

SPECIAL MEETING

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FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

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June 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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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, Glover, Ramos

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 25-0060 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0060 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2026 year.

Councilmember McCray moved the Committee's recommended amendments to the bill.

## Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0060

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 17, strike “11,842,051” and substitute “14,742,051”; and, on page 2, after line 1, insert:

“ Consumer                      Administration              General              \$      250,000 ”;  
Protection and  
Business Licensing

and, on page 3, in line 9, strike “1,375,381” and substitute “1,275,381”; and, on that same page, in line 17, strike “13,971,691” and substitute “13,571,691”; and, on page 8, in line 1, strike “9,929,893” and substitute “9,729,893”; and, on page 9, in line 6, strike “7,204,475” and substitute “7,004,475”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “1,084,438” and substitute “1,234,438”; and, on that same page, in line 13, strike “1,611,070” and substitute “1,686,070”; and, on that same page, in line 19, strike “966,348” and substitute “2,966,348”; and, on page 10, in line 4, strike “2,727,780” and substitute “2,477,780”; and, on that same page, in line 27, strike “12,715,942” and substitute “13,215,942”; and, on page 11, in line 3, strike “44,370,102” and substitute “40,255,102”; and, on page 13, in line 31, strike “3,216,074” and substitute “2,466,074”; and, on page 15, in line 14, strike “2,381,578” and substitute “2,281,578”; and, on that same page, in line 28, strike “62,626,795” and substitute “61,476,795”; and, on page 17, in line 8, strike “36,421,654” and substitute “37,171,654”; and, on page 19, in line 13, strike “15,021,786” and substitute “15,771,786”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “36,722,814” and substitute “37,122,814”; and, on page 21, in line 3, strike “29,233,263” and substitute “28,483,263”; and, on page 48, in line 2, strike “2,457,992,000” and substitute “2,457,752,000”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “2,607,592,000” and substitute “2,607,352,000”; and, on that same page, in line 16, strike “3,968,034,789” and substitute “3,967,794,789”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “4,630,022,075” and substitute “4,629,782,075”.

{Agency: . . . . . City Council}  
 {Service: . . . . . 100}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . City Council}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$2,900,000}

{Agency (NEW): . . . Consumer Protection and Business Licensing}  
 {Service: . . . . . *To be determined by Department of Finance*}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . Administration}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$250,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Finance}  
{Service: . . . . . 710}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Fiscal Integrity and Recovery}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$100,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . Fire}  
{Service: . . . . . 600}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Administration - Fire}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$400,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . Housing and Community Development}  
{Service: . . . . . 749}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Property Acquisition, Disposition and Asset Management}  
{Action: . . . . . -\$200,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Law}  
{Service: . . . . . 861}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Controversies}  
{Action: . . . . . -\$200,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Legislative Reference}  
{Service: . . . . . 106}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Legislative Reference Services}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$150,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Liquor License Board}  
{Service: . . . . . 850}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Liquor Licensing}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$75,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Mayoralty}  
{Service: . . . . . 904}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Office of Immigrant and Multicultural Affairs}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$2,000,000}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Art and Culture}  
{Service: . . . . . 824}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Events, Art, Culture, and Film}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$250,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Educational Grants}  
{Service: . . . . . 446}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Educational Grants}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$500,000}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses}  
{Service: . . . . . 122}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Miscellaneous General Expenses}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$4,115,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Office of the Labor Commissioner}  
{Service: . . . . . 128}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Labor Contract Negotiations and Administration}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$750,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . Planning}  
{Service: . . . . . 763}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Comprehensive Planning and Resource Management}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$100,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . Police}  
{Service: . . . . . 621}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Administrative Bureau}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$1,150,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . Public Works}  
{Service: . . . . . 664}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Waste Re-Use and Disposal}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$750,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Sheriff}  
{Service: . . . . . 882}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Deputy Sheriff Enforcement}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$750,000}

{Agency: . . . . . State's Attorney}  
{Service: . . . . . 115}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Prosecution of Criminals}  
{Action: . . . . . +\$400,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Transportation}  
 {Service: . . . . . 697}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . Traffic Safety}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$750,000)}

The amendments were read and adopted.

Councilmember Conway moved a floor amendment to the bill.

Councilmember Conway's Floor Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0060

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 18, strike "929,478" and substitute "\$7,929,478"; on page 2, in line 27, strike "2,239,485" and substitute "1,939,485"; and, on page 4, in line 11, strike "1,475,782" and substitute "1,124,362"; and, on page 5, in line 15, strike "20,942,723" and substitute "17,548,406"; and, on page 6, in line 1, strike "8,122,571" and substitute "6,722,268"; and, on page 7, in line 13, strike "6,258,276" and substitute "4,857,973"; and, on page 11, in line 11, strike "2,866,191" and substitute "2,766,191"; and, on page 13, in line 19, strike "5,002,735" and substitute "4,444,365"; and, on page 18, in line 2, strike "3,031,321" and substitute "1,437,116".

{Agency: . . . . . City Council Services}  
 {Service: . . . . . 103}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . Council Services}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$7,000,000}

{Agency: . . . . . Finance}  
 {Service: . . . . . 698}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . Administration - Finance}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$300,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . General Services}  
 {Service: . . . . . 726}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . Administration - General Services}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$351,420)}

{Agency: . . . . . Health}  
 {Service: . . . . . 310}  
 {Service Name: . . . . . School Health Services}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$3,394,317)}

{Agency: . . . . . Housing and Community Development}  
 {Service: . . . . . 737}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration - HCD}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$701,688)}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Office of Children and Family Success}  
 {Service: . . . . . 109}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration - Children and Family Success}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$100,000)}

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Office of Information & Technology}  
 {Service: . . . . . 802}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$558,370)}

{Agency: . . . . . Public Works}  
 {Service: . . . . . 676}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Administration - DPW}  
 {Action: . . . . . (-\$1,594,205)}

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

Yeas - Councilmember Conway - Total 1.

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

The amendments were not adopted.

Councilmember Ramos moved a floor amendment to the bill.

Councilmember Ramos's Floor Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0060

### **Amendment No. 1**

On page 13, in line 28, strike "2,261,206" and substitute "2,373,206"; and, on page 19, in line 21, strike "36,722,814" and substitute "36,610,814".

{Agency: . . . . . M-R Office of the Inspector General}  
 {Service: . . . . . 836}  
 {Service Name: . . . . Inspector General}  
 {Action: . . . . . +\$112,000}

{Agency: . . . . . State's Attorney}  
{Service: . . . . . 115}  
{Service Name: . . . . . Prosecution of Criminals}  
{Action: . . . . . (-\$112,000)}

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 11.

Nays - Councilmembers McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Glover - Total 4.

The amendments were adopted.

The roll was called on the adoption of the favorable report, as amended, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - Councilmembers Conway, Schleifer - Total 2.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0061 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0061 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

The roll was called on the adoption of the favorable report, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - Councilmember Schleifer - Total 1.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0075 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0075 favorably.

An Ordinance approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2026; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0060 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, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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 for the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0061 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, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.



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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 for the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0075 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, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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 for the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to meet the same day for its regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.