

# CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON SCOTT – MAYOR



ZEKE COHEN - COUNCIL PRESIDENT



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NANCY MEAD – DIRECTOR

100 N. HOLIDAY STREET

BALTIMORE MD, 21202

## HEARING NOTES

Bill: 25-0060

Title: Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

Committee: Budget & Appropriations

Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: 6/16/2025

Time (Beginning): 1:47 PM

Time (Ending): 1:57 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 25

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray

Sharon Green Middleton

Isaac (Yitzy) Schleifer

Paris Gray

Antonio Glover

Bill Synopsis in the file? .....☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A  
Attendance sheet in the file?.....☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A  
Agency reports read? .....☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A  
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?.....☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A  
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A  
Evidence of notification to property owners?.....☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A  
Final vote taken at this hearing?.....☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A  
Motioned by: .....McCray  
Final Vote: .....Favorable

### Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Laura Larsen, Budget Director (BBMR)

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### **Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairwoman McCray welcomed colleagues, members of the Administration, and attendees. Chairwoman introduced 25-0060 Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.
  - Reminder of Committee rules:
    - Only committee members are allowed to ask questions
    - Acknowledgement of submitted amendments and committee members will have the opportunity to make a motion
    - No public testimony
2. The Bill was introduced on May 12, 2025. There is an amendment package to this Bill.
3. Director Larsen describes the amendment package as a number of transfers within the FY26 Ordinance of Estimates to general fund appropriations.
  - The amendment reallocates just over \$7.7 million that includes:
    - + \$2 million to MIMA
    - +\$250,000 to start up costs associated with establishing the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing
    - +\$750,000 to support the zero-waste curbside yard collection pilot
  - Various scale backs throughout the general fund to account shifts in the budget such as contractual spending, vacant positions, miscellaneous general special projects, and new positions (Law Department for Affirmative Action Litigation team and DHCD for vacants initiatives).
  - What is the reduction of \$750,000 in DOT (service 697 Traffic Safety). This was based on action at the State General Assembly associated with the City's traffic camera program.
    - Removes requirement for sworn officer certification (savings includes OT for sworn officers). Police department is no longer required after this fall.
4. A motion to move the amendment package was made [see voting records].
  - 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
5. A motion to move Councilman Gray's amendment was made [see voting records]. The amendment described was to move funding from SAO to OIG.
  - 0 yes, 5 no, 0 absent
6. A motion to move Bill 25-0060 Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, with amendment package as favorable was made and the motion on the Bill with amendment passed favorably.
  - 4 yes, 1 no, 0 absent [see voting records].
7. Bill moves to second reader at today's Council Meeting.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

☐ Yes   ☒ No

**If yes, describe.**

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**Committee Vote: Amendment Package**

Chair Danielle McCray:..... Yea  
Vice Chair Isacc “Yitzy” Schleifer:..... Yea  
Sharon Green Middleton: ..... Yea  
Paris Gray:..... Yea  
Antonio Glover:..... Yea

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**Committee Vote: Councilman Gray Amendment**

Chair Danielle McCray:..... Nay  
Vice Chair Isacc “Yitzy” Schleifer:..... Nay  
Sharon Green Middleton: ..... Nay  
Paris Gray:..... Nay  
Antonio Glover:..... Nay

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**Committee Vote: 25-0060 with Amendment**

Chair Danielle McCray:..... Yea  
Vice Chair Isacc “Yitzy” Schleifer:..... Nay  
Sharon Green Middleton: ..... Yea  
Paris Gray:..... Yea  
Antonio Glover:..... Yea

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Date: 6/16/2025

Cc:    Bill File