

SECOND DAY

FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

January 11, 2021, Reconvened January 13, 2021

Charlene Kelly, of Bethel A.M.E. Church, led the Council in Prayer.

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: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of December 10, 2020 was read and approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

THERESA BRUCE, as a member of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force, for a term expiring December 10, 2024.

DAVID O. FAKUNLE, as a member of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force, for a term expiring December 10, 2024.

PHILIP J. LEAF, as a member of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force, for a term expiring December 10, 2024, as a member who does research.

JABARI LYLES, as a member of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force, for a term expiring December 10, 2024.

DANIEL D. PARSONS, as a member of the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force, for a term expiring December 10, 2024.

Sincerely,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

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. 21-0001 - By Councilmembers Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, Bullock:

An Ordinance prohibiting Baltimore City government from purchasing or obtaining certain face surveillance technology; prohibiting Baltimore City government from contracting or subcontracting with another for the purpose of face surveillance technology; prohibiting any person in Baltimore City from obtaining, retaining, accessing, or using certain face surveillance technology or any information obtained from certain face surveillance technology; requiring the Director of Baltimore City Information and Technology to submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council regarding the use of surveillance by the Mayor and City Council; providing for certain termination dates; providing for certain penalties; and defining certain terms.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Baltimore City Information Technology, Police Department, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Department of Transportation, 9-1-1 Dispatch, Department of Finance, Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 21-0002 - By Councilmembers Ramos, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Stokes, McCray, Bullock, Schleifer, Cohen, President Mosby, Councilmember Torrence:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of Housing and Community Development, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 21-0003 - By Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Glover, Middleton, Bullock, Schleifer, Porter, Torrence, Ramos:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Police Department, Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 21-0004 - By Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Ramos, McCray, Porter, Bullock, Torrence, Glover:

An Ordinance establishing the Baltimore City Office to End Homelessness; declaring that the policy of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring; providing that the Office will be led by an Executive Director appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; establishing the duties of the Office; requiring certain reports; establishing the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; providing for certain funding for the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; setting forth the eligibility requirements for the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; requiring that the Office adopt rules and regulations to administer the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; establishing procedures on a family's admission into the Permanent Housing Voucher Program; setting forth certain programmatic functions for the Permanent Housing Voucher Program through tenant-based vouchers and project-based vouchers; providing for the termination of assistance under the Permanent Housing Voucher Program for certain enumerated reasons; providing for hearings for certain terminations and denials of assistance; establishing certain hearing procedures and the conduct of the hearings; repealing City Code Article 1, Subtitle 24 {"Overnight Shelters"} as duplicative; defining certain terms; generally relating to ending homelessness in Baltimore; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, Police Department, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Finance, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0005 - By Councilmember Conway (by request);

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 810 Argonne Drive (Block 3913C, Lot 021), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; providing for a special effective date; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size), gross floor area per unit type, and off-street parking requirements.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Fire Department, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0006 - By Councilmember Conway (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 407 Benninghaus Road (Block 5014C, Lot 004A), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-3 Zoning District to the OR-1 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0007 - By Councilmember Costello, President Mosby, Councilmembers Stokes, Dorsey, Ramos, Burnett, McCray, Middleton, Bullock, Porter, Cohen, Torrence, Glover:

An Ordinance establishing certain temporary regulations on third-party food delivery platforms; defining certain terms; authorizing the Director of Finance to adopt rules and regulations to implement and enforce this subtitle; setting forth certain prohibited conduct for third-party food delivery platforms; providing for enforcement by citation; providing for certain criminal and administrative penalties; providing for this Ordinance's severability; setting forth a certain termination date; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the regulation of third-party food delivery platforms and the economic well-being of Baltimore restaurants, consumers, and gig workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Health Department, Baltimore Development Corporation, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Department of Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 21-0008 - By Councilmembers Schleifer, Middleton:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Finance, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0009 - By Councilmembers Bullock, Dorsey, Burnett:

An Ordinance changing the procedure for the conversion of a single-family dwelling to a multi-family dwelling in the R-7 and R-8 Zoning Districts; and adding a unit type to the types of units that may be established in a converted dwelling.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Fire Department, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0010 - By Councilmember Torrence (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2087 Druid Park Drive (Block 3390B, Lot 036), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0011 - By Councilmember Torrence (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2426 Pennsylvania Avenue (Block 0294, Lot 014), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OR-1/R-MU Zoning District to the C-1-E Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0012 - By Councilmember Costello (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 1214-1220 Hull Street Block 1988B, Lot 019), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the O-R-1 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0013 - By Councilmember Cohen (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 4015 Foster Avenue (Block 6447 Lot 021) and 4000 Hudson Street (Block 6457, Lot 018), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the property known as 801 South Haven Street (Block 6458, Lot 003), from the I-2 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0014 - By Councilmembers Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Glover:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Fire Department, Department of Finance, Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 21-0015 - By Councilmember Bullock (by request):

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of parking lots on the properties known as 115 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 068) and 118 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 072), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development,

Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0016 - By Councilmembers Ramos, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Stokes, McCray, President Mosby, Councilmembers Cohen, Torrence:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 21-0017 - By Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Human Resources, Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, Public Safety and Government Operations.

Bill No. 21-0018 - By Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock, Glover, Torrence:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Transportation, Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 21-0019 - By Councilmembers Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, Stokes, Glover, Ramos:

An Ordinance establishing a Baltimore City Office of LGBTQ Affairs; defining certain terms; providing for the appointment of the Director of the Office; establishing the duties of the Office; providing for the staff and budget of the Office; establishing a LGBTQ Commission to advise and collaborate with the Office; providing for the appointment, structure, and governance of the Commission; requiring the Director, Commission members, and staff of the Office to file

financial disclosures under the Ethics Code; and requiring that the Office submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Ethics, Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

Bill No. 21-0020 - By Councilmembers Middleton, Burnett, McCray, Cohen, Glover, Torrence, Ramos, Stokes, Porter:

An Ordinance designating any female member of the Baltimore City Council as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Office of the Mayor, Mayor's Business Opportunity Office, Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

At this point in the Council Meeting, which was conducted virtually because of Covid-19, the digital platform, which was being used to transmit the Meeting, malfunctioned nationwide, causing the Meeting to close.

MEETING RECONVENED - JANUARY 13, 2021

The Council President reconvened the Meeting.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos

Bill No. 21-0021 - By Councilmember Stokes, President Mosby, Councilmembers Middleton, Ramos, Bullock, Cohen, Glover, Torrence:

An Ordinance requiring a lease to have a provision regarding a 10-day grace period; requiring a lease to have provisions regarding the amount of money landlords may charge for late fees, when landlords may charge tenants receiving public assistance for late fees, late fees as a condition precedent to the tenant's right to redeem, and the types of fees landlords may recover; and prohibiting this section from altering other remedies available to a landlord.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Real Estate, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0022 - By Councilmember Middleton, President Mosby, Councilmembers Stokes, Ramos, Cohen:

An Ordinance requiring certain lease provisions to create alternatives besides the traditional security deposit for residential leases under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and prohibiting this subsection from limiting a landlord's ability to require certain qualifications on a residential tenant's application for a new residential lease.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Real Estate, Economic and Community Development Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

Bill No. 21-0001R - By Councilmembers Ramos, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Cohen, Stokes, Glover:

A Resolution inviting the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, relevant staff, and the Chair and other members of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission to provide an update on the status of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund including, but not limited to, information regarding revenue raised each year since passage of Ordinance 18-215, projects and initiatives funded so far, projects and initiatives in the pipeline to be funded, the spending plan, and ideas for improving the Fund.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Finance, Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0002R - By Councilmembers Ramos, Burnett, Middleton, Cohen, Stokes, Porter:

A Resolution inviting the Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Office of Sustainability, and other representatives of these agencies to provide an update on efforts to mitigate and prevent inland flooding, which is not covered by the recently passed Nuisance Flood Plan.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, Mayor's Office of Social Services, Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 21-0003R - By Councilmembers McCray, Ramos, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Cohen, Stokes, Burnett, Glover, Porter, Conway:

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore's healthcare community, and other interested parties before the Baltimore City Council to discuss Baltimore's COVID-19 vaccination plan.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health Department, Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 21-0004R - By Councilmembers Stokes, Glover, Middleton, Cohen, Burnett, Porter:

A Resolution recognizing systemic racism as a public health crisis.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health Department, Office of Civil Rights and Wage Enforcement, Baltimore City Public School System, Department of Transportation, City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Recreation and Parks, Police Department, Department of Planning, Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 21-0005R - By Councilmembers Stokes, Glover, Middleton, Bullock, Cohen, McCray:

A Resolution requesting that the Department of General Services provide the City Council with an update on how employees of DGS have been keeping City-owned buildings clean during the COVID-19 pandemic and post information about cleaning schedules in these buildings.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of General Services, Health Department, Office of the Mayor, Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 21-0006R - By Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey, Ramos, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock:

Introduced: January 13, 2021
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Lead By Example: Calling on City Council Members and Staff to be Trained in Trauma-Informed Care

FOR the purpose of calling on the Baltimore City Council and Council Staff to be trained in trauma-informed healing-centered approaches that will enhance realization of the prevalence of trauma in systems, encourage empathic governance, recognize the presence of signs and

symptoms throughout systemwide service and program delivery, and address trauma to avoid the barriers to positive human connection and interaction.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Elijah Cummings Healing City Act was passed on February 24, 2020 to transform Baltimore’s government into a “trauma-informed, healing-centered” model of governance. Baltimore became the first major city in America to comprehensively legislate trauma informed care. Given the continued high rates of homicide, overdose deaths, anxiety, depression, and other forms of trauma in Baltimore, this work is now more urgent than ever.

WHEREAS, the legislation called for a “Trauma-Informed Care Task Force” to develop a citywide strategy to prevent and respond to trauma. It also required all city agencies to undergo formal training in “healing-centered” trauma-informed care.

WHEREAS, the Elijah Cummings Healing City Act was passed to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of services to the residents of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, the Elijah Cummings Healing City Act *did not* include training for City Council leadership and staff.

WHEREAS, the City Council is the legislative branch of Baltimore City's Government. Legislation has a major impact on the lives of Baltimore's residents. Historically, the City Council has at times passed bills that have caused immeasurable harm to vulnerable Baltimoreans. One such example is an ordinance from 1910 which codified racial segregation in housing and deprived Black Baltimoreans the opportunity to live in certain neighborhoods. There is a clear need for legislators to understand the impact of trauma.

WHEREAS, the City Council leadership and staff engages directly with residents through hearings, community meetings, and constituent service. Many of the constituents we engage with have experienced high levels of trauma and other adverse experiences.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City has experienced over 300 homicides in each of the last 6 years.

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, homicide negatively impacts the surviving family members, especially children.

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, the psychological impact includes anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, aggression, guilt, and hyper-vigilance.

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, homicides directly impact a family’s ability to cope financially.

WHEREAS, according to Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Inc., experiencing trauma as a child can have lifelong consequences.

WHEREAS, according to Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Inc., Adverse Childhood Experiences (“ACEs”) contribute to negative physical and behavioral health outcomes and may reduce life expectancy by 20 years.

WHEREAS, according to Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Inc., in Baltimore, 42% of adults have experienced 3 or more ACEs, compared to 24 % statewide.

WHEREAS, according to Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Inc., exposure to poverty and racism directly contributes to ACEs. In Baltimore, 24% of people live below the poverty line compared to 9.9% of people statewide.

WHEREAS, it is critical that City Council Members, as frontline public servants and legislators with the power to shape laws and to provide oversight of City agencies, understand the impact of trauma and operate through a “trauma-informed lens.” In order to build a Baltimore that is healthy, safe, and thriving, its legislative branch must acknowledge and fully understand how past laws and practices have contributed to harm and retraumatization of vulnerable people. Council Members must implement trauma informed, healing centered strategies into all facets of our work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on its members and staff to be trained in trauma-informed healing-centered approaches that will enhance realization of the prevalence of trauma in systems, encourage empathic governance, recognize the presence of signs and symptoms throughout systemwide service and program delivery, and address trauma to avoid the barriers to positive human connection and interaction.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the aforementioned training be conducted with 30 days of adoption of this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Cohen made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Cohen made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 21-0007R - By Councilmembers Conway, Ramos, Burnett, President Mosby, Councilmembers McCray, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Glover, Porter, Stokes, Cohen:

A Resolution inviting the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Finance to address the crippling problems with and describe solutions for the water billing system described in the recent report jointly published by the Baltimore City and Baltimore County Inspectors General.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

Bill No. 21-0008R - By Councilmembers Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Porter:

Introduced: January 13, 2021
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and recognizing the tireless and ongoing efforts of the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative in educating the citizens of Baltimore to assist in the prevention of human trafficking and supporting victims of human sex and labor trafficking.

Recitals

President Barack Obama first proclaimed January as “National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention” month in 2010. Since then, state and local governments across the country have declared January as a month to promote awareness of human trafficking in the hopes that, through increased awareness, this societal ill can be eradicated.

To be sure, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including Maryland. The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force is the State’s primary organization that works to prevent trafficking, protect victims by providing them with the

services they need, prosecute traffickers, and partner with a variety of organizations to eradicate the scourge of human trafficking from our communities.

The statistics are staggering. Worldwide, an estimated 40.3 million people are trapped into human trafficking slavery, which includes sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, organ harvesting, and forced labor work. Indeed, human trafficking is a billion-dollar industry, making \$150 billion annually from the trafficking of babies as young as 1 year old and with adults as old as 63.

Between 14,500 and 17,500 individuals are trafficked into the United States each year. Nationally, an estimated 4,457 to 20,995 youths ages 13-17 are involved in the U.S. sex industry. In Maryland, there were over 440 cases of child sex trafficking reported to local Departments of Social Services between July 2013 and July 2018. These reports involved over 375 alleged minor victims, the majority of whom were Maryland residents between the ages of 14-17 years old. In 2019, Maryland documented 187 cases of human trafficking, outpacing the prior years.

Youth who identify as LGBTQ may be additionally vulnerable to trafficking due to lack of social supports, familial rejection, or both. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 74% of the children trafficked came from the foster care or the social services system when they ran away and were lured into sex trafficking.

The Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative has become a leader in the State of Maryland with its proactive anti-trafficking efforts. In 2019, the Collaborative provided \$300,000 in grant funds to assist human trafficking services programs to better serve trafficking survivors. In 2020, there was an additional \$300,000 in grant funds allocated. Indeed, despite a global pandemic the Collaborative was able to virtually provided human trafficking awareness to over 1,000 people to include school personnel, law enforcement, and members of the Baltimore City Fire Department. The Collaborative is working hard and finding great success in arrests and assistance, and there is no better time than now to recognize their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council recognizes January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and recognizes the tireless and ongoing efforts of the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative in educating the citizens of Baltimore to assist in the prevention of human trafficking and supporting victims of human sex and labor trafficking.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Health Commissioner, the Housing Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.

Councilmember Burnett made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Burnett made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 21-0009R - By President Mosby, Councilmembers Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Cohen:

Introduced: January 11, 2021
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for State Action – Elimination of Home Detention Monitoring Fees

FOR the purpose of calling on the General Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign legislation eliminating home detention monitoring fees as a matter of fundamental fairness during these economically-challenging times.

Recitals

For the 10% of Marylanders living below the federal poverty line, the management and repayment of even small debts can be a major challenge. This challenge is further exacerbated for those with a criminal record, a significant barrier to employment. However, despite these known obstacles, those who interact with the criminal justice system are levied with fees and other criminal justice system fines in order to access pretrial release. While Maryland has moved away from the “cash bail” system, other forms of release are still similarly situated. Simply put, there are still significant fees related to pretrial release and heavy fines allocated to those who fail to comply with their pretrial release conditions without any regard for the defendant’s ability to pay.

Studies show that 80-85% of those who are released have debt due to fees incurred while incarcerated, which includes fees for electronic monitoring, home detention monitoring and GPS monitoring. This translates into approximately 10 million individuals who owe more than \$50 billion in debt that is likely to never be repaid due to financial circumstance. This debt further impoverishes already indigent individuals, who lack access to educational opportunity and are less employable due to their criminal record.

The assessment of fees onto those who are incarcerated, especially pretrial, creates an unbreakable cycle that can be fixed by assessing the ability to pay beforehand and granting waivers to defendants who show an inability to do so. An inability to pay is simply that, regardless of the amount or time given to pay it. Additionally, the costs, although insurmountable, place many defendants in the arduous position of choosing between compliance with their conditions to maintain their freedom or maintaining their households.

Legislation that would eliminate these fees would go a long way towards allowing families to support themselves, especially when many are essentially subject to indefinite home detention due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can and we must do more to help these struggling families and the elimination of these fees is a small start.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on the General Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign legislation eliminating home detention monitoring fees as a matter of fundamental fairness during these economically-challenging times.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Costello made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 21-0003R**

Councilmember McCray made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 21-0003R.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember MccrAy announced a hearing date for the bill.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 21-0007**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 21-0007.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Costello announced a hearing date for the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- CR 1 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Linda Brown and Reginald Price on your selfless time and energy in maintaining a healthy and clean environment in Belair-Edison.
- CR 2 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Ahmaud Branon and Bobby Smith on your outstanding leadership, service and commitment to the Belair Edison Community and City of Baltimore.
- CR 3 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Dan Flamholz on your service and thoughtful support and assistance to the Belair-Edison Company Association.
- CR 4 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Hozie Lee Watson, January 6, 1938 – December 1, 2020.
- CR 5 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Michael Seipp on your service to the Southwest Partnership and the Greater Community.
- CR 6 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Bradley Bozeman on your Baltimore Ravens Nomination for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award, we applaud you for your excellence on the field.
- CR 7 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Reverend Dr. Russell E. Graves, August 16, 1939 – December 4, 2020.
- CR 8 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Lemuel Thomas, January 11, 1957 – December 12, 2020.
- CR 9 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution to the Family of Mary Helen Scroggins-Burgess, February 20, 1932 – December 1, 2020.
- CR 10 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating James Thompson on 45 years of service with the City of Baltimore.
- CR 11 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Ms. Barbara McFail, April 14, 1943 – December 12, 2020.

- CR 12 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Juanita E. Watkins, June 9, 1953 – December 19, 2020.
- CR 13 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Jerry and Darlene Gordon on your dedication and hard work to the Charles Village community and residents all across Baltimore City, our city is grateful for your years of service.
- CR 14 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Katiza Latia Melette, April 22, 1973 – December 25, 2020.
- CR 15 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Brenda McCray on your retirement from the Department of Housing and Community Development after all your many years of services.
- CR 16 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Nikki Bozeman on your commitment to and impact in the community through the Bradley and Nikki Bozeman Foundation’s efforts to address childhood bullying.
- CR 17 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Shirley Ann Milton, March 6, 1937 – December 29, 2020.
- CR 18 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution congratulating Karon Moore on your retirement from the Department of Housing and Community Development after 31 years of service.
- CR 19 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Thomas “Tommy” Raskin, January 30, 1995 – December 31, 2020.
- CR 20 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Leila H. Jones, May 19, 1934 – December 19, 2020.
- CR 21 Torrence**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Crystal Harding-Flowers, June 6, 1965 – December 31, 2020.
- CR 22 President Mosby, All Members**
A City Council Resolution on the death of Carolyn Robinson, September 17, 1948 – December 21, 2020.