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FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

**JOURNAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

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February 24, 2025

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The meeting opened with a recognition of Black History Month.

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

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

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of February 10, 2025 was read and approved.

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**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. 25-0035** - By Councilmember Dorsey

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Gray, and Blanchard

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

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Health and Environment Committee.

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

Bill No. 25-0010R - By Councilmember Ramos

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, and Glover

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**“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.

**Recitals**

All Marylanders deserve the chance to put down roots in their communities. However, a disproportionate number of Baltimore City residents are under the constant threat of homelessness or displacement from no-cause eviction. In Fiscal Year 24, 5,104 no-cause evictions were filed in Maryland – a 62% increase from years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. These evictions disproportionately impact Black and Latine families, essential workers, and those with service jobs. Evictions can cause residents to lose their jobs, separate children from their current school, and result in adverse health care outcomes.

“Good cause” eviction laws prevent tenants from being evicted without violating their lease or otherwise presenting a valid reason to be evicted. Maryland is one of 5 states that prohibit local jurisdictions from passing “good cause” eviction laws, even though “good cause” laws have been passed in 8 states and over 23 localities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, in response to the growing need for housing security, the Baltimore City Council introduced a temporary emergency measure that required landlords to offer a renewal for residential leases unless “just cause”, now known as “good cause”, was provided.

During the short time the City law was effective, the City Council did not observe any of the pitfalls that critics of the law predicted. The City’s “just cause” legislation did not prevent a landlord from evicting a tenant that had violated the terms of their lease or otherwise posed a threat to the community. The City Council was able to provide relief and security to Baltimore renters without causing undue hardship elsewhere.

“Good cause” eviction legislation would empower Baltimore City and all other jurisdictions in Maryland to enact policies that are better suited to meet the demands of its local housing market and the needs of its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Baltimore City Council calls 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.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Governor of Maryland, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Chair and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee, the Chair and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly, the Baltimore City Council President and the President’s legislative staff, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 25-0011R - By Councilmember Ramos

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, and Glover

Introduced

(Read and adopted)

**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.

**Recitals**

Since the beginning of the second Trump administration, over 8,000 people have been arrested by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) nationwide, with raids in major cities like New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The ongoing ICE raids, which often target undocumented individuals in vulnerable situations such as taking their children to school, working, and waiting for public transportation, have instilled fear and anxiety across immigrant communities everywhere.

With the threat of detainment and deportation present, families are preventing their children from attending school, missing days of work, and not seeking necessary medical care. The lack of protection in sensitive locations will have severe consequences on our communities, children, and economies.

In Baltimore City, there are roughly 135,600 people who are undocumented. Allowing immigration officers free rein in sensitive spaces jeopardizes the livelihoods and safety of the City's immigrant population, and thus the well-being of the City as a whole. The City Council must prevent immigration enforcement officers from intimidating and unlawfully detaining members of the community.

HB1006, the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, would protect people visiting sensitive locations ranging from schools, places of worship, hospitals, mental health facilities, courthouses, and places that provide social services. SB977, the Maryland Data Privacy Act, would protect the privacy of individuals by prohibiting state and local governments from sharing information with federal immigration enforcement.

The uncertainty and fear caused by the Trump administration's draconian immigration policies make it imperative to advocate for Baltimore's vulnerable immigrant community, and so the City Council implores the General Assembly to pass these bills so that Baltimoreans feel safe in sensitive locations and are protected from invasions of privacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City Council of Baltimore calls 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.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Governor, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly, the Council President and the President's legislative staff, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 25-0012R - By President Cohen

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Jones, Glover, Ramos, Schleifer, and Blanchard

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

**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.

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, according to research from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy and the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel (OPC), low-income Baltimore City residents have among the highest home energy cost burdens in the United States.

**WHEREAS**, BGE residential terminations increased by 36.7% from 2019 to 2023.

**WHEREAS**, analysis by OPC in its February 2025 “Maryland Gas Utility Spending Report” predicts that if BGE continues its current level of capital investment, residential customers’ average winter bills will increase from an average of \$240 per month in 2022-2024 to \$402 per month in 2035, a 67 percent increase, and \$498 per month by 2050, a 107 percent increase.

**WHEREAS**, BGE’s gas distribution rates have increased by 50% since the start of the start of BGE’s first multi-year rate plan.

**WHEREAS**, PSC Order No. 90948 discusses the possibility of invoking an “off-ramp” for BGE’s multi-year rate plan, “in the event of extraordinary circumstances that call into question whether the existing rates are just and reasonable.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the Baltimore City Council calls on the Maryland Public Service Commission to end its Multi-Year Rate Plan Pilot and invoke the “off-ramp” provision to cancel the planned 2026 Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) gas and electric distribution rate increases.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair and Commissioners of the Maryland Public Service Commission, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Exelon Corporation, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the Baltimore City delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

President Cohen made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then President Cohen made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0043, 0044, 0045, 0046, 0047, 0048, 0049, 0050, 0051, 0052, 0053, 0054, 0055, 0056, AND 0057 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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, 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.**

**BILL NO. 25-0019 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Torrence, for the Housing and Economic Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0019 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance 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.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0019

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 12, in line 12, strike “CREDITS,”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

$$\frac{\text{“(SUPPLEMENTAL TAX)”}}{\text{“TAX”}} \times \frac{\text{“(ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE - (HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT + TARGETED HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT))”}}{\text{“(HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT + TARGETED HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT)”}} = \frac{\text{“ASSESSMENT AMOUNT OWED”}}{\text{“AMOUNT OWED”}}$$

**Amendment No. 2**

On page 18, in line 9, after “BOARD,” insert “AND”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “FINANCE, AND THE SUPERVISOR OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,” and substitute “FINANCE”.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 18, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 18, inclusive, and substitute “EACH REAL PROPERTY TAX PARCEL IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE TO BE EXERCISED BY THE OWNER OF THAT REAL PROPERTY TAX PARCEL.”.

**Amendment No. 4**

On page 18, in line 25, strike “AT LEAST 10 DAYS BUT NOT MORE THAN 30” and substitute “NOT MORE THAN 21”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0024 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0024 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance 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.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0024

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0025 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0025 favorably.

An Ordinance 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.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0026 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0026 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$33,361,780 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted EMS contractual services; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0026

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0027 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0027 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance 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.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0027

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, strike beginning with “**General**” in line 1 down through and including “**Services)** –” in line 4 and substitute “**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department –**”; and, on that same page, in line 5, strike “transferring a” and substitute “providing a supplementary”; and, on that same page, in line 6, strike “from the General Fund Balance”; and, on that same page, in line 7, strike “Services):” and substitute “Services), to provide funding for reimburseable COVID-related contract costs;”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “9(a)(2)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii) and (c)”; and, on that same page, strike lines 14 through 19 in their entireties and substitute:

“The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$5,251,429 in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on that same page, strike lines 22 through 25 in their entireties and substitute:

**“SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,**  
**That \$5,251,429 shall be made available to the Health Department – Service 315 (Emergency**  
**Services) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024, to**  
**provide funding for reimburseable COVID-related contract costs. The source of revenue for**  
**this appropriation is a fund balance in excess of the amount from this source that was relied**  
**on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for**  
**Fiscal Year 2024.”.**

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0028 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0028 favorably.

An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,514,351 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies); and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0029 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0029 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$250,323 to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing), to provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for full time positions; and providing for a special effective date.

## Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0029

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0030 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0030 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$3,275,384 to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies; and providing for a special effective date.

## Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0029

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0031 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0031 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0031

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0032 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0032 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0032

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Special Revenue**” and substitute “**General**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”; and, on that same page, in line 10, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(iii)”; and, on that same page, strike line 19 in its entirety and substitute:

“This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.”;

and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “Special Revenue” and substitute “General”.

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.

**BILL NO. 25-0033 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0033 favorably.

An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,564,341 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement); and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0034 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0033 favorably.

An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,039,801 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management); and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember Torrence made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0019 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0019** - An Ordinance 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.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0024 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0024** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General 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.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared “Passed”.

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0025 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0025** - An Ordinance 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.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0026 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0026** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$33,361,780 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted EMS contractual services; and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0027 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0027** - An Ordinance providing a supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,251,429 to the Health Department (Service 315 - Emergency Services), to provide funding for reimburseable COVID-related contract costs; and providing for a special effective date.

**Editor's note:** Prior to the third reading of the bill, the Department of Legislative Reference corrected the following two scrivener's errors: on page 2 in line 4, strike "transfer" and substitute "appropriation"; and on page 3 in line 13, strike "to provide funding for".

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0028 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0028** - An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,514,351 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies); and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0029 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0029** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$250,323 to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing), to provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for full time positions; and providing for a special effective date

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0030 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0030** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$3,275,384 to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies; and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0031 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0031** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared “Passed”.

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0032 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0032** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,973,547 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 646 (Park Maintenance), to provide funding for overspending on contractual services and overtime in Urban Forestry, Park Maintenance; and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0033 on third reading today.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0033** - An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,564,341 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement); and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

Councilmember McCray made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0034 on third reading today.

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

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Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0034** - An Ordinance transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,039,801 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management); and providing for a special effective date.

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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0043 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Ronald Lowery, June 11, 1949 - January 28, 2025.

CR0044 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Wayne Flemming, March 30, 1960 - January 31, 2025.

CR0045 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Pastor Deborah C. Dallas in recognition of being a woman of faith who has uplifted the Baltimore City community from being a staunch defender of Woman's rights to feeding and providing care to the homeless. She has organized a "blankets for the homeless" campaign while also offering funding for students entering college. Additionally, Pastor Dallas has organized food drives and personally purchased food to give to those in need.

CR0046 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Michele Grimes in recognition of her 23 years of service to the city of Baltimore.

CR0047 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Erich D. Jessup, January 30, 1991 - January 30, 2025.

CR0048 Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Bishop Walter S. Thomas Sr in recognition for 50 years of exemplary pastoral leadership of New Psalmist Baptist Church, demonstrating unwavering dedication, faith, and service.

CR0049 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rev. Dr. Barbara Jean Whipple in recognition of recently celebrating her 80th birthday and becoming an elder in the village.

CR0050 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Jackie Caldwell in recognition of her service as President of the Whittier-Monroe Neighborhood Association.

CR0051 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating the Judy Center Early Learning Hub - Cherry Hill in recognition for a decade of dedicated service to South Baltimore's young children and families, preparing their youngest residents for school and for life.

CR0052 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Bishop Carrington E. Morgan in recognition of celebrating his 25th Pastoral Anniversary in service to the Brooklyn Community and over 40 years in ministry.

CR0053 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Sharon Kempa in recognition for 48 years of tireless service as an exemplary employee, citizen, and Champion of Baltimore City.

CR0054 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dr. Joan L. Wharton in recognition of celebrating 44 years of ministry and 38 years of pastoring in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We celebrate the work and milestones you have achieved and appreciate those who supported you throughout your journey.

CR0055 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Jonathan Daniels in recognition of becoming Traffic Club of Baltimore's Person of the Year.

CR0056 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Make Studio in recognition of celebrating their 15th anniversary and thanking them for building an empowering and inclusive community.

CR0057 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Samuel Brice in recognition of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and contributions to Baltimore's Art Landscape.