

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, December 16, 2019

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

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

Pastor Anne Marie Richards, Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Showcase Baltimore

John and Shirley Billy, Citizens of Baltimore City

Youth Showcase

2019 Baltimore City Football Coaches Association, All-City Teams

Roll Call

Approval of the Journal

December 5, 2019

Communications from the Mayor

Executive Nominations

[EA19-0258](#)

Patricia Roberts

Member - Employees Retirements System Board of Trustees - District 6

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

[EA19-0259](#)

Tiffany Wingate

Member - Civilian Review Board - District 11

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced[19-0476](#)**Tobacco Distribution - Conforming Modifications**

For the purpose of conforming the City Health Code with certain amendments made by Chapter 396, 2019 Laws of Maryland; prohibiting the distribution of certain tobacco products to individuals under 21; providing for an exception for active military personnel; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Health Department

HEALTH COMMITTEE

[19-0477](#)**Solid Waste Surcharges - Exemption**

For the purpose of creating an exemption from any solid waste surcharge imposed by City Code Article 23, Subtitle 11 for solid waste that is destined for final disposal outside of Baltimore City; defining certain terms; conforming and clarifying related provisions; generally relating to solid waste surcharges; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[19-0478](#)**Curb Cuts - Restoration**

For the purpose of establishing a process for the City of Baltimore to restore unneeded, unused, or otherwise abandoned curb cuts.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger

ORDINANCE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

[19-0479](#)**Property Tax Credit - Low-Income Employees of the City of Baltimore**

For the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain low-income employees of the City of Baltimore; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, President Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger

ORDINANCE

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[19-0480](#)**Zoning - Use Standards - Neighborhood Commercial Establishments**

For the purpose of allowing the limited expansion of a non-residential use into a newly constructed addition to the principal building; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

ORDINANCE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[19-0481](#)**Banning Discrimination Based on Hair Texture and Protective Hairstyles**

For the purpose of prohibiting discrimination based on hair texture and protective hairstyles.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., President Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

LABOR COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[19-0185R](#)**Informational Hearing - DPW Operations**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from DPW, the Department of Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller to explain how DPW evaluates its operating procedures and makes improvements.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., President Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[19-0186R](#)**Informational Hearing: 311 and Disparities in Response Time**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from 311 Services and the Department of Public Works to appear before the City Council to explain the disparities in response times for 311 calls based on the neighborhood of the caller's complaint and how to resolve those disparities.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[19-0187R](#)**Recognizing Vice President Middleton as President of Maryland Association of Counties**

For the purpose of recognizing Vice President Sharon Middleton as the new President of the Maryland Association of Counties.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Judiciary

[19-0471](#)

Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities - Effective Date Modification

For the purpose of modifying the effective date of Ordinance 19-308 {"Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities"}; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development

[19-0389](#)

High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing (Citywide) -- Eligibility for Tax Credit

For the purpose of modifying the number of rental units required to qualify a multi-family dwelling for a high-performance market-rate rental housing tax credit.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Brandon M. Scott

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)

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Third Reader (for final passage)[19-0341](#)**Franchise - Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland to use and maintain the existing Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, as shown on the documents entitled “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Phase 1, Section A Route Map”, dated September, 1976 and filed in the Department of Public Works on October 1, 1976, and “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Section C Route Map”, dated April 1, 1988 and filed in the Department of Public Works on April 15, 1988, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0342](#)**Franchise - Central Light Rail**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland, to use and maintain the existing Central Light Rail System, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, in accordance with a plat prepared by the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland, dated May 9, 1990, and filed in the office of the Department of Transportation of Baltimore City, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0384](#)**Rezoning - 3302 Edgewood Street (aka 3500 West Forest Park Avenue)**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3302 Edgewood Street (aka 3500 West Forest Park Avenue) (Block 2911, Lot 023), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-1 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III

[19-0424](#)**Corrective Bill 2019 - General**

For the purpose of correcting various errors and omissions in the City Code; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain inconsistent, superfluous, vague, and other unclear language; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott

[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)

[19-0468](#)**Child First Authority - Updating**

For the purpose of amending certain statutory provisions governing the Child First Authority to better reflect the Authority's status under City Charter Article II, § 64(b), as an "independent unit" of City government; conforming certain provisions to long-standing existing practice; and repealing certain obsolete provisions.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

We are live streaming more to you now than ever before! Please visit <https://baltimore.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to view all legislative hearings, work sessions, voting sessions and council meetings that are covered by 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.