

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, February 24, 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**Pledge of Allegiance****Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

February 10, 2025

Bills Introduced**25-0035** Gas-Powered Debris Removal Equipment – Prohibition – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of clarifying and conforming certain provisions related to the enforcement of the prohibition of gas-powered debris removal equipment.

Sponsors: Ryan Dorsey, Mark Parker, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, Zac Blanchard
Public Health and Environment Committee

Resolutions Introduced**25-0010R** "Good Cause" Eviction – Request for State Action

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to pass HB 709/SB 651, Good Cause Eviction, which would allow local jurisdictions to enact "good cause" eviction laws and protect residents from arbitrary, discriminatory, or retaliatory displacement from their homes and communities.

Sponsors: Odette Ramos, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Antonio "Tony" Glover
IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

25-0011R Request for State Action – Maryland HB 1006 – Protecting Sensitive Locations Act and Maryland SB 977 – Maryland Data Privacy Act

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to pass HB1006, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, to ensure that all citizens regardless of their immigration or citizenship status are safe in sensitive locations; and to pass SB977, the Maryland Data Privacy Act, to prohibit the sharing of personal information with immigration enforcement officials.

Sponsors: Odette Ramos, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover
IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

25-0012R Request for State Action – End the Multi-Year Rate Plan (MRP) Pilot and Cancel the Planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Distribution Rate Increase

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to end its Multi-Year Rate Plan Pilot, and to invoke the “off-ramp” provision to cancel the planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) gas and electric distribution rate increases.

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

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Budget and Appropriations

[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)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[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.

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[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.

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Housing and Economic Development[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.

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3R Third Reader

(Requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)

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Committee Announcements

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District Showcase - 4th District

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

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.