

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, October 28, 2019

5:00 PM

War Memorial Building, 101 N. Gay Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

City Council

Brandon M. Scott, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2: Danielle McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Bill Henry - District 5: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: Leon F. Pinkett - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10: Edward Reisinger - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District 13: Shannon Sneed - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke

Call to Order

Invocation

Reverend Scott Bellows, St. David's Episcopal Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Showcase Baltimore

Germaine "Thunder" Robinson, Uppercut Boxing Gym

Youth Showcase

White Knights Track and Field Club

Roll Call

Approval of the Journal

October 7, 2019

Communications from the Mayor

Executive Nominations

[EA19-0255](#)

Mia J. Blom

Member - Sustainability Commission - District 3

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[EA19-0256](#)

Nicolette A. Louissaint, Ph.D.

Member - Sustainability Commission - District 12

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced[19-0458](#)**Franchise - Light Pole Base Within the Right-of-Way of Quad Avenue at Interstate 95**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the State of Maryland, for the use of the Maryland Transportation Authority, to construct and maintain a private light pole base within the right-of-way of Quad Avenue, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Transportation

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[19-0459](#)**City Property - Naming the Courthouse East Building to be the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse**

For the purpose of naming the Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street, the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Office of the Mayor

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

[19-0460](#)**Subsequent Change in Conditional Use - Clarification**

For the purpose of clarifying that any subsequent change in a conditional use is subject to the existing procedures set forth in Title 5, Subtitle 4 of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Edward Reisinger

ORDINANCE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[19-0461](#)**Zoning - Use Regulation - Residential Care Facilities**

For the purpose of clarifying the requirements for a residential-care facility where single-family dwellings are permitted; clarifying the duties of the Zoning Administrator; requiring that residential care facilities require conditional use approval of the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals in certain residential zoning districts; and conforming related provisions.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger

ORDINANCE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[19-0462](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 2112 Saint Paul Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2112 Saint Paul Street (Block 3810, Lot 030), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr.

*ORDINANCE
LAND USE COMMITTEE*

[19-0463](#)**Rezoning - Block 7762, Lots 001-007**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as Block 7762, Lots 001-007, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-3 Zoning District to the R-6 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger

*ORDINANCE
LAND USE COMMITTEE*

[19-0464](#)**Rezoning - A Portion of 619 North Milton Avenue (aka 617 North Milton Avenue)**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as 619 North Milton Avenue (aka 617 North Milton Avenue) (Block 1641, Lot 053), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the C-3 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed

*ORDINANCE
LAND USE COMMITTEE*

Resolutions Introduced[19-0173R](#)**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License for Use at 604 South Exeter Street to a Class A-7 License for Use at 711 South Central Avenue**

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(c)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 604 South Exeter Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 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 for use at 711 South Central Avenue.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen

*RESOLUTION
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*

[19-0174R](#)**Informational Hearing - Anchor Institution's PILOT Agreement for Real Property Taxes**

For the purpose of requesting a briefing on the efficacy of the 2016 PILOT agreement and the feasibility of, desirability of, and options for reopening and renegotiating the agreement.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[19-0175R](#)**Request for State Action - Real Property Tax Credit for Grocery Stores in Food Desert Retail Incentive Areas**

For the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation amending State law to authorize a real property tax credit for existing and potential grocery stores inside food desert retail incentive areas.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, President Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[19-0176R](#)**Recognizing October as Anti-Bullying Month**

For the purpose of recognizing October as Anti-Bullying 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, President Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr.

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[19-0177R](#)**Honoring Former Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III**

For the purpose of paying tribute to the life of Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III and expressing appreciation for the many contributions he made to Baltimore City and for his many years of extraordinary service to the citizens of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[19-0178R](#)**Honoring United States Representative Elijah Cummings**

For the purpose of paying tribute to the life of Congressman Elijah Cummings and expressing appreciation for the many contributions he made to Baltimore City and for his many years of exemplary service to the citizens of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Budget and Appropriations

[19-0163R](#)

Informational Hearing: “Closed Means Closed” - Clarifying 311 Services’ Approach to Resolving Requests

For the purpose of inviting representatives from 311 Services, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Recreation and Parks, BGE, and the Mayor’s Office of Performance and Innovation to appear before the City Council to discuss the effectiveness of 311 resolving complaints and referring tasks to other agencies.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Danielle McCray, Robert Stokes, Sr., Edward Reisinger, President Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Housing and Urban Affairs

[19-0406](#)

Franchise - Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless

For the purpose of granting a franchise to Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a Delaware general partnership, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0407](#)

Franchise - New Cingular Wireless PCS

For the purpose of granting a franchise to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Judiciary[17-0014R](#)**Stormwater Remediation Fee Oversight Committee**

For the purpose of calling for the creation of a Stormwater Remediation Fee Oversight Committee including representatives from citizens and stakeholders impacted by stormwater management efforts as well as City agencies involved in stormwater management and mitigation.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Edward Reisinger, Robert Stokes, Sr., President Young

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Land Use[19-0413](#)**Planned Unit Development - Amendment 2 - Whitehall Cotton Mill**

For the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Whitehall Cotton Mill Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0430](#)**Repeal of Ordinance 16-580 -Northwood Commons Planned Unit Development**

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 16-580, which designated certain properties as a Business Planned Unit Development known as Northwood Commons; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development[18-0307](#)**Water Accountability and Equity Act**

For the purpose of increasing the availability or affordability of basic water and wastewater service to low-income consumers and assuring a fair process for all consumers before the City exercises its authority to cut off water services, impose liens, or take similar action; establishing for these purposes a Water-for-All Discount Program, an Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals, and a Committee for Office Oversight; establishing the eligibility requirements for the Water-for-All Discount Program and its grant of an annual billing credit, and providing for the credit's administration, computation, distribution, and recertification requirements and for the effect of midyear ineligibility, program arrears, and related matters; excepting recipients in the Water-for-All Discount Program from certain penalties imposed on certain delinquent service charges; providing for the operational independence of the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals as a neutral intermediary authorized to conduct problem-solving investigations of water and wastewater billing and related disputes and authorized, subject to certain limitations and the right to seek administrative and judicial appeals, to implement solutions to those disputes; specifying the personnel of the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals who are required to file financial disclosure statements under the City Ethics Code; providing for the Committee for Office Oversight's composition, officers, meetings, and oversight duties; providing that the non-payment of water and wastewater charges subject to a pending request for Office investigation, review, or appeal, or for judicial or appellate review, may not serve as cause for a service cut-off, the imposition of a lien against property, or a property's inclusion in certain tax sales; requiring certain notices before, and imposing certain restrictions and limitations on, service cut-offs for delinquency of payments; requiring that persons who have been issued a cut-off notice be offered the opportunity to enter into an installment payment agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions; reducing the interest rate applicable to redemptions from tax sale of properties designated by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation as the owner's principal residence; defining various terms; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and providing for special effective dates.

Sponsors:

President Young, Bill Henry, Robert Stokes, Sr., Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0150R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Entities Receiving City Funds: Are They Holding Up Their End of the Bargain?**

For the purpose of inviting representatives of certain organizations located within Baltimore that both receive public funds from the City of Baltimore and lease any portion of their venue to the public for catered events, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development, the President and CEO of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and other City officials responsible for the development and contracting of diversity in minority small businesses and responsible for the achievement of the City MBE/WBE goals, and representatives of the Baltimore minority hospitality and event industry to appear before the City Council to discuss the capital funding subsidies that the City of Baltimore has provided to certain organizations that lease any portion of their venue to the public for catered events; to discuss why some of these organizations utilize exclusive vendor lists without any minority business representation; to discuss the selection criteria, if any, for the creation of the exclusive lists; and to discuss what solutions, legislative or otherwise, can be implemented for the inclusion of MBE/WBE businesses on the exclusive lists.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry, Shannon Sneed, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[19-0456](#)**High-Performance Newly Constructed Dwellings - Clarification**

For the purpose of clarifying the tax credit qualification deadline for certain high-performance newly constructed dwellings; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

3R Third Reader***Third Reader (for final passage)***[19-0351](#)**Rezoning - 3515 East Lombard Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3515 East Lombard Street (Block 6288, Lot 034), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen, Brandon M. Scott

[19-0360](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District - Variance - 1214 Bolton Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 1214 Bolton Street (Block 0420, Lot 010), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking regulations.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

[19-0392](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 2132 West Baltimore Street**

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 2132 West Baltimore Street (Block 0190, Lot 015), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain bulk (lot area size) regulations.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[19-0409](#)**Transparency and Oversight in Claims and Litigation**

For the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Department of Law to post on its website certain claims against Baltimore City regarding police misconduct and unlawful discrimination; requiring the Baltimore City Department of Law to report to the City Council on certain litigation involving Baltimore City; prohibiting the Baltimore City Department of Law from approving certain settlement agreements that require claimants to waive certain rights; prohibiting the Board of Estimates from approving for execution certain settlement agreements that require claimants to waive certain rights; defining certain terms; and generally relating to improved transparency and oversight of claims against Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed, President Brandon M. Scott, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Robert Stokes, Sr., Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Edward Reisinger

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Health Committee – Chair – Kristerfer Burnett
Legislative Oversight: LO19-0062 – Gun Violence Reduction
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Cybersecurity and Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chair – Eric Costello
Legislative Oversight: LO19-0063 – Cyberattacks: Awareness, Prevention and Mitigation
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Land Use Committee – Chair – Edward Reisinger
19-0159R – Investigative Hearing – Building Backups of Untreated Sewage
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Health Committee – Chair – Kristerfer Burnett
Legislative Oversight: LO19-0064 – Discuss the State of Health in the City of Baltimore
CHARM TV 25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M
Education and Youth Committee – Zeke Cohen
19-0162R – Informational Hearing – Baltimore’s Fiscal Readiness for Kirwan
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Land Use Committee – Chair – Edward Reisinger
19-0156R – Informational Hearing – Water Outages
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Health Committee – Chair – Kristerfer Burnett
Legislative Oversight: LO19-0065 – Lead Paint in the City of Baltimore
CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M
Biennial Audits Oversight Commission Hearing
CHARM TV 25

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.