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SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

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

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February 22, 2022

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Dr. Joan L. Wharton, Senior Pastor of Hemingway Temple AME Church , led the Council in Prayer.

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

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**SHOWCASE BALTIMORE**

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen of the United States Senate delivered a presentation.

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

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of February 7, 2022 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

ALEXANDRA GRAYSON, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 9.

STACI GRIFFIN, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 4.

CEDRICK LEE, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 10.

JARED LYLES, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 14.

KEVIN O'CONNOR, as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, for a term expiring December 3, 2024.

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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. 22-0197** - By Councilmember Costello

An Ordinance modifying the hours of applicable parking restrictions for Residential Parking Plan Area 31 (Townes at the Terraces); reducing the non-permit parking time threshold; establishing an exception to the applicable permit limit; and correcting and conforming related provisions.

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

**Bill No. 22-0198** - By Councilmember Stokes, Bullock

An Ordinance naming the Baltimore City Health Department Building, located at 1001 East Fayette Street, to the Dr. Maxie T. Collier Health Department Building.

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

**Bill No. 22-0199** - By Councilmember McCray, Ramos, Middleton, Bullock

An Ordinance establishing basic operational approaches to risk assessments; outlining emergency response rules of engagement; requiring all fire suppression personnel employed by the Baltimore City Fire Department to be equipped with digital audio and video recording devices by a certain date; requiring the implementation of a safety and risk management system;

defining certain terms establishing reporting requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0200** - By Councilmember Costello

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District to revise the signage provisions provisions; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

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

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

**Bill No. 22-0090R** - By Councilmember McCray, Ramos, Middleton

A Resolution requesting that the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department come before the City Council to initiate the process of annually reviewing the duties of the Office of the Chief; requiring the review to include an evaluation of the Department's efforts to meet performance goals; requesting that the Chief, in consultation with the City Council, establish goals and objectives for the upcoming year; and requesting that the Chief identify service delivery gaps that need to be addressed.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0091R** - By Councilmember McCray, Ramos, Middleton, Bullock, Conway, Torrence

A Resolution inviting the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Baltimore City Sheriff, the Chief of the Baltimore City School Police, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Chief of the Baltimore City Environmental Police, and the Director of the Department of Human Resources to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss how post-traumatic stress symptoms, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), compassion fatigue, and burnout effect first responders and to inform the Council on intervention programs that are currently in place to provide City employees with relief from trauma and burnout

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0092R** - By Councilmember McCray, Ramos, Middleton, Bullock

A Resolution requesting the City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Community and Economic Development, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Department of Finance, the City Solicitor, and the Director of the Department of Planning to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss the ways that loans through the Community and Economic Development Fund have helped to eliminate blight through vacant home demolition, provide an overview of projects that are currently being developed to resolve the vacant home problem in the City, and assess available funding sources that can be used to end the problem of vacant homes in Baltimore City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Bill No. 22-0093R** - By Councilmember Ramos, Middleton, Bullock

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

### **Request for State Action - Stability for Renters**

FOR the purpose of calling on calling on the Maryland General Assembly to pass and for Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to sign legislation that would provide stability to renters as a matter of fundamental fairness during these economically-challenging times.

1. HB 881: Landlord and Tenant – Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies – Local Just Cause Termination Provisions.

HB 881 will provide Baltimore City and other local jurisdictions the authority to enact local “just cause” eviction ordinances. Just cause eviction ordinances protect renters from arbitrary or retaliatory lease terminations that destabilize the lives of working people, their children, and their communities.

2. SB 384/HB 674: Landlord and Tenant – Stay of Eviction Proceeding for Rental Assistance Determination.

SB 384/HB 674 will authorize the court to temporarily pause eviction proceedings when a rental assistance application is pending. It will also prevent landlords who refuse rental assistance from using court processes to collect rent. Maryland has seen an average of 705 evictions per month in the last half of 2021 despite having enough federal rental assistance to pay any back rent due.

3. SB 662/HB 724: Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund – Funding.

SB 662/HB724 will transfer \$11.8 million to the State’s Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund to expand access to legal representation for renters in eviction cases in FY 23. Right to counsel in evictions is a proven, cost-effective means of preventing the disruptive displacement of families facing eviction.

4. SB563/HB 703: Real Property – Actions to Repossess – Judgment for Tenants and Proof of Rental Licensure.

SB 563/HB 703 will require landlords to show proof that they are licensed to lease the residential property that is subject to an eviction action. Baltimore City’s rental licensing ordinance protects the health and safety of tenants and neighborhoods. Landlords should not be allowed to initiate any eviction unless they are licensed.

5. SB 564/HB 691: Landlord and Tenant and Wrongful Detainer Actions – Eviction Prevention Services.

SB 564/HB 691 will allow renters facing eviction to seek a postponement of the trial for 5 days to connect with rental assistance, legal assistance, mediation or other social services. Renters often receive little notice of their eviction trial date and need the ability to access resources that could help them to avoid eviction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Baltimore City Council urges the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to immediately take all necessary action to pass HB881; SB 384/HB 674; SB 662/HB 724; SB 563/HB 703; and SB 564/HB 691 to provide stability to renters in these uncertain times.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Governor of Maryland, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, the Baltimore City Council President, the President’s legislative staff, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Ramos made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Ramos made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

**Bill No. 22-0094R - By Councilmember Torrence**

A Resolution providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1807-1811 Baker Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, AND 659 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 21-0179 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0179 favorably.

An Ordinance naming a portion of the Joseph H. Rash Playfield (Block 890, Lot 006), to be located at the coordinates of 39.281387, - 76.610944, Jake's Skate Park.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 21-0064R REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0064R favorably.

An Ordinance inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Office of the City Administrator, the Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division, the Baltimore City Health Department's Office of Animal Control, the Baltimore Police Department, the Environmental Control Board, the Department of Planning, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council regard the standards, procedures, policies, and practices for regulating urban farms in Baltimore City, and to discuss possible revisions of current standards to allow urban farms to operate safely and successfully in Baltimore City.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 21-0079R REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0079R favorably.

An Ordinance inviting the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health or his designee to appear before the City Council to discuss the potential dangers of mold in housing.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**THIRD READING**

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 21-0101** - An Ordinance correcting various errors and omissions in the City Code; correcting, clarifying and conforming certain inconsistent, superfluous, vague, ungrammatical, misnumbered, and other unclear language; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**BILL NO. 21-0124** - An Ordinance repealing the many definitions and rules of statutory interpretation and time computation that have been superseded by the enactment of Code-wide, standardized definitions and rules; clarifying certain purposeful variations; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**BILL NO. 21-0162** - An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay remains in full force and effect; amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.



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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**BILL NO. 21-0165** - An Ordinance reviewing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority and renewing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority if the Council finds that District and the Management Authority are effective and should continue; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**BILL NO. 21-0183** - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at WS S Hanover Street, known as 1996 S Hanover Street, (Block 1028, 005D) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**BILL NO. 22-0187** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$18,000,000 to the Department of Transportation - Service 548 (Conduit Enterprise Fund), to provide funding to continue development, maintenance, and control of the miles of conduit ducts under Baltimore City which carry electrical, telephone and optic lines; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

**CR 652          President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Pastor Deborah C. Dallas on 46 years of preaching, teaching, and ministering the word of God throughout communities in Baltimore, Maryland.**

**CR 653          President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bernie Daniloski on your 75th Birthday, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health and happiness.**

**CR 654          President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Wayne Fox on your retirement after 30 years as Property Manager for the Greater New Hope Towers.**

**CR 655          Cohen**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Dr. Raymond Bahr on your outstanding work on the Canton History Project, thank you for spreading this impactful series of Historic Markers.**

**CR 656          Middleton**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Louella White, June 21, 1953 - January 5, 2022.**

**CR 657          Middleton**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating John Crew, Jr. on your diligent and dedicated commitment as President to the Ashburton Community Association.**

**CR 658          President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Geoffrey Lance Mosby, June 20, 1963 - February 4, 2022.**

**CR 659          President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of James Edward Blue, III, September 28, 1978 - January 25, 2022.**