

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, February 22, 2021

5:00 PM

**Virtual Webex Meeting: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:  
179 416 8756, Password: Baltimore, Link:**

### **Baltimore City Council**

*Nicholas J. Mosby, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2:  
Danielle N. McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5:  
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James  
Torrence - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10:  
Phylcia Porter - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District  
13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos*

**Call to Order****Invocation**

Reverend Maxine Reed-Vance, Grace Baptist Church

**Pledge of Allegiance****Showcase Baltimore**

Sid Wilson, South Baltimore Learning Center

**Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

February 8, 2021

**Communications from the Mayor****Bills Introduced**[21-0040](#)**Floodplain Management Code - Revision**

For the purpose of modifying the City laws governing floodplain management to meet or exceed requirements for eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and other requirements of Federal and State law; incorporating certain flood-resistant design and construction standards adopted by the American Society of Civil Engineers; defining and redefining certain terms; repealing redundant, obsolete, or otherwise superfluous provisions; correcting and conforming certain obsolete nomenclature; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the protection, maintenance, and enhancement of the public health, safety, and welfare through floodplain management.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*ORDINANCE*

*At the request of: Department of Planning*

*ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

[21-0041](#)**Board of Estimates - Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds**

For the purpose of repealing City Code, Article 5, Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"}; designating the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to be the clerk of the Board of Estimates; requiring the Clerk of the Board of Estimates coordinate reports required to be filed with the Board of Estimates; requiring the Comptroller to retain the reports for an appropriate period of time; and establishing certain contract and procurement thresholds pursuant to City Charter Article VI, Section 11(b).

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

**ORDINANCE**

*City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)*

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

[21-0042](#)**Real Estate Records - Modernization**

For the purpose of modernizing the methods by which the Comptroller shall make certain information regarding the City's real estate records available to the public; making certain stylistic changes; and conforming and correcting related provisions.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

**ORDINANCE**

*City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)*

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

[21-0043](#)**Committee on Insurance and Risk Management - Revisions**

For the purpose of establishing that certain municipal officers shall be an ex-officio members of the City's Committee on Insurance and Risk Management; clarifying the number and appointment of certain other Committee members; requiring that the Department of Finance provide administrative and technical support to the Committee; requiring that the Committee meet at least biannually to carry out its functions; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

**ORDINANCE**

*City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)*

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

[21-0044](#)**Retirement Boards - Composition**

For the purpose of conforming the composition of the Board of Trustees for the Retirement Savings Plan and Fire and Police Employees' Retirement Board of Trustees to allow a certain designee of the Comptroller to act in the Comptroller's place; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

**ORDINANCE**

*City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)*

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

[21-0045](#)**Rezoning - Block 4053, Lot 013, Ward 09, Section 020**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property at Block 4053, Lot 013, Ward 09, and Section 020, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the O-S Zoning District to the R-7 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Odette Ramos

*ORDINANCE*

*ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

[21-0046](#)**City Property - Renaming Eastwood Field to Mayes Meadow**

For the purpose of changing the name of Eastwood Field, located on the northeast side of Herring Run within Herring Run Park, adjacent to 3602 Eastwood Drive, to Mayes Meadow.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey

*ORDINANCE*

*ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

**Resolutions Introduced**[21-0021R](#)**Informational Hearing - Building a Homegrown Public Safety Cadet Program**

For the purpose of inviting the Police Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Sheriff of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the Police Chief of the Baltimore City School Police, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, and the head of the Baltimore City Public School System's Career and Technology Education program to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss: the Baltimore City Fire and Police Department's explorer programs; youth works programs; cadet programs; college internship programs; the successes and opportunities with local recruiting and hiring initiatives; and establishing the best method to create a pipeline of homegrown talent into Baltimore City public safety agencies.

**Sponsors:**

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen, Danielle N. McCray, Phylicia Porter, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE*

[21-0022R](#)**Assisting Baltimore City Artists**

For the purpose of calling on the Administration, if the City receives additional COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest at least \$1 million of those funds to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH COMMITTEE*

[21-0023R](#)**Informational Hearing - "1% for Art" Program**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Public Arts Commission, the Baltimore Development Corporation, the Parking Authority, the Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Office, the Department of Finance, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to discuss the continued administration of the "1% for Art" program.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE*

[21-0024R](#)**Informational Hearing - Baltimore City Tax Sale**

For the purpose of inviting the Baltimore City Department of Finance, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Comptroller, Baltimore City Information Technology, the Law Department, the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and other relevant parties to provide information and complete details and timeline, and amounts of liens owed, disaggregated where appropriate by demographics, ages, owner-occupied versus non-owner-occupied, and number of residents who have owned their property for more than 25 years in tax sale this year; in addition, discussing the City's powers related to the state, programs already in place to assist homeowners in tax sale, possible reforms, an update on implementation of the *In Rem* process for vacant and abandoned properties, and any other relevant information of interest to the Baltimore City Council.

**Sponsors:**

Odette Ramos, Danielle N. McCray, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE*

[21-0025R](#)**COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day**

For the purpose of declaring the first Monday in March COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

**Sponsors:**

Robert Stokes, Sr., Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**Consent Calendar**

**(See Section A at back of Agenda)**

## 2R Second Reader

### ***Economic and Community Development***

[21-0008](#)

**City Property - Naming the Playground in Northwest Park, Located at 2027 West Rogers Avenue, to be the Rikki Spector Playground**

For the purpose of naming the playground in Northwest Park, located at 2027 West Rogers Avenue and approximately 100 feet from the street, to be the Rikki Spector Playground.

**Sponsors:**

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

### ***Public Safety and Government Operations***

[21-0003](#)

**Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses**

For the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle repair establishments and motor vehicle dealerships and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on or before a certain date; providing for a special effective date; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the illegal practice of using the public right-of-way as surplus private motor vehicle storage.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, James Torrence, Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

[21-0014](#)

**Baltimore City Fire Department - Reporting Requirements**

For the purpose of requiring the Fire Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department to report annually certain information to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; requiring the report to be made available on the Department's website; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, James Torrence, Antonio Glover

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

### 3R Third Reader

#### ***Third Reader (for final passage)***

[21-0017](#)

#### **Study and Report - City Employee Parking Benefits**

For the purpose of requiring that the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Finance submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating certain matters related to providing parking and commuter benefits to City employees; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen

[21-0018](#)

#### **Study and Report - Towing Dispatch Systems**

For the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Antonio Glover, James Torrence

### **Bills Withdrawn**

[21-0002](#)

#### **Real Property Tax - Installment Plans**

For the purpose of authorizing that the real property taxes owed on certain properties may be paid through a monthly installment plan; establishing the maximum term for an installment payment plan; authorizing that certain payments may be subject to a service charge; authorizing that certain late payments shall be referred to the Tax Sale Ombudsman; requiring the Director of Finance to adopt regulations to implement this subtitle; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of real property taxes in Baltimore City.

**Sponsors:**

Odette Ramos, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen, President Nicholas J. Mosby, James Torrence

*WITHDRAWN*

[21-0016](#)

#### **Liens and Late Charges - Installment Plans**

For the purpose of authorizing that certain arrearages and liens may be paid through installment payment plan and agreement; establishing the effect of breaching an installment plan agreement; specifying the contents of the notice of an offer of an installment payment plan; specifying certain terms of the installment payment agreement; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of certain arrearages and liens in Baltimore City.

**Sponsors:**

Odette Ramos, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Danielle N. McCray, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence

*WITHDRAWN*

[21-0034](#)**Tax Sale - Postponement**

For the purpose of prohibiting the Mayor and City Council from conducting or otherwise scheduling a tax sale pursuant to Title 14, Subtitle 8, Part III {"Tax Sales"} of the State Tax-Property Article during the 2021 calendar year; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Odette Ramos

*WITHDRAWN***Committee Announcements****Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Adjournment****Cable Hearing Schedule**

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