TWENTIETH DAY

FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

JOURNAL CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

October 27, 2025

Reverend Sherrell Savage delivered an opening prayer.

Led by Marine veteran, Councilmember Zac Blanchard, the President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Zeke Cohen, President, and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos Absent: McCray, Middleton

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of October 20, 2025 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 23, 2025

The Honorable Zeke Cohen, Council President And Members of the City Council Baltimore City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Cohen and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law on October 27, 2025, the following bills:

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.

25-0050 – Water Bill – Tenant Right to Review – For the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works to provide a specified person with a copy of a certain water or wastewater bill upon request and submission of specified documentation.

25-0059 – **Building, Fire, and Related Codes** – **Vacant Building Receivers** – **Failure to Sell** – For the purpose of permitting a vacant building receiver to offer the property for sale to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, if the property fails to sell at public auction; and providing certain limitations on the sale price.

25-0069 – **Sale of Property** – **1820 North Charles Street** – For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1820 North Charles Street (Block 0388, Lot 009) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0070 – Sale of Property – 238 South Patterson Park Avenue – For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 238 South Patterson Park Avenue (Block 1758, Lot 020) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0072 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Units to 2 Dwelling Units Each in the R-8 Zoning District – 1703 and 1709 Edmondson Avenue – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1703 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 017) and a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1709 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 020), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0074 – Repeal of Ordinance 06-222 – Planned Unit Development – 1100 Wicomico Street – For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 06-222, which designated certain property located at 1100 Wicomico Street an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0077 – **Zoning** – **Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District** – **Variances** – **541 Lafayette Avenue** – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 541 Lafayette Avenue (Block 0414, Lot 062), 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.

25-0078 – City Streets – Closing – Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Company (Amtrak) – For the purpose of condemning and closing portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, the former bed of Mosher Street and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as shown on a plat numbered 316 C 5 Series for Group A prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0079 – Sale of Property – Certain Streets Lying Within the Area Bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, West Lafayette Avenue and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) – For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as portions of certain streets lying within the area bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, West Lafayette Avenue and the land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as shown on Plat 316 C 5 Group A, and filed with the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0083 – **RPP Area 30** – **Exception** – **15 E West Street** – For the purpose of amending the Parking Management Plan Restatement for RPP Area 30 (South Baltimore East) to add an exception to the Plan's general permit allotments for dwelling units.

25-0084 – City Streets – Closing – A 6 Foot Portion of West Saratoga Street and an Alley 10.67 Feet Wide, Bounded By Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street – For the purpose of condemning and closing a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street and an alley 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street and North Greene Street, as shown on a plat numbered 307 A 23A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0085 – Sale of Property – Section of West Saratoga Street Bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street – For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property no longer needed for public use known as the former bed of a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0086 – **City Streets** – **Closing** – **A Portion of North Chapel Street** – For the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of North Chapel Street extending northerly 305.2 feet more or less, from the north side of Jefferson Street bounded by McElderry Street, North Washington Street, Jefferson Street, and North Wolfe Street, as shown on a plat numbered 309 A 30A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0092 – **Zoning** – **Conditional Use Conversion to a Banquet Hall in the C-2 Zoning District** – **Variance** – **1123 West Baltimore Street** – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 1123 West Baltimore Street (Block 0217, Lot 012) in the C-2 Zoning District, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

In Partnership,

Brandon M. Scott

Mayor

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

CATALINA BYRD, as a Member of the Board of Ethics.

STACI GRIFFIN, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

MATTHEW HILL, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

KHALIL UQDAH, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

DR. KEVIN DANIELS, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

BREE JONES, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

AMY MCCLAIN, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

ADRIAN BROWN, as a Member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission.

DR. NADINE FINIGAN-CARR, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

DR. REYNALDO EVANGELISTS, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

DR. AMAHL FOSTER, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

STEPHEN RUCKMAN, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

YVETTE ILECHIE, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

MATTHEW MENTER, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

GLORIA ANDELA, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

CHANEL GREEN, as a Member of the Community Relations Commission.

INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

Bill No. 25-0114 – By: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored By: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Gray, Bullock, Jones, Glover, and Ramos

An Ordinance making smoke shops a conditional use by approval of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals in all commercial zoning and mixed-use districts; setting use standards for smoke shops; making conforming changes; and defining certain terms.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0115 – By: Councilmember Jones

Cosponsored By: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Glover, and Ramos

An Ordinance creating limits on the luminance of a window display; and defining certain terms.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

Bill No. 25-0037R – By: Councilmember Glover

Cosponsored By: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Gray. Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, and Ramos

A Resolution requiring representatives from the Baltimore Health Department, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Department of Planning, and Baltimore City Information and Technology, and inviting representatives from the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission (ATCC) and the Maryland Department of Health's Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, to appear before the City Council to discuss the proliferation of tobacco retailers in Baltimore City, existing law regulating these retailers and how those laws are enforced, and how the City can better regulate tobacco retailers and protect communities from the harmful impacts of tobacco use.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislative Investigations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0352, 0353, 0354, 0355, 0356, 0357, 0358, 0359, 0360, 361, AND 362 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BILL NO. 25-0051 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS, AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Jones, for the Labor and Workforce Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0051 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance requiring reasonable accommodations in the workplace for certain employees upon request; protecting employees from adverse actions related to pregnancy, recovery from childbirth, or a related condition; forbidding denial of employment opportunities based on certain circumstances; establishing penalties for violations of required accommodations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to protecting the rights of employees who are pregnant or recovering from childbirth or a related condition.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0051

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, before line 9, insert:

"BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section 41-14(.5c)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)";

and, on page 2, before line 2, insert:

"Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 41. Civil Citations

§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.

(.5C) ARTICLE 11. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

§ 20-10. CIVIL PENALTIES

\$1,000".

Amendment No. 2

On page 10, strike in their entireties lines 11 through 14 and substitute:

"§ 20-10. ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.

(A) IN GENERAL.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR OF A RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL CITATION AS AUTHORIZED BY CITY CODE ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 41 {"CIVIL CITATIONS"} WITH A PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

(B) PROCESS NOT EXCLUSIVE.

THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PRECLUDE PURSUING ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW.".

Amendment No. 3

On page 1, in line 16, strike "20-11" and substitute "20-10"; and, on page 6, strike lines 27 through 31 in their entireties; and, on page 7, in lines 1 and 13, respectively, strike "20-5." and "20-6.", respectively, and substitute "20-4." and "20-5.", respectively; and, on page 8, in line 25, strike "20-7." and substitute "20-6."; and, on page 9, in line 19, strike "20-8." and substitute "20-7."; and, on page 10, in lines 1, 11, and 15, respectively, strike "20-9.", "20-10.", and "20-11.", respectively, and substitute "20-8.", "20-9.", and "20-10.", respectively.

Amendment No. 4

On page 6, strike line 2; and on that same page, strike lines 6 through 12 in their entireties; and, on that same page, in line 16, strike "TH" and substitute "THE"; and, on that same page, strike lines 24 through 31 in their entireties.

Amendment No. 5

On page 7, in line 27, strike "5" and substitute "10".

Amendment No. 6

On page 8, after line 24, insert:

"(4) AN EMPLOYER MAY DISTRIBUTE TO AN EMPLOYEE THE POLICY REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS, IF:

- (I) THE EMPLOYER PROVIDES TO THE EMPLOYEE A PAPER COPY OF THE POLICY UPON REQUEST; AND
- (II) THE ELECTRONIC MEANS ALLOWS FOR THE EMPLOYEE TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE POLICY.".

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 25-0040 - An Ordinance making small box discount retail stores a conditional use by approval of the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals in all commercial zoning districts; setting use standards for new small box discount retail stores; and defining certain terms.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

BILL No. 25-0063 - An Ordinance transferring the Office of Zoning Administrator and all attendant authorities and duties from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Planning.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

BILL No. 25-0064 - An Ordinance amending certain bulk and yard requirements in residential zoning districts.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 10.

Nays - Councilmembers Conway, Schleifer, Torrence - Total 3.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

BILL NO. 25-0065 - An Ordinance repealing requirements for providing a minimum number of off-street parking spaces per use type; setting certain parking maximums; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions and tables.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 8.

Nays - Councilmembers Conway, Schleifer, Torrence, Porter, Glover - Total 5.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

BILL No. 25-0082 - An Ordinance approving certain amendments to the Under Armour Headquarters Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

BILL No. 25-0062 REQUESTED FOR RETURN FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Dorsey made a motion to request that Bill No. 25-0062 be returned from the Mayor's desk for further consideration by the City Council.

The motion requiring approval, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers McCray and Middleton - Total 2.

The motion carried and the bill was requested to return to the City Council from the Mayor's desk for further consideration.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Brandon Scott 100 Holiday Street, Suite 250 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Return of City Council Bill 25-0062 for Further Consideration

Mayor Scott,

I write to notify you that at the Baltimore City Council's regular meeting on October 27, 2025, the council voted to request that you return City Council Bill 25-0062 from your desk for further consideration, as enabled by City Council Rule 13-3.

The bill passed on 3rd Reader at the October 20, 2025 regular meeting.

The motion to reconsider was made by Councilmember Ryan Dorsey and was approved with 13 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, with 2 members absent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Council President Zeke Cohen

ADJOURNMENT

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet the same day for a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0352 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating the Baltimore City Department of Health's Office of Youth and Trauma Services in recognition of exemplary service and advocacy in youth mental health and suicide prevention during Suicide Prevention Month.

CR0353 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Omega Chapter in recognition of outstanding work in raising awareness and promoting education around breast cancer.

CR0354 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mary Drake in recognition of her 95th birthday.

CR0355 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating St. Veronica Catholic Church in recognition of their 80th anniversary.

CR0356 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Northern Chesapeake Bay (MD) Chapter- Elect of The Links, Incorporated in recognition of chartering and continuing the proud legacy of friendship, leadership, and service that defines your organization.

CR0357 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Chris Ryer in recognition of your retirement after decades of public service, community planning, and development work, including your six years as Director of Planning.

CR0358 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Sgt. Modesto Olivo in recognition of 25 years of distinguished service, integrity, and leadership—protecting, uplifting, and strengthening trust across the Baltimore community he proudly serves.

CR0359 OCP

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Ruby Wilson, February 12, 1936 – October 19, 2025.

CR0360 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Bishop Tony Hamilton Jr., October 15, 1977 – October 19, 2025.

CR0361 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Joseph Truiett in recognition of 60 Years of Service to the Maryland Transit Administration.

CR0362 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dexter Lockamy in recognition of his fantastic work as the inaugural Budget and Finance Director for the Baltimore City Council.