIVALENT STANDARD ADOPTED BY THE STATE OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(B) APPLICABILITY.

SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL SUCH SYSTEMS DEVELOPED, PURCHASED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE CITY, AS WELL AS THOSE DEVELOPED, PURCHASED, OR MAINTAINED FOR CITY USE UNDER CONTRACT OR OTHER AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD PARTY INCLUDING ANY DIGITAL SYSTEM OR PLATFORM USED BY THE CITY FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS, WHETHER OR NOT THE PLATFORM IS OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE CITY.

(C) CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS.

ALL PRERECORDED AND LIVE VIDEO OR AUDIO CONTENT MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE BY THE CITY SHALL INCLUDE ACCURATE, SYNCHRONIZED, AND COMPLETE CAPTIONS, INCLUDING SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION AND RELEVANT NON-SPEECH AUDIO INFORMATION.

(D) AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ACCESS.

FOR CONTENT THAT COMMUNICATES CRITICAL INFORMATION, PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION, LEGAL RIGHTS, OR ESSENTIAL SERVICES, THE CITY SHALL PROVIDE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION OR AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE-BASED VIDEO CONTENT IN ADDITION TO CAPTIONS.

(E) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

ALL DIGITAL EMERGENCY ALERTS, PRESS CONFERENCES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH REAL-TIME CAPTIONS AND VISIBLE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, PROVIDED CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE COMMUNICATION.

(F) PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES, ALL CONTRACTS FOR DIGITAL SYSTEMS OR CONTENT SHALL REQUIRE VENDORS TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT AND THROUGHOUT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT.

§§ 4-7 TO 4-11. {RESERVED}

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

§ 4-2. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY.

AN AGENCY MAY NOT VIOLATE 28 C.F.R. PART 35 {"NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES"} BY, ON THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY:

- (1) EXCLUDING THE INDIVIDUAL FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICES, PROGRAMS, OR ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY;
- (2) DENYING THE INDIVIDUAL THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICES, PROGRAMS, OR ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL;
- (3) DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL; OR
- (4) FAILING OR DECLINING TO MAKE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR A REASONABLE MODIFICATION TO EXISTING POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.

**§ 4-3. EMPLOYMENT.**

*(A) IN GENERAL.*

AN AGENCY MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE, ON THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY, IN HIRING OR THROUGH EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

*(B) HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; PREFERENCE.*

AN AGENCY SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OR GIVE PREFERENCE TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S STATUS AS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IN ITS HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECTED CLASSES UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND WITHOUT VIOLATING ANY LAW OR TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT TO WHICH THE CITY IS A PARTY, INCLUDING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

*(C) ATTACHMENT TO JOB POSTING.*

AN AGENCY SHALL ATTACH INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY'S DISABILITY HIRING PREFERENCE TO EACH JOB POSTING.

**§ 4-4. REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS.**

*(A) IN GENERAL.*

AN AGENCY SHALL MAKE REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AND BENEFIT FROM ITS PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES.

*(B) REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION - LIMITATION.*

*(1) IN GENERAL.*

AN AGENCY IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ACTION TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION IF THAT ACTION WOULD:

(I) FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITY IN QUESTION; OR

(II) IMPOSE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON THE AGENCY.

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### (2) DETERMINATION.

- (I) IF AN AGENCY DENIES AN ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE AGENCY HAS THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT COMPLIANCE WOULD RESULT IN A FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION OR AN UNDUE BURDEN.
- (II) A DETERMINATION THAT A REQUEST WOULD RESULT IN SUCH ALTERATION OR BURDEN MAY BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, ONLY AFTER THE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE HAS CONSIDERED ALL AVAILABLE AGENCY RESOURCES.
- (III) AN AGENCY'S DENIAL OF A REQUESTED ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION.
- (IV) IF MAKING AN ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION WOULD RESULT IN A FUNDAMENTAL ALTERATION OR AN UNDUE BURDEN, THE AGENCY SHALL TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT WOULD NOT RESULT IN SUCH AN ALTERATION OR A BURDEN BUT WOULD NEVERTHELESS ENSURE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY EQUITABLY RECEIVES THE BENEFIT OR SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY.

### (C) PROHIBITION ON FEE FOR ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION.

AN AGENCY MAY NOT ASSESS A FEE ON AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY OR ANY GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO PAY THE COST OF PROVIDING:

- (1) AN AUXILIARY AID;
- (2) AN AUXILIARY SERVICE; OR
- (3) A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION.

## **§ 4-5. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION POLICY.**

### (A) IN GENERAL.

AN AGENCY SHALL, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES TO A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY SO THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PARTICIPATE EQUALLY IN A PROGRAM, SERVICE, OR ACTIVITY.

### (B) COMMUNICATION AIDS AND SERVICES.

TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AN AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE, BASED ON THE NEEDS OF AN INDIVIDUAL, AN APPROPRIATE AID OR SERVICE TO MAKE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A SPEECH, HEARING, OR VISION IMPAIRMENT, INCLUDING:

(1) A QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER; AND

(2) DOCUMENTS IN BRAILLE.

(C) QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

IF AN AGENCY PROVIDES A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, THE INTERPRETER SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 24, PART III OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(D) APPLICABILITY TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

EACH MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS, SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER; AND

(2) IF THE MEETING IS BEING BROADCAST, OPEN CAPTIONS THAT DISPLAY SPOKEN WORDS, SOUND EFFECTS, AND OTHER MEANINGFUL AUDIO INFORMATION AS VISIBLE TEXT THAT APPEARS DIRECTLY ON A SCREEN OR DISPLAY AND CANNOT BE TURNED OFF.

**§ 4-7. SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY.**

A SERVICE ANIMAL IS PERMITTED IN A CITY OWNED, OPERATED, OR MANAGED SPACE WHERE THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED, IF THE SERVICE ANIMAL IS ACCOMPANYING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

**§ 4-8. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.**

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY AGENCIES, SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES:

(1) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILE A COMPLAINT FOR PERCEIVED DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY;

(2) FOR RECEIPT OF AND RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT BY THE ADA COORDINATOR OF ANY AGENCY ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DISCRIMINATION;

(3) FOR THE TIMELY RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT BY THE ADA COORDINATOR OF ANY AGENCY ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DISCRIMINATION;

(4) FOR PROVIDING A WRITTEN AND ACCESSIBLE DETERMINATION ON THE COMPLAINT TO THE COMPLAINANT;

(5) FOR ENSURING OUTCOMES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE COMPLAINANT, WITHOUT VIOLATING ANY APPLICABLE LAW;

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(6) ESTABLISHING A REASONABLE TIME LINE FOR THE PROCEDURES UNDER THIS SECTION TO TAKE PLACE; AND

(7) FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ALL GRIEVANCES FOR A CENTRAL TRACKING AND REPORTING SYSTEM.

### **§ 4-9. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

#### (A) ADA COORDINATOR.

##### (1) IN GENERAL.

EACH AGENCY SHALL DESIGNATE, AND ACCORDINGLY COMPENSATE, AT LEAST 1 EMPLOYEE TO BE THE “ADA COORDINATOR” FOR THE AGENCY.

##### (2) DUTIES.

AN ADA COORDINATOR SHALL:

(I) PERFORM AN AGENCY SELF-EVALUATION PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF THE ADA;

(II) DEVELOP AN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR THE AGENCY AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

(III) ON A REGULAR BASIS, ASSESS THE AGENCY’S ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND MAKE CHANGES, AS NEEDED;

(IV) RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION;

(V) COORDINATE THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT AND QUARTERLY REPORT AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(VI) CONSULT WITH AND SUPPORT THE AGENCY’S EQUITY COORDINATOR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGENCY’S EQUITY ACTION PLAN AND ANY MATTERS RELATING TO ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

##### (3) TRAINING.

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL DEVELOP AND DELIVER AN ANNUAL TRAINING FOR ADA COORDINATORS, WITH A FOCUS ON CREATING AN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN AND INTEGRATING THE PLAN WITH THE AGENCY’S DAILY OPERATIONS.

(B) AGENCY ACCESSIBILITY PLANS.

(1) IN GENERAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF AN AGENCY, IN CONSULTATION WITH OECR AND THE AGENCY'S ADA COORDINATOR, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN.

(2) CONTENTS.

AN ACCESSIBILITY PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE MODE:

(A) OF EVALUATING THE NEEDS OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS AN AGENCY SERVICE;

(B) OF PROVIDING AN ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION TO A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY;

(C) OF COORDINATING WITH MIMA WHEN SERVING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH BOTH LANGUAGE ACCESS AND DISABILITY-RELATED NEEDS; AND

(D) OF PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AGENCY'S OBLIGATION TO SERVE A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.

(II) THE MEANS BY WHICH THE AGENCY WILL MONITOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH:

(A) THE ACCESSIBILITY PLAN;

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(C) ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES; AND

(III) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF EACH EMPLOYEE THAT WILL SERVE AS AN ADA COORDINATOR FOR THE AGENCY.

(3) PUBLICATION; SUBMISSION.

AN AGENCY SHALL:

(I) PUBLICLY PUBLISH THE AGENCY'S ACCESSIBILITY PLAN; AND

(II) SUBMIT THE AGENCY'S ACCESSIBILITY PLAN TO OECR.

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(4) BIENNIAL UPDATE.

THE DIRECTOR OF AN AGENCY SHALL REVIEW, UPDATE, AND IMPLEMENT THE AGENCY'S ACCESSIBILITY PLAN BY JANUARY 1 OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

(C) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(1) ANNUAL REPORT.

ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR AN AGENCY SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH OECR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE THAT ASSESSES THE AGENCY'S PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS ACCESSIBILITY PLAN.

(2) QUARTERLY REPORT.

EACH QUARTER, AN AGENCY SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH OECR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE THAT CONTAINS DATA RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS, INCLUDING:

- (I) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT REQUESTED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION;
- (II) EACH TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION REQUESTED AND IF THE AGENCY PROVIDED THE ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION, AND IF NOT, WHY;
- (III) THE LENGTH OF TIME FROM REQUEST TO DETERMINATION, AND FROM DETERMINATION TO PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION OR MODIFICATION; AND
- (IV) THE NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES FILED WITH THE AGENCY.

**§ 4-10. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR AGENCIES.**

SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS, OECR SHALL:

- (1) PROVIDE OVERSIGHT, COORDINATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO AN AGENCY AS THE AGENCY PREPARES AND IMPLEMENTS ITS ACCESSIBILITY PLAN; AND
- (2) AS APPROPRIATE, CONSULT WITH MIMA WHEN A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ALSO REQUIRES LANGUAGE ACCESS SERVICES BASED ON THEIR STATUS AS A LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT INDIVIDUAL.

**§ 4-11. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

SUBJECT TO TITLE 4 {"ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT - REGULATIONS"} OF THE CITY GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE, THE DIRECTOR OF OECR SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That § 4-6 of this Ordinance is applicable prospectively and is not to impact any contract or agreement that exists prior to the date that this Ordinance is enacted.

**SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That Section 1 of this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

**SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That except as provided in Section 4 of this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall take effect 1 year and 2 months after the date it is enacted.”.

The committee 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.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

JACIA FALCON

Director

DEPARTMENT:

Human Resources

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion that the appointment of Jacia Falcon be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

The President declared the appointment of Jacia Falcon confirmed.

**BILL NO. 26-0172 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Dorsey, for the Charter Review Special Committee, reported Bill No. 26-0172 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance amending certain processes, requirements, and permissions relating to the adoption and rejection of ordinances and resolutions, the City's budget, and establishing certain tax rates; providing for the grant of certain minor privilege rights under a process established by ordinance; removing certain improper, non-essential, obsolete, and redundant provisions; setting a special effective date; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 26-0172

**Amendment No. 1**

{Removing the Board of Estimates from the budget process. Directing the Mayor to submit a proposed Ordinance of Estimates directly to the City Council. Eliminating the preliminary budget process. Making conforming changes throughout Charter to reflect that the Mayor and not the Board of Estimates submits the annual Ordinance of Estimates to the City Council.}

On page 1, after line 8, insert:

“BY proposing to amend  
Article III – City Council  
Section 15(e)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)”;

and, on that same page, in line 24, strike “12” and substitute “11”; and, on page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 5 and substitute:

“Sections 3, 5 through 9, 10, 11, and 18, respectively  
to be  
Sections 1, 2 through 6, 8, 9, and 10, respectively”;

and, on that same page, after line 17, insert:

“BY proposing to amend  
Article VII – Executive Departments  
Sections 8, 9, 53(g), and 72(j)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)”;

and, on that same page, after line 39, insert:

“BY proposing to amend  
Article X – Office of the Inspector General  
Section 5(c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)”;

and, on page 3, after line 3, insert:

**“Article III. City Council**

**§ 15. General counsel.**

(e) Compensation; Expenses.

- (1) The General Counsel’s compensation shall be at least equal to that of a full-time Chief of the Law Department’s General Counsel Division.
- (2) The [Board of Estimates] MAYOR shall annually include in the Ordinance of Estimates submitted to the City Council an amount sufficient to fund the General Counsel’s compensation and necessary expenses.
- (3) The amount appropriated for the General Counsel’s compensation and expenses shall be in addition to and may not supplant, be deducted from, or serve as a basis for reducing any part of the operating budget of the City Council.”;

and, strike beginning with line 29 on page 5 down through and including line 16 on page 6; and, on page 6, in line 17, strike “**3.**” and substitute “**2.**”; and, on page 7, in line 9, strike “**4.**” and substitute “**3.**”; and, on page 9, in line 11, strike “**5.**” and substitute “**4.**”; and, on page 11, in line 7, strike “**6.**” and substitute “**5.**”; and, on page 12, in line 26, strike “**7.**” and substitute “**6.**”; and, on page 14, in lines 5 and 8, strike “**8.**” and “**9.**”, respectively, and substitute “**7.**” and “**8.**”, respectively; and, on page 15, in line 17, strike “**10.**” and substitute “**9.**”; and, on page 20, in line 25, strike “**11.**” and substitute “**10.**”; and, on page 21, in line 19, strike “**12.**” and substitute “**11.**”; and, on page 22, in line 10, strike “**13.**” and substitute “**12.**”; and, on page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 10; and, on that same page, in lines 11 and 16, strike “(c)” and “(d)”, respectively, and substitute “(B)” and “(C)”, respectively; and, on that same page, in line 12, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in line 14, strike “4” and substitute “3”; and, on page 6, in line 20, strike “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “its” and substitute “THE”; and, on that same page, in line 29, strike the first instance of “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike the second instance of “Board” and substitute “PLANNING COMMISSION”; and, on that same page, in line 33, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 36 and 37; and, on page 7, in line 2, strike “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 7 and 8; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 11 and 12;

and, on that same page, in lines 13 and 17, in each instance strike “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in line 25, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on page 8, in line 7, strike “Board” and substitute “PLANNING COMMISSION”; and, on page 9, in lines 3 and 10, in each instance strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in line 27, strike “fixed by the Board” and substitute “SET BY THE MAYOR”; and, on page 10, in lines 10 and 11, strike “Board of Estimates;” and substitute “MAYOR;”; and, on that same page, in line 25, strike “Board of Estimates,” and substitute “MAYOR,”; and, on that same page, in line 28, strike “Board” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on that same page, in line 29, strike “Board of Estimates.” and substitute “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.”; and, on that same page, in line 31, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”; and, on page 11, in lines 1 and 4, in each instance strike “Board” and substitute “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”; and, on that same page, in line 29, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”; and, on that same page, in lines 32 and 33, strike “Board of Estimates,” and substitute “DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION,”; and, on page 12, in lines 6 and 15, in each instance strike “Board of Estimates,” substitute “DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION,”; and, on that same page, in line 25, strike “Board of Estimates.” and substitute “DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.”; and, on that same page, in line 31, strike “5(B)(3)” and substitute “4(B)(4)”; and, on page 13 in line 27, and on page 14 in line 2, in each instance strike “11” and substitute “10”; and, on page 13, in line 37, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “DIRECTOR OF FINANCE”; and, on page 14, in line 10, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on page 22, after line 22, insert:

## **“Article VII. Executive Departments**

### **Department of Finance**

#### **§ 8. Department of Finance: Budget preparation.**

[In accordance with rules established by the Board of Estimates, the] THE Department shall prepare the preliminary operating budget for the consideration of the [Board of Estimates.] MAYOR, shall make reports and recommendations on the capital budget and capital improvement program, and shall otherwise participate in the making of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

#### **§ 9. Department of Finance: Budget administration.**

[Under the direction of the Board of Estimates, the] THE Director shall implement the Ordinance of Estimates. In the interest of economy and efficiency, the Director shall survey the administration and organization of municipal agencies to support the Director’s recommendations to the [Board of Estimates] MAYOR on the budget requests of the agencies and the Director’s reports to the Mayor on measures which might be taken to improve the organization and administration of City government.

**Fire Department**

**§ 53. Fire Department Arbitration for fire fighters and officers.**

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*(g) Decision – Implementation.*

The decision of the majority of the board of arbitration thus established shall be final and binding upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and upon the certified employee organizations involved in the proceedings. No appeal therefrom shall be allowed. Such decision shall constitute a mandate to the Mayor of Baltimore City in respect to such matters which can be remedied administratively by him, and as a mandate to the Board of Estimates and the City Council with respect to matters which require legislative action necessary to implement the decision of the Board of Arbitration.

With respect to matters which require legislative action for implementation, such legislation shall be enacted within forty-five days following the date of the arbitration decision.

With respect to salaries and wage scales, the amounts determined by the final decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be included in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates in accordance with Article VI, Section [4(a),] 2(A), shall not be reduced by the City Council in accordance with Article VI, Section [7(a),] 5(A), and shall be adopted by the Board of Estimates as the salary and wage scales for employees of the Fire [Department in accordance with Section 12 of Article VI.] DEPARTMENT.

**Department of Planning**

**§ 72. Department of Planning: Commission – Powers and duties.**

The Planning Commission:

...

(j) shall submit for the consideration of the [Board of Estimates] MAYOR a recommended capital budget for inclusion in the Ordinance of Estimates, a recommended long-range capital improvement program, and a report explaining both, all of which shall be made public.

...”;

and, on page 27, after line 37, insert:

**“Article X. Office of the Inspector General****§ 5. Office of the Inspector General: Budget.****(c) Submission.**

- (1) The budget approved by the advisory board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be the Office budget the advisory board recommends to the [Board of Estimates.] MAYOR.
- (2) The advisory board, on behalf of the Office of the Inspector General, shall submit the recommended budget [to the Board of Estimates in a timely manner in order for the recommended budget to be considered for inclusion in the Ordinance of Estimates.] FOR THE MAYOR’S CONSIDERATION IN ASSEMBLING THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.”;

and, on page 22, strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14; and, on that same page, in lines 15 and 16, respectively, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively.

**Amendment No. 2**

{Revise the date by which the Board of Estimates shall submit to the City Council the proposed Ordinance of Estimates from April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.}

On page 5, in line 15, strike “15” and substitute “30”.

**Amendment No. 3**

{Stating, for the sake of clarity, that the budget process terminates on the start of the fiscal year to which the proposed Ordinance of Estimates is applicable. Amendment requested by the Department of Law.}

On page 5, after line 22, insert:

**“(E) VETO AND OVERRIDE.**

- (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROCESS FOR VETO AND RECONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE IV, § 5 OF THIS CHARTER, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO WHICH IT IS APPLICABLE.
- (2) THE CITY COUNCIL MAY NOT RECONSIDER AN ITEM OF APPROPRIATION CONTAINED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES AND VETOED BY THE MAYOR AFTER THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO WHICH THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES IS APPLICABLE.”.

**Amendment No. 4**

{Eliminating the requirement to publish the proposed Ordinance of Estimates in two daily newspapers. Requiring the Mayor to make public the proposed Ordinance of Estimates in a manner accessible to all City residents.}

On page 7, strike beginning with “publish” in line 14 down through and including “City.” in line 15 and substitute “MAKE PUBLIC A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES IN A MANNER ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CITY RESIDENTS.”.

**Amendment No. 5**

{Revising provisions relating to the creation of non-lapsing funds by ordinance to reflect that the Ordinance of Estimates does not itself appropriate money for non-lapsing funds, rather the amounts dedicated to non-lapsing funds are included as special revenue sources in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates. Amendment recommended in Department of Law bill report dated April 14, 2026. Page 3 of 6.}

On page 9, in lines 21 and 22, in each instance, strike the bracket; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 23 and 24; and, on page 10, in line 13, in each instance, strike the bracket; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “(III), OR (IV)”;

and, on page 14, in line 7, strike “ORDINANCE.” and substitute “ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATION IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.”.

**Amendment No. 6**

{For the sake of internal consistency, amendment recommended in Department of Law bill report dated April 14, 2026. Pages 3 and 4 of 6.}

On page 10, in line 20, strike “CONTINGENT” and substitute “CONDITIONAL”.

**Amendment No. 7**

{Reverting Article VI, § 10 {Salaries”} to its currently effective form. Amendment recommended in the Department of Law bill report dated April 14, 2026.}

On page 14, in lines 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27 through 31, and 33, in each instance, strike the bracket; and, on that same page, in lines 10, 16, and 18, respectively, strike “(A)”, “(B)”, and “(C)”, respectively; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “Board of Estimates” and substitute “MAYOR”; and, on page 15, in lines 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 through 14, and 16, in each instance, strike the bracket.

**Amendment No. 8**

{To exercise its powers and perform its duties, requiring the Board of Estimates to summon before it the heads of departments and promulgate rules and regulations

On page 22, in line 18, strike “MAY,” and substitute “SHALL.”.

**Amendment No. 9**

{Amendment recommended in Department of Law bill report dated April 14, 2026. Pages 5 and 6 of 6.}

On page 28, in line 8, strike “shall become effective on January 1, 2027.” and substitute “shall, upon approval by the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, become effective in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution from and after the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the General Election on November 3, 2026.”.

**Amendment No. 10**

{Authorize the Director of the Department of Finance or the Planning Commission to submit additional recommendations to the City Council after the introduction of the Ordinance of Estimates by the Council President to provide new information regarding the availability of certain funds for appropriation. Authorize the City Council to reduce, eliminate, increase, or add amounts to the Ordinance of Estimates as may be requested by the Director of Finance or the Planning Commission. As may be amended under these provisions, authorizing the City Council to exceed the total amount of the Operating Budget or the Capital Budget as proposed by the Mayor to the City Council.}

On page 7, after line 8, insert:

“(C) RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER INTRODUCTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY SUBMIT ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER THE DATE THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES IS INTRODUCED BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, BUT BEFORE THE PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR APPROPRIATION.”;

and, on page 10, after line 13, insert:

“(3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY INCREASE ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION OR ADD ANY AMOUNT FOR ANY NEW PURPOSE IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER § 2(C) OF THIS ARTICLE.”;

and, on that same page, in line 14, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”.

**Amendment No. 11**

{Eliminating the requirement that the City Council enact revenue ordinances, including full rate property taxes, after the passage of the Ordinance of Estimates.}

On page 10, in line 23, strike “As soon as practicable after the passage of the Ordinance of Estimates the” and substitute “THE”.

The amendments were read and the roll was called on adoption of the amendments, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - Councilmember McCray - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Bullock, Blanchard, Ramos - Total 8.

Nays - Councilmembers McCray, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Porter, and Jones - Total 6.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**THIRD READING**

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0136** - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 3009 Greenmount Avenue (Block 4074, Lot 004), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the C-2 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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

**BILL NO. 26-0145** - An Ordinance prohibiting commercial vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking on City streets under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to commercial vehicles in the City.

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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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

### THIRD READING TODAY

Councilmember Porter made a motion to place Bill No. 26-0126 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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. 26-0126** - An Ordinance implementing subtitle A of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and 28 CFR Part 35 {"Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services"}; establishing the mandate that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a City agency, or be subjected to discrimination by a City agency; defining certain terms; establishing a special effective date; and generally relating to the provision of public services to qualified individuals with a disability.

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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 26-0152 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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. 26-0152** - An Ordinance authorizing certain property tax arrearages to be paid through an installment payment plan; requiring the Director of Finance to establish an installment payment program; setting eligibility requirements for the program; prohibiting the Director from taking certain action against a person if compliant with a plan; establishing the effect of non-compliance with a plan; specifying the contents of the notice of an offer of a plan; specifying certain terms of the installment payment plan; requiring the publication of certain information on the City Tax Sale Ombudsman's website; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of certain property taxes in Baltimore City.

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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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. 26-0179**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0179.

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. 26-0180**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0180.

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. 26-0181**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0181.

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. 26-0182**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0182.

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. 26-0183**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0183.

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. 26-0184**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0184.

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. 26-0185**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0185.

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. 26-0186**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0186.

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. 26-0187**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0187.

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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet on Monday, May 11 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0545 President Cohen and all Members, Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Sister Annie Jewel Foutz, November 11, 1934 – March 20, 2026.

CR0546 Bullock

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Albert P Wylie in recognition of his enduring legacy of service and commitment to Baltimore City.

CR0547 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating the Baltimore Medical System in recognition of the School-Based Health for empowering students through its Mental Health Champions Pitch Competition, promoting youth leadership, innovation, and peer-driven mental health solutions.

CR0548 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Semaj Hunter, June 15, 1999 – March 21, 2026.

CR0549 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Antoine M. Cole, February 16, 1960 – March 22, 2026.

CR0550 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Deborah Thomas Robinson in recognition of outstanding dedication and service to Christian Education for 40 years.

CR0551 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Cynthia Harry in recognition of over 31 years of civil service with the City of Baltimore.

CR0552 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Bishop Danny Bellamy in recognition of his elevation to the sacred office of Bishopric and your faithful leadership, compassionate service, and Gospel ministry in Baltimore.

CR0553 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Vera Wood, January 6, 1943 – April 4, 2026.

CR0554 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Bimal Devkota in recognition of retiring from the City of Baltimore as the Division Chief of DOT's TEC division after 20 years.

CR0555 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Rachel Honey Hicks, November 1, 1927 – April 13, 2026.

CR0556 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Blanche Stephens in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

CR0557 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Robert Raphelle Stokes, Jr., October 31, 1983 – April 9, 2026.

CR0558 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Hands on Hiit in recognition of fostering community engagement and community stewardship through clean ups throughout the city.

CR0559 Dorsey

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc in recognition of a century of remarkable service and notable contributions to Morgan State, Baltimore, and the global community.

CR0560 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of James Weems, November 28, 1973 – April 12, 2026.

CR0561 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Colonel Eric McCoy in recognition of his retirement from the United States Army after 28 years of honorable service to the nation.

CR0562 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Frank Michael Finch in recognition of your many years of dedicated public service. Wishing you a Happy 80th Birthday filled with love, happiness, laughter and joy.

CR0563 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mr. Michael W. Hine in recognition of his selection as the Winner of the 22nd Annual Richard A. Lidinsky, Sr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. You are recognized for your unwavering commitment to public service over the past 26 years.

CR0564 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Maria Benton in recognition of her selection as an Honorable Mention of the 22nd Annual Richard A. Lidinsky, Sr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. You are recognized for your unwavering commitment to public service over the past 39 years.

CR0565 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rebecca Dineen in recognition of her selection as an Honorable Mention of the 22nd Annual Richard A. Lidinsky, Sr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. You are recognized for your unwavering commitment to public service over the past 17 years.

CR0566 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Satinder Kang in recognition of his selection as an Honorable Mention of the 22nd Annual Richard A. Lidinsky, Sr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. You are recognized for your unwavering commitment to public service over the past 21 years.

CR0567 Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dr. Lilia L. DeBorja in recognition of her retirement after serving The Edmondson Village Community for over 50 years.

CR0568 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rev. Dr. Willie Mae Gregg and Pastor Robert Taylor Wilson in recognition of their tireless activism in pursuit of justice for their communities in Baltimore City.

CR0569 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Christina Soares in recognition of winning the USCF National Scholastic Chess Championship K-6.

CR0570 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Milton Langley in recognition of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, military service, lifelong Kappa Alpha Psi brotherhood, public service and enduring family legacy.

CR0571 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating DewMore Baltimore in recognition of uplifting youth art, agency and activism through its annual Youth Poet Laureate showcase.