

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/j.php?MTID=m9f570a2025e008ebc3e23177a59f66ef> Password: Public

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

Baltimore City Council

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Call to Order

Invocation

Pastor Mark Edward James, Sr., Barnes Memorial Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of the Journal

July 21, 2025

Bills Signed by the Mayor

August 5, 2025

[25-0042](#)

Retirement Savings Plan – Clarifying Amendment

FOR the purpose of clarifying the definition of “service” for the members of the Retirement Savings Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[25-0043](#)

Employees’ Retirement System – Class C – Filing Period – Amendment

FOR the purpose of increasing the time period required between filing for and commencing receipt of service retirement benefits by Class C members; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[25-0044](#)

Employees’ Retirement System – Board of Trustees – Membership and Qualifications

FOR the purpose of making certain amendments to the membership and qualifications of the members of the Employees’ Retirement System’s Board of Trustees; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Bills Introduced

25-0087 Eviction Chattels – Time Period to Reclaim

FOR the purpose of requiring a landlord to retain a tenant's property for a specified period of time under certain circumstances; requiring a certain notice be provided to a tenant upon eviction; and generally relating to eviction and a tenant's right to reclaim personal property.

Sponsors: James Torrence, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Odette Ramos

Housing and Economic Development Committee

25-0088 Taxes – Property Tax – Vacant Lots and Vacant Structures

FOR the purpose of amending the special real property tax rate for vacant and abandoned property to include vacant lots; establishing a subclass of real property of vacant lots and vacant structures; applying a special real property tax rate to the subclass of real property; requiring the provision of notice of the special real property tax rate; providing for the promulgation of rules and regulations; requiring a certain annual report; defining certain terms; repealing certain sections of Ordinance 24-431 that ordained an abrogation date for the Ordinance; and generally relating to the special real property tax rate levied on vacant lots and vacant structures.

Sponsors: Odette Ramos, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones

Housing and Economic Development Committee

25-0089 Zoning – Rezoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District – 1029 West 37th Street

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1029 West 37th Street (Block 3539, Lot 014), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the R-7 Zoning District; permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single family dwelling unit on the property to 2 dwelling units; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: James Torrence

Land Use and Transportation Committee

25-0090 Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District – Variance – 220 North Culver Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 220 North Culver Street (Block 2275A, Lot 135), 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.

Sponsors:

Paris Gray

Land Use and Transportation Committee

25-0091 Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling to 4 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variance – 1425 West Fayette Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 4 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1425 West Fayette Street (Block 0197, Lot 013), 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.

Sponsors:

John Bullock

Land Use and Transportation Committee

25-0092 Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion to a Banquet Hall in the C-2 Zoning District – Variance – 1123 West Baltimore Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 1123 West Baltimore Street (Block 0217, Lot 012) in the C-2 Zoning District, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

John Bullock

Land Use and Transportation Committee

25-0093 Zoning – Harford Road Overlay District

FOR the purpose of establishing the Harford Road Overlay District; delineating the boundaries of the district; creating applicable use regulations within the district; establishing bulk and yard regulations within the district; detailing other applicable standards within the district; amending certain off-street parking requirements; and generally relating to the establishment of the Harford Road Overlay District.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

Land Use and Transportation Committee

25-0094 Sale of Properties – 2840 and 2842 Sisson 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 properties that are located at 2840 Sisson Street (Block 3642D, Lot 006B) and 2842 Sisson Street (Block 3642D, Lot 006) and are no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Land Use and Transportation

Resolutions Introduced**25-0030R** Task Force on Residential Care Facility Licensing

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Residential Care Facility Licensing to study and make recommendations to the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing for a clear, enforceable, and comprehensive framework for licensing and regulating residential care facilities in the City; establishing the members of the Task Force; and requiring a report of findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council.

Sponsors:

James Torrence, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos

Housing and Economic Development Committee

25-0031R Informational Hearing – Middle School Sports

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from Mayor Brandon M. Scott's administration, the Baltimore City Public School System, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Baltimore Children and Youth Fund to appear before the City Council to: (1) provide an update on current sports programs for middle school-aged children and identify which programs are being administered by City agencies, schools, and contractors; (2) present a recap of middle school sports program availability in the previous 3 years and a projection for opportunities in the next 3 years; (3) identify opportunities for stakeholders to collaborate and increase the number of programs available in the future; and (4) better define the roles these City agencies hold in middle school sports and identify further ways they can engage middle school-aged children in sports programs and opportunities.

Sponsors: Zac Blanchard, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos
Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee

25-0032R Safety Standards for Micromobility Devices and Batteries

FOR the purpose of declaring the City Council's support for comprehensive safety standards for all micromobility devices and batteries manufactured, distributed, sold, or offered for lease or rent within Baltimore City and calling on manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and lessors of these devices to voluntarily adhere to specified safety standards.

Sponsors: Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos
Immediate Adoption

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

3R Third Reader

[25-0020](#)

Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances – 2001 West Baltimore Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2001 West Baltimore Street (Block 0206, Lot 045), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area) and off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

John Bullock

[25-0037](#)

Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances – 1727 McCulloh Street

FOR the purpose of 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 1727 McCulloh Street (Block 0341, Lot 020), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

James Torrence

[25-0041](#)

Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District – Variances – 2628 Edmondson Avenue

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 2628 Edmondson Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area) and off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

John Bullock

[25-0049](#)

Release of Access Easement – Vehicular Access to U.S. Route 40 through 6709 Pulaski Highway

FOR the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the access easement generally described as a 30 foot wide parcel, which extends from Pulaski Highway on the north to the southern boundary of the Property along the entire eastern boundary of the Property (“the Easement Area”), previously granted by WH-Pulaski, LLC, predecessor in interest to the current land owner, 6709 Pulaski, LLC; the location and course of the access easement to be released being created and described by that certain Access Easement Agreement dated October 7, 2011 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City, Liber 13806, Page 235 (“the Access Easement”).

Sponsors:

Danielle N. McCray

[25-0053](#)

Rezoning – 4001 East Baltimore Street

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 4001 East Baltimore Street (Block 6279, Lot 009), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Mark Parker

[25-0054](#)

Zoning – W-2 Overlay District – Amendment

FOR the purpose of amending the view corridor requirements in the W-2 Overlay District; and amending “Table 12 903(4). Middle Branch Waterfront Area” to include revised view corridors.

Sponsors:

Phylicia Porter

[25-0057](#)

Sale of Property – 5401 Mason Lord Drive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 5401 Mason Lord Drive (Block 6332, Lot 002) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 , AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

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.