

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, October 4, 2021

5:00 PM

**Virtual Webex Meeting: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
2347 973 9634, Password: Baltimore, Link:**

Baltimore City Council

*Nicholas J. Mosby, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2:
Danielle N. McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5:
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James
Torrence - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10:
Phylcia Porter - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District
13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Reverend Christopher Brown, Canaan Baptist Church of Baltimore

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Bradley and Nikki Bozeman

The Leadership, David Sachs

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

September 20, 2021

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

September 23, 2021 and October 1, 2021

[21-0053](#)**Rezoning - 4207-4209 Menlo Drive**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 4207-4209 Menlo Drive, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the OIC Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

[21-0057](#)**Repeal - Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan**

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 09-219, which established the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

[21-0066](#)**Retirement Systems - Precluded Investment and Divestment - Fossil Fuel Companies**

For the purpose of prohibiting the new investment of certain retirement funds in fossil fuel companies; requiring the divestment of certain retirement funds in fossil fuel companies within a certain timeframe; requiring certain reviews; specifying a certain procedure for the divestiture of investments; authorizing certain exemptions; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr., Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Odette Ramos, Kristerfer Burnett, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock, President Nicholas J. Mosby

[21-0097](#)**Emergency Security Deposit Relief Act**

For the purpose of establishing the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; placing a cap on the amount of money the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program can give each family for a security deposit; providing for certain funding for the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; setting forth the eligibility requirements for the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; requiring that the Department of Housing and Community Development adopt rules and regulations to administer the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; establishing procedures on a family's admission into the Emergency Security Deposit Voucher Program; putting certain priorities in place for distribution of security deposit vouchers; requiring the security deposit voucher to be used within a certain time frame; making a family liable for the cost of the security deposit voucher upon a Departmental finding that the family has used the security deposit voucher improperly; providing for an appeals process in case of a finding of improper use of the security deposit voucher or denial of a security deposit voucher; defining certain terms; and providing for termination of this subtitle on a certain date.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mark Conway, James Torrence, Odette Ramos, Antonio Glover, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock, Robert Stokes, Sr.

Executive Nominations[EA21-0061](#)**Olivia Farrow**

Member - Commission on Aging and Retirement Education

RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced[21-0159](#)**Procurement - Zero-Emission Vehicles**

For the purpose of converting the City fleet of vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, to zero-emission vehicles; defining certain terms; authorizing rules and regulations; and generally related to the City's procurement of vehicles.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

[21-0160](#)**Building Code - Cool Roofs**

For the purpose of requiring newly constructed buildings and additions to existing buildings partly financed using City funds to adhere to specified roofing requirements; authorizing certain exceptions; and generally relating to the installation of Cool Roofs.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

RULES AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

[21-0161](#)**City Operations - Net-Zero Emissions of Greenhouse Gases**

For the purpose of making City operations achieve net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050; defining certain terms; authorizing rules and regulations; and generally related to the City's emission of greenhouse gasses.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

[21-0162](#)**Urban Renewal - Brooklyn-Curtis Bay - Amendment __**

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay remains in full force and effect; amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Phylcia Porter

ORDINANCE

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0163](#)**Study and Report: Evaluation of the Emergency Medical Services System**

For the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Fire Department to submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating the Department's current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) delivery model and exploring the creation of an EMS bureau in the Baltimore City Fire Department; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0164](#)**Decennial Fire and Emergency Medical Services Redistricting Plan**

For the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Fire Chief to prepare a Decennial Fire and Emergency Medical Services Redistricting Plan; requiring the Fire Chief to present the Plan to the Mayor and City Council; requiring the Plan to be approved by resolution of the Mayor and City Council; allowing the Mayor and City Council to amend the Plan under certain circumstances; and generally relating to redistricting the Baltimore City fire battalions and emergency medical services districts.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[21-0064R](#)**Investigational Hearing - Urban Farming**

For the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Office of the City Administrator, the Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division, the Baltimore City Health Department's Office of Animal Control, the Baltimore Police Department, the Environmental Control Board, the Department of Planning, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City Council regard the standards, procedures, policies, and practices for regulating urban farms in Baltimore City, and to discuss possible revisions of current standards to allow urban farms to operate safely and successfully in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

[21-0065R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Vacant Residential Properties - Requirement for Homeowners Insurance**

For the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the City Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, the Baltimore City Comptroller, and the President and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation to testify regarding requiring owners of vacant residential properties to obtain homeowners insurance.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Odette Ramos, Phylcia Porter, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0066R](#)**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License - 1609 Laurens Street**

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1609 Laurens Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0067R](#)**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 3351 Greenmount Avenue**

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 3351 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos

*RESOLUTION**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*[21-0068R](#)**Informational Hearing - Naming City Properties**

For the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation, Department of Planning, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Real Estate to brief the City Council regarding the standards, procedures, practices and policies for naming and renaming City property and the ceremonial naming of City streets, and to discuss possible revisions of current standards, in light of national trends, so that our standards better foster equity and unity.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock

*RESOLUTION**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*[21-0069R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Well-being of the Transgender Community in Baltimore**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services, the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore City Office of Equity and Civil Rights, the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health System Baltimore, and other relevant stakeholders to update the Council on services provided to and the general well-being of the transgender community in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Danielle N. McCray, Ryan Dorsey, Phylcia Porter

*RESOLUTION**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*[21-0070R](#)**Informational Hearing - Soil Conservation in Baltimore City**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Office of Sustainability, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Control Board to address their current roles in soil conservation and urban agriculture and servicing Baltimore City's farmers.

Sponsors:

Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock

*RESOLUTION**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE*

[21-0071R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Developing a Coordinated Response to Baltimore City's Overdose Crisis**

For the purpose of requesting the Baltimore City Administrator, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, and the Director of the Department of Finance to come before the Baltimore City Council to provide a comprehensive briefing on the City's coordinated response to the current overdose crisis; how we can develop and implement an Rx Stat workgroup with our local healthcare partners; the use of mobile safe injection sites; the allocation of funding to distribute fentanyl test strips; and an examination of the prevention, diversion, and rehabilitation programs we have in place to save lives.

Sponsors:

Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

[21-0072R](#)**Investigative Hearing - District Action Plans and Focused Patrols**

For the purpose of inviting the Police Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss how the department can develop and implement District Action Plans as a system to manage the reduction of community crime; establish achievement or impact objectives that define desired outcomes; and monitor district-level strategies and tactics to evaluate shifting crime trends.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway, Danielle N. McCray, Phylicia Porter, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0073R](#)**Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month**

For the purpose of recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month and calling on all schools and organizations dealing with youth in Baltimore to do their part to bring awareness to the bullying crisis and work to end bullying.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[21-0074R](#)**House America Pledge**

For the purpose of announcing that Baltimore City proudly joins *House America* and pledges to respond with urgency to homelessness and housing insecurity in our community by setting and achieving ambitious re-housing goals, creating pathways to homeownership, and addressing the impact of the racial wealth gap on housing inequity.

Sponsors:

President Nicholas J. Mosby, Sharon Green Middleton, Eric T. Costello, Danielle N. McCray, Robert Stokes, Sr., Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[21-0075R](#)**Global Warming Solutions - Carbon Neutral City**

For the purpose of calling on the Mayor, the Baltimore City Council, the Baltimore City Administrator, the Baltimore Office of Sustainability, and the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability to take all necessary actions to make Baltimore a carbon neutral city by 2050.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway

*RESOLUTION**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE***Consent Calendar****(See Section A at back of Agenda)****2R Second Reader*****ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***[21-0079](#)**Repeal of Ordinance 90-425 - Port Covington Planned Unit Development**

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 90-425, as amended by Ordinance 00-57, Ordinance 02-431, Ordinance 04-884, and Ordinance 16-572, which designated certain properties as an Industrial Planned Unit Development known as Port Covington; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE[21-0089](#)**City Property - Naming the Property, Located at Ward 6, Section 9, Block 1318, Lot 2 (also known as 199 North Caroline Street), to be the Dante Barksdale Square**

For the purpose of naming the City property located at Ward 6, Section 9, Block 1318, Lot 2 (also known as 199 North Caroline Street), to be Dante Barksdale Square.

Sponsors:

President Nicholas J. Mosby

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE[21-0105](#)**RPP Area 26 (Campbell Lane) - Revisions**

For the purpose of altering the applicable block faces included in Residential Parking Plan Area 26 (Campbell Lane); and altering the hours of applicable parking restrictions to be consistent with a prior Parking Authority of Baltimore City administrative order.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

EDUCATION, WORKFORCE AND YOUTH[21-0057R](#)**Investigative Hearing - School Performance Improvement**

For the purpose of inviting the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, representatives from the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, representatives from the Parent and Community Advisory Board, representatives from the Baltimore Teachers Union, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss how BCPSS plans to improve student performance during the 2021/2022 academic school year.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., John T. Bullock, Odette Ramos

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE***PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**[21-0155](#)**Administrative Procedure Act - Revisions**

For the purpose of clarifying that an agency may, subject to certain requirements, incorporate certain documents into a regulation by reference; clarifying certain provisions regarding the notice and comment period; clarifying when a regulation is effective; re-numbering certain sections; amending the date that relevant and current regulations must be submitted in digital form to the Director of Legislative Reference for codification into the Code of Baltimore Regulations Annotated; revising uncodified text to allow for an initial adoption of certain existing regulations and the later revision of those regulations to meet style and formatting requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE***RULES AND OVERSIGHT**[EA21-0049](#)**Yosef Kebede**

Bureau Head - Bureau of Water and Wastewater, Baltimore City
Department of Public Works - District 5

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

[21-0093](#)**Revising Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities**

For the purpose of updating Article 1, Subtitle 8 {Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities} of the City Code to define certain terms; requiring a whistleblower to report their complaint to their agency's personnel officer or to the Office of the Inspector General if the whistleblower has a reasonable and articulable belief that the personnel officer cannot competently investigate the covered disclosure; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to give written notice of investigation or a notice of declination to the whistleblower within 30 days of receipt of the complaint; requiring the Office of the Inspector General, if initiating an investigation, to send a Memorandum of Protected Activity to the whistleblower's supervisor; requiring the Office of the Inspector General to provide recommendations for action in the Office's written findings of an investigation and to give the written findings to the City Administrator, the agency head, and the whistleblower; requiring the City Administrator to hold a meeting with the agency head and the Inspector General to discuss the recommendations within a certain amount of time; providing possible remedies in case of a violation of this subtitle; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, Administration City Council, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

WAYS AND MEANS[21-0041](#)**Board of Estimates - Basic Organization and Procurement Thresholds**

For the purpose of repealing City Code, Article 5, Subtitle 1 {"City Comptroller"}; designating the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to be the clerk of the Board of Estimates; requiring the Clerk of the Board of Estimates coordinate reports required to be filed with the Board of Estimates; requiring the Comptroller to retain the reports for an appropriate period of time; and establishing certain contract and procurement thresholds pursuant to City Charter Article VI, Section 11(b).

Sponsors:

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[21-0099](#)**Study and Report - Tax Sale Accounting**

For the purpose of requiring the Department of Finance and the Office of the City Administrator to submit a report outlining how they will address problems with the accounting system preventing residents from paying correct property taxes and problems with the tax lien sale system so that these problems are fixed before the next tax sale; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[21-0058](#)**Real Property Tax - Installment Plans**

For the purpose of authorizing that the real property taxes to be owed on certain properties may be paid through a monthly installment plan; establishing the maximum term for an installment payment plan in accordance with State law; 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.

Sponsors:

Odetta Ramos, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Antonio Glover, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Mark Conway, James Torrence, Robert Stokes, Sr.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

3R Third Reader

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

[21-0155](#)**Administrative Procedure Act - Revisions**

For the purpose of clarifying that an agency may, subject to certain requirements, incorporate certain documents into a regulation by reference; clarifying certain provisions regarding the notice and comment period; clarifying when a regulation is effective; re-numbering certain sections; amending the date that relevant and current regulations must be submitted in digital form to the Director of Legislative Reference for codification into the Code of Baltimore Regulations Annotated; revising uncodified text to allow for an initial adoption of certain existing regulations and the later revision of those regulations to meet style and formatting requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

Third Reader (for final passage)

[21-0054](#)**Rezoning - 605 South Caton Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 605 South Caton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-2 Zoning District to the I-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Phylicia Porter

[21-0076](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1049 Brantley Avenue**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1049 Brantley Avenue (Block 0115, Lot 069), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain bulk regulations (lot area size).

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[21-0103](#)**Suicide Prevention Coordinator - Establishment**

For the purpose of establishing the position of Suicide Prevention Coordinator within the Health Department; and providing for the duties of the Suicide Prevention Coordinator.

Sponsors:

President Nicholas J. Mosby, Danielle N. McCray, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Odette Ramos

[21-0104](#)**Baltimore City Workgroup on Women in Public Safety**

For the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workgroup on Women in Public Safety; providing for the composition and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study certain matters related to the recruitment, hiring, training, retention, mentorship, and promotions of women in Baltimore City public safety agencies; 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 advancement of women in public safety professions.

Sponsors:

Danielle N. McCray, John T. Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Robert Stokes, Sr., Odette Ramos, James Torrence, Zeke Cohen, Mark Conway

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

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