

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall, 4th Floor, Du Burns Chambers**

### **Baltimore City Council**

***Zeke Cohen, Council President - District 1: Mark Parker - District 2: Danielle McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Vice President Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James Torrence - District 8: Paris Gray - District 9: John Bullock - District 10: Phylcia Porter - District 11: Zac Blanchard - District 12: Jermaine Jones - District 13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos***

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

Kohenet Dr. Harriette Wimms, The Jews of Color Mishpacha Project

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of the Journal**

January 27, 2025

**Executive Nominations**

**EA25-0003**     Dillon Ashburne  
Member - Police Accountability Board  
*Committee on Legislative Investigations*

**Bills Introduced**

**25-0018**     Emergency Scene – Unauthorized Persons Prohibited

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the presence of an unauthorized person within the boundaries of an emergency scene; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to unauthorized persons within the boundaries of an emergency scene.

**Sponsors:**     Odette Ramos, Mark Parker, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Mark Conway  
*Public Safety Committee*

**25-0019** Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority — Establishment

FOR the purpose of creating a community benefits district within Baltimore City; specifying the boundaries of the District; creating an Authority and describing its rights, duties, and powers; designating the initial interim Board of the Authority and providing for the selection and approval of a full Board; creating the administrator for the Authority to administer the District; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the District; providing for a supplemental tax to be collected by and for the Authority; establishing limits and minimums on the amount of the supplemental tax; incorporating the assessment, collection, and enforcement process for the supplemental tax within the procedures and processes already existing; specifying the role of the City in maintaining and enhancing existing services; encouraging the creation of partnerships between and among the Authority, the City, the State, the federal government, and other property owners not subject to the supplemental tax; establishing the Board of Estimates as the entity charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the District and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, termination, and approval of the District and the Authority; and otherwise providing for the existence, operation, and control of the District and the Authority.

**Sponsors:**

Zac Blanchard, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, James Torrence, Phylcia Porter, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos

*Housing and Economic Development Committee*

At the Request of: The Administration

**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

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0021** Rezoning – 3221 Frederick Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3221 Frederick Avenue (Block 2123A, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

John Bullock

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0022** Zoning – R-8 Zoning District – Conditional Use – Maximum Building Height – Variances – 1121 Bayard Street

FOR the purpose of granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations (minimum building height, rear-yard setback, and maximum lot coverage) on the property known as 1121 Bayard Street (Block 0767, Lot 032), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Phylicia Porter

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0023** Rezoning – 3200 Lily Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3200 Lily Avenue (Block 7566, Lot 035), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:**

Phylicia Porter

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0024** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Board of Elections – \$1,417,451

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,417,451 to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of Elections), to provide funding for emergency security equipment and unbudgeted mailing costs from 2024 elections; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0025** General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Department of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll) – \$4,228,173

FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,228,173 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0026** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Fire Department – \$33,361,780

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$33,361,780 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted EMS contractual services; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0027** General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – General Fund Balance to Health Department (Service 315 - Emergency Services) – \$5,251,429

FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,251,429 from the General Fund Balance to the Health Department (Service 315 - Emergency Services); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0028** General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – Department of General Services to Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies) – \$1,514,351

FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,514,351 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0029** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Liquor License Board – \$250,323

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$250,323 to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing), to provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for full time positions; and providing for a special effective date

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0030** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Police Department – \$3,275,384

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$3,275,384 to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0031** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Public Works – \$5,982,755

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0032** Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Recreation and Parks – \$6,973,547

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,973,547 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 646 (Park Maintenance), to provide funding for overspending on contractual services and overtime in Urban Forestry, Park Maintenance; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0033** General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement) – \$4,564,341

FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,564,341 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0034** General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management) – \$1,039,801

FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,039,801 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)  
*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

## Resolutions Introduced

**25-0007R** Informational Hearing – BGE Testimony on High Utility Bills, Rate Increases, and Winter Shutoffs

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and the Maryland Office of People's Counsel to testify before the City Council on topics related to utility billing and shutoff practices in Baltimore City.

**Sponsors:** Zeke Cohen, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos  
*Committee on Legislative Investigations*

**25-0008R** Request for State Action – Support the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act

FOR the purpose of urging the Maryland General Assembly to pass HB 220/SB 10, the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2025 (“RREA”), legislation that would remove incineration from the State Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) and ensure that Marylanders are not subsidizing energy plants that harm the environment and public health.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**25-0009R** Downtown Management Authority - Composition - Member  
Selected by the Baltimore City Council

FOR the purpose of selecting and approving Councilmember Zac Blanchard to represent the Baltimore City Council on the Downtown Management Authority’s Board of Directors pursuant to City Code, Article 14, § 1-7(e)(3).

**Sponsors:** Zeke Cohen, James Torrence, Jermaine Jones

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**Consent Calendar**

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

**2R Second Reader*****Committee on Legislative Investigations***

[EA25-0001](#) Veronica McBeth  
Director - Department of Transportation  
*RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION*

[EA25-0002](#) Jon Laria  
Chair - Planning Commission  
*RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION*

**Committee Announcements****Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Adjournment**



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<http://charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live>

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.