

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, June 15, 2015

3:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

*Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President of the Council
District 1: James Kraft - District 2: Brandon M. Scott
District 3: Robert W. Curran - District 4: Bill Henry
District 5: Rochelle "Rikki" Spector - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton
District 7: Nick Mosby - District 8: Helen L. Holton
District 9: William "Pete" Welch - District 10: Edward L. Reisinger
District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Carl Stokes
District 13: Warren Branch - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke*

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

June 8, 2015

Communications from the Mayor**Bills Signed by the Mayor**

June 11, 2015

[14-0459](#)**City Streets - Closing - Certain Alleys in the Area Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0460](#)**City Streets - Opening - Certain Alleys in the Area Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and opening a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0461](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of a 3-Foot Alley and a 4-Foot Alley Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0476](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-7 Zoning District - 2515 Brookfield Avenue
FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 2515 Brookfield Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby

[15-0496](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1301 North Broadway

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1301 North Broadway, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes

[15-0498](#)

Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Gifts - Duplicative Exemptions

FOR the purpose of consolidating certain overlapping and redundant exemptions for gifts related to the payment of expenses for a speaking engagement or for participation on a panel; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0499](#)

Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Gifts - Closing Gaps

FOR the purpose of clarifying expressly that certain prohibitions encompass gifts from persons that a public servant knows or has reason to know seek to engage in an activity that is regulated by the public servant's agency or from persons that have recently been lobbyists with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the public servant; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0500](#)

Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Interests - Clarifications

FOR the purpose of clarifying expressly that certain prohibitions encompass employment by or financial interests in persons having or negotiating certain "blanket" and other contracts with the City or with any agency of the City; requiring certain disclosures; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0501](#)**Public Ethics Law - Financial Disclosure - Repeal of Pointless Exception**

FOR the purpose of repealing an inapposite and effectively meaningless exception from local disclosure requirements for persons who submit copies of State disclosure statements; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Bills Introduced[15-0542](#)**Rezoning - Certain Properties in the Remington Central Business Area**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for certain properties in the Remington Central Business Area, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District; as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District; and as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the R-9 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes

ORDINANCE

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

[15-0543](#)**Planned Unit Development - Amendment 1 - Whitehall Cotton Mill**

FOR the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Whitehall Cotton Mill Planned Unit Development.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby

ORDINANCE

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader***Budget and Appropriations***[15-0532](#)**Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016**

FOR the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the fiscal 2016 year.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0533](#)**Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2016**

FOR the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; providing for estimated billings pursuant to State law; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0534](#)**Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016**

FOR the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2016; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0228R](#)**Informational Hearing - Costs Incurred and Potential Costs to be Incurred by the City that Result from the Recent Unrest and Civil Emergency**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Department of Finance to report to the City Council about the overtime costs incurred by the Police Department and other City agencies; the potential, future workmen's compensation costs for claims, by members of the Police Department and other City agencies, that may arise from injuries sustained during the recent period of unrest and civil emergency; the reimbursement costs to other jurisdictions for the services of their law enforcement personnel; how all these costs will be paid; and the impact of these costs on the City's budget.

Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger, Warren Branch, President Young, Eric T. Costello, Carl Stokes, James B. Kraft, Brandon M. Scott, Mary Pat Clarke, Rochelle Spector, Sharon Green Middleton, Nick Mosby and William "Pete" Welch

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Housing and Community Development[15-0515](#)**City Streets - Opening - Air Rights over a Portion of a 10-Foot Alley in the Rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and opening air rights over a portion of a 10-foot alley in the rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Avenue, extending westerly 56 feet, more or less, from Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0516](#)**City Streets - Closing - Air Rights over a Portion of a 10-Foot Alley in the Rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Street**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing air rights over a portion of a 10-foot alley in the rear of 435-439 East Lafayette Avenue, extending westerly 56 feet, more or less, from Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

[15-0518](#)**City Streets - Opening - 2 10-Foot Alleys in the Area Between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and opening 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0519](#)**City Streets - Closing - 2 10-Foot Alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing 2 10-foot alleys between Lafayette Avenue, Lanvale Street, Barclay Street, and Greenmount Avenue, as shown on Plat 202-A-61A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations[15-0540](#)**Social Host Regulation - Neighborhood Nuisances and Unruly Social Events**

FOR the purpose of extending the provisions governing the issuance of citations for certain "neighborhood nuisances" to include various types of "unruly social events"; specifying the responsibilities of owners, operators, tenants, and occupants of and persons with possessory interests in a premises to prevent use of those premises for neighborhood nuisances and unruly social events; prohibiting these persons from conducting, causing, permitting, aiding, or condoning neighborhood nuisances and unruly social events on their premises; providing for the civil liability of the parents and legal guardians of juveniles who violate this prohibition; repealing criminal penalties for violations and providing for enforcement by civil citations; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the civil enforcement of certain activities involving conduct that disturbs the quiet enjoyment by others of private or public property or that includes underage consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Eric T. Costello, Brandon M. Scott, James B. Kraft, President Young, Carl Stokes, William "Pete" Welch, Edward Reisinger, Rochelle Spector, Warren Branch, Robert Curran, Helen L. Holton and Nick Mosby

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

3R Third Reader**Third Reader (requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)**[15-0532](#)**Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016**

FOR the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the fiscal 2016 year.

Sponsors:

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Third Reader (for final passage)[15-0478](#)**Rezoning - 801-809 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 801-809 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

[15-0505](#)**Rezoning - 5601 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5601 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

[15-0506](#)**Planned Unit Development - Designation - 5601 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of approving the application of TRP-MCB 5601 Eastern, LLC, owner of certain property located at 5601 Eastern Avenue, to have that property designated a Business Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

[15-0514](#)**Fire and Police Employees - Retirement System - Benefit Payments**

FOR the purpose of amending the provisions relating to the payments of benefits; amending certain administrative provisions to reflect current actuarial and accounting practices; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0521](#)**Poppleton Development District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "development district" to be known as the "Poppleton Development District"; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the development district; creating a special, tax increment fund for the development district; allocating certain property taxes to that fund; making certain findings and determinations; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the development district and the establishment and use of the special, tax increment fund to provide for the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service which the City is obligated to pay or has paid (whether such obligation is general or limited) on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City in connection with the development district, the replenishment of any reserve fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the development district.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0522](#)**Poppleton Special Obligation Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of special obligation bonds; authorizing the pledge by the City, subject to appropriation, of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues (as such terms are defined herein) to the payment of debt service on such special obligation bonds, the replenishment of any reserves, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs; providing that such bonds may be issued from time to time and in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$58,311,000 for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements and related costs, including, without limitation, the Project (defined herein), and other necessary improvements to, from, or within the development district, and certain other infrastructure improvements permitted by the Acts (defined herein); providing for the method and sources of payment for such special obligation bonds; providing that the City, in each fiscal year in which any such bonds are outstanding, use its best efforts to obtain the appropriation of the Tax Increment Revenues and the Special Tax Revenues in the amounts and at the times specified in a trust agreement or agreements between the City and a bank or trust company appointed as trustee thereunder; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve the details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such special obligation bonds and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, and payment of such special obligation bonds; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the issuance and payment of such special obligation bonds.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0523](#)**Poppleton Special Taxing District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "special taxing district" to be known as the "Poppleton Special Taxing District"; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the special taxing district; creating a special fund for the special taxing district; providing for the levy of a special tax on all taxable real and personal property located in the special taxing district; authorizing the pledge of the special tax revenues to the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City in connection with the special taxing district, the replenishment of any reserve fund; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the special taxing district, the establishment and use of the special fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the special taxing district.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations, James B. Kraft - Chair

15-0220R - Informational Hearing - Cleaner Streets

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee, Carl Stokes - Chair

15-0226R – Community – Economic Development in Struggling Neighborhoods

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.