

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, December 7, 2017

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

***Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2:
Brandon M. Scott - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Bill Henry - District 5: Isaac
"Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: Leon F. Pinkett -
District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10: Edward
Reisinger - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District 13:
Shannon Sneed - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke***

Call to Order**Invocation**

Pastor Shawn Bell, Greater Paradise Christian Center

Pledge of Allegiance**Roll Call****Showcase Baltimore**

Hopkins Social Innovation Lab

Approval of the Journal

December 4, 2017

Communications from the Mayor**Executive Nominations**

- [EA17-0111](#) **Rebecca Bakre**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 1
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- [EA17-0112](#) **Donzell Brown**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 13
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- [EA17-0113](#) **Lisa M. Ferretto**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 14
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- [EA17-0114](#) **The Honorable Robbyn Lewis**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 1
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- [EA17-0115](#) **Barbara McMahon**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 11
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- [EA17-0116](#) **Gregory Sawtell**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 10
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[EA17-0117](#) **Thomas J. Stosur**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 14
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[EA17-0118](#) **Tracy L. C. Williams, Jr.**
Member - Sustainability Commission - District 14
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[EA17-0119](#) **Ben Zaitchik**
Member - Sustainability Commission
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced

[17-0171](#) **Five and Dime Historic District**
For the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Five and Dime Historic District.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE
At the request of: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[17-0172](#) **Howard Street Commercial Historic District**
For the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Howard Street Commercial Historic District.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE
At the request of: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[17-0173](#) **Recordation and Transfer Taxes - Increases - Dedicating Portion of Tax Proceeds**
For the purpose of raising the recordation tax from \$5 to \$6 for each \$500 or fractional part of \$500 of the actual consideration paid; raising the transfer tax from 1½% to 1¾% of the taxable base, as defined; dedicating a portion of the proceeds from these taxes to the continuing, nonlapsing fund created by City Charter Article I, § 14 {"Affordable Housing Trust Fund"}; and generally relating to the City's recordation and transfer taxes.

Sponsors: Bill Henry, President Young, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Robert Stokes, Sr.

ORDINANCE
TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[17-0057R](#)**Community Development TIFs**

For the purpose of urging the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Department of Finance to work with the City Council to develop a community development-focused TIF process to assist Baltimore's disadvantaged neighborhoods in their efforts to unlock their full potential.

Sponsors:

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RESOLUTION

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[17-0058R](#)**Task Force on Improving Baltimore City's Housing Programs**

For the purpose of calling for the creation of a task force to propose revisions to Baltimore City's housing programs which will increase the supply, distribution, and quality of affordable housing across the City, so that we can better meet the needs and demands of current and future residents.

Sponsors:

President Young, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, Robert Stokes, Sr., Leon F. Pinkett, III, Shannon Sneed, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[17-0059R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Baltimore City Police Staffing, Recruitment, and Retention**

For the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore City Police Commissioner appear before the City Council to brief it regarding recruitment efforts, officer retention, and recouping training dollars, report on the number and percentage of individuals that enroll in the police academy, graduate from the police academy, and are employed by the Baltimore Police Department after graduation, and discuss the retention rate of those employed by the Baltimore Police Department, the deployment of officers, and how that deployment will enable the City to curtail the rise in violent crime.

Sponsors:

Brandon M. Scott, President Young, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed, Robert Stokes, Sr., Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Budget and Appropriations

[17-0167](#)

Supplementary Casino Special Fund Operating Appropriation - Department of Planning - \$6,200,000

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Casino Special Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,200,000 to the Department of Planning - Service 763 (Comprehensive Planning and Resource Management), to provide funding for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

3R Third Reader

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

[17-0167](#)

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Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Third Reader (for final passage)

[17-0037](#)

City Streets - Opening - Eager Street and a 10-Foot Alley

For the purpose of condemning and opening (1) Eager Street, extending from Patterson Park Avenue Westerly 90.0 feet, more or less, and (2) a 10-foot alley, laid out in the rear of the properties known as 900 through 942 North Patterson Park Avenue, and lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 348-A-89D in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0038](#)**City Streets - Closing - Eager Street and a 10-Foot Alley**

For the purpose of condemning and closing (1) Eager Street, extending from Patterson Park Avenue Westerly 90.0 feet, more or less, and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 900 through 942 North Patterson Park Avenue, and lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 348-A-89E in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0039](#)**City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by North Bond Street, East North Avenue, Broadway, and East Lafayette Avenue**

For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys bounded by North Bond Street, East North Avenue, Broadway, and East Lafayette Avenue, as shown on Plat 311-A-31A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0057](#)**City Streets - Closing - Beds of 2 10-Foot Alleys Bounded by East 20th Street, North Chester Street, East North Avenue, and North Castle Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing the beds of 2 10-foot alleys bounded by East 20th Street, North Chester Street, East North Avenue, and North Castle Street, as shown on Plat 161-A-63A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0058](#)**City Streets - Closing - A Portion of West 26th Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of West 26th Street, extending from the west side of North Howard Street southwesterly 306 feet, more or less, and southeasterly for a variable width, as shown on Plat 70-A-3020A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0124](#)**City Streets - Opening - Portion of a 4-Foot Alley Extending from West Eager Street**

For the purpose of condemning and opening a portion of a 4-foot alley, extending from West Eager Street southerly 75 feet, more or less, to the outline of the property known as 917 Cathedral Street, as shown on Plat 158-A-78 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0125](#)**City Streets - Closing - 4-Foot Alley Extending from West Eager Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing a 4-foot alley, extending from West Eager Street southerly 75 feet, more or less, to the outline of the property known as 917 Cathedral Street, as shown on Plat 158-A-78A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0126](#)**Sale of Property - Portion of the Former Bed of a 4-Foot Alley Extending from West Eager Street**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as a portion of the former bed of a 4-foot alley, extending from West Eager Street southerly 75 feet, more or less, to the property outline known as 13/15 West Eager Street, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0130](#)**City Streets - Closing - Towanda Avenue and a Portion of Suffolk Avenue**

For the purpose of condemning and closing Towanda Avenue, extending from Druid Park Drive northeasterly 537 feet, more or less, to Suffolk Avenue, and a portion of Suffolk Avenue, extending from Towanda Avenue northeasterly 210 feet, more or less, to the southeast side of Suffolk Avenue, as shown on Plat 242-A-76A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0131](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of Towanda Avenue and a Portion of Suffolk Avenue**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of Towanda Avenue, extending from Druid Park Drive northeasterly 537 feet, more or less, to Suffolk Avenue, and in a certain parcel of land known as a portion of the former bed of Suffolk Avenue, extending from Towanda Avenue northeasterly 210 feet, more or less, to the southeast side of Suffolk Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0132](#)**City Streets - Opening - Water Street and Hollingsworth Street**

For the purpose of condemning and opening Water Street, extending from Grant Street easterly 157.35 feet, more or less, to South Calvert Street, and condemning and opening Hollingsworth Street, extending from Water Street southerly 159.6 feet, more or less, to East Lombard Street, as shown on Plat 234-A-37 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0133](#)**City Streets - Closing - Water Street and Hollingsworth Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing Water Street, extending from Grant Street easterly 157.3 feet, more or less, to South Calvert Street, and Hollingsworth Street, extending from Water Street southerly 159.6 feet, more or less, to East Lombard Street, as shown on Plat 234-A-37A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0138](#)**City Streets - Closing - A 10-Foot Alley Extending from the North Side of Esther Place**

For the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley extending from the north side of Esther Place 170 feet, more or less, to the south side of East Fayette Street, as shown on Plat 276-A-25A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0139](#)**City Streets - Closing - North Arch Street, Vine Street, and Rieman Court**

For the purpose of condemning and closing North Arch Street, extending from West Lexington Street southerly 183 feet to the south side of Vine Street; Vine Street, extending from Pine Street easterly 441.93 feet, to the west side of North Arch Street; and Rieman Court, extending from North Arch Street easterly 138.83 feet, more or less, to the west side of North Pearl Street, as shown on Plat 345-A-19A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0140](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of North Arch Street, Vine Street, and Rieman Court**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of North Arch Street, extending from West Lexington Street southerly 183 feet to the south side of Vine Street; the former bed of Vine Street, extending from Pine Street easterly 441.93 feet, to North Arch Street; and the former bed of Rieman Court, extending from North Arch Street easterly 138.83 feet, more or less, to the west side of Pearl Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0141](#)**Right-of-Way Release for Municipal Utilities and Services Through the Former Bed of Jordan Street**

For the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all its interests in an 18-foot-wide right-of-way granted to the City of Baltimore, the location and course of the 18-foot-wide right-of-way to be released being shown on Plat RW 20-36417, in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0144](#)**Discounted City Services and Equipment for Nonprofit Events**

For the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services and equipment used to support a nonprofit event; creating certain exceptions and exemptions; and generally relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, President Young, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr., Sharon Green Middleton, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

[17-0145](#)**City Streets - Opening - 8-Foot Alley Extending from the East Side of North Schroeder Street**

For the purpose of condemning and opening an 8-foot alley, extending easterly 76.5 feet, more or less, from the east side of North Schroeder Street to the east side of a 4-foot alley, as shown on Plat 329-A-24 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0146](#)**City Streets - Closing - 8-Foot Alley Extending from the East Side of North Schroeder Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing an 8-foot alley, extending easterly 76.5 feet, more or less, from the east side of North Schroeder Street to the east side of a 4-foot alley, as shown on Plat 329-A-24A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0147](#)**City Streets - Opening - North Arch Street, a Portion of Vine Street, and a Portion of Rieman Court**

For the purpose of condemning and opening North Arch Street, extending from West Lexington Street Southerly 183 feet to the south side of Vine Street, a portion of Vine Street, extending from Pine Street Easterly 441.93 feet to North Arch Street, and a portion of Rieman Court, extending from North Arch Street Easterly 101 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 345-A-19 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0148](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of Water Street and Hollingsworth Street**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of Water Street, extending from Grant Street easterly 157.3 feet, more or less, to South Calvert Street, and the former bed of Hollingsworth Street, extending southerly 159.6 feet, more or less, to East Lombard Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[17-0154](#)**City Property - Naming the Building, Informally Known as the MECU Building, to be the Councilman Harry S. Cummings Building**

For the purpose of naming the building located at 401 East Fayette Street, informally known as the MECU Building, the Councilman Harry S. Cummings Building.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, President Young, Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, John T. Bullock, Edward Reisinger, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

[17-0163](#)**Children and Youth Fund - Interim Governance and Administration**

For the purpose of establishing a temporary administrative structure for the Children and Youth Fund established by City Charter Article I, § 13; establishing methods and criteria for identifying specific programs and services eligible for funding by the Fund; establishing methods and criteria for allocating available funds among eligible programs and services; providing for the expiration of the temporary law on July 1, 2019; allowing for a 1 year extension under certain circumstances; setting a special effective date; and generally relating to the administration of the Children and Youth Fund established by City Charter Article I, § 13.

Sponsors:

President Young, Mary Pat Clarke, Eric T. Costello, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Brandon M. Scott, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

[17-0166](#)**York Road Retail Business District - License Fees - Reversion to Annual Collection**

For the purpose of changing the semiannual license fee collection period for the York Road Retail Business District to conform with the annual collection period applicable to all other Retail Business Districts; clarifying and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the operations of Retail Business Districts.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M
Biennial Audits Oversight Commission - Chair - Eric Costello
Second Annual Meeting of the Biennial Audits Oversight Commission
CHARM TV 25

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

We will be closing the room shortly and ask that
everyone exit promptly to the 1st floor main entrance.

Thank you for visiting City Hall.