

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 13, 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: Phylicia Porter - District 11: Zac Blanchard - District 12: Jermaine Jones - District 13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos

Call to Order**Invocation****Pledge of Allegiance****Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

December 5, 2024

Executive Nominations

[EA25-0001](#) Veronica McBeth
Director - Department of Transportation
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

[EA25-0002](#) Jon Laria
Chair - Planning Commission
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Bills Introduced

[25-0001](#) Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing

FOR the purpose of creating the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the leadership and staffing of the Department; establishing the Department's purpose, powers, and duties; creating the Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the membership of the Board; establishing the purpose, powers, and duties of the Board; transferring the administration of certain business licenses to the Department; repealing certain obsolete Boards; allowing the Department to suspend a certain license if the licensee engages in unfair, abusive, and deceptive trade practices; providing for a special effective date; making conforming changes; and generally relating to consumer protection and business licensing.

Sponsors: Ryan Dorsey, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[25-0002](#)

Study and Report – Absences in Baltimore City Schools

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Public School System (“City Schools”) to prepare a report exploring the causes of student absences to better identify solutions to address the most persistent barriers students face to attending school; requiring City Schools to collaborate with certain City agencies to propose recommendations to address the root causes of unexcused absences found in the report; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, John Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen, Paris Gray

EDUCATION, YOUTH, AND OLDER ADULTS COMMITTEE

[25-0003](#)

Historic Preservation – Conservation Districts – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing Conservation Districts; providing a study, proposal, and review process; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

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

HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[25-0004](#)

Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority – Renewal Through June 30, 2028

FOR the purpose of reviewing, renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Zac Blanchard, Paris Gray, Jermaine Jones

HOUSING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At the Request of: The Administration

[25-0005](#)

Arson Offender Registry – Registration Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the criteria for registering as an arson offender with the Police Commissioner; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[25-0006](#)

Zoning Code – Modifications

FOR the purpose of amending provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code relating to variances to conform to relevant State law; making modifications to the process of granting variances; clarifying provisions of the Zoning Code relating to nonconforming structures; and generally relating to the zoning and land use laws of the City of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

[25-0007](#)Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Mayor's Office of Recovery Programming – \$270,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$270,000 to the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programming – Service 916 (Opioid Restitution Administration), to provide funding for additional positions to oversee grants awarded through the Opioid Restitution Fund; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[25-0008](#)Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Mayor's Office of Recovery Programming – \$10,000,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000,000 to the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programming – Service 917 (Opioid Grants - Named Organizations), to provide partial grant funding for non-profit organizations named in settlement agreements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[25-0009](#)

Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Mayoralty – \$1,773,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,773,000 to the Mayoralty – Service 918 (Opioid Restitution Administration), to provide funding for additional positions to provide direction and guidance regarding the City's opioid response, establishment of the Restitution Advisory Board, contractual support to establish a trust fund for litigation proceeds, and community engagement; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[25-0010](#)

Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Department of Law – \$100,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to the Department of Law – Service 862 (Transactions Contracts), to provide funding to create 2 additional positions to oversee contract agreements with grant organizations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[25-0011](#)

Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Baltimore City Health Department – \$500,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City Health Department – Service 715 (Health - Administration), to provide funding for planning costs for a replacement facility for the Westside clinic; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[25-0012](#)Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –
Baltimore City Health Department – \$2,000,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Baltimore City Health Department – Service 307 (Health - Substance Use Disorder), to provide funding for staffing and support costs for opioid response and recovery strategies; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[25-0001R](#)

Mission Statement for the 74th Term of the Baltimore City Council

FOR the purpose of establishing a mission statement for the 74th term of the City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, 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, Mark Parker

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[25-0002R](#)

Honoring the Efforts of First Responders in the Camp Small Woodberry Fire

FOR the purpose of honoring the efforts of the first responders to the recent fire at Camp Small in the Woodberry community on December 5, 2024.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen, James Torrence

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[25-0003R](#)

Informational Hearing - Permit Reforms

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of the City Administrator, the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Office of the Fire Marshal, and other relevant parties to provide information on reforms to the Department of Housing and Community Development's permit process.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

25-0004R

Request for City Action – Expand the Sewage Onsite Support Program

FOR the purpose of expressing support for the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") and Maryland Department of the Environment's ("MDE") May 22, 2023 order to the Baltimore City Department of Public Works ("DPW") to extend Sewage Onsite Support ("SOS") Program coverage to all residential backups caused, at least in part, by a condition in the City owned portion of the sewage collection system, and calling on the Mayor and Department of Public Works to implement the full original order in the Emergency Response Plan under the Modified Consent Decree between the City, EPA, and MDE.

Sponsors:

Paris Gray, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Odette Ramos, James Torrence, John Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Mark Conway, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Zeke Cohen, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

Committee Announcements**Announcements****District Showcase - 7th District**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

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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.