

SEVENTH DAY

THIRD COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

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CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

March 18, 2024

Bishop Lisa Weah, Pastor of New Bethlehem Baptist Church, led the Council in Prayer.

The President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Delayna Watkins, CEO and founder of Women's Wellness Lounge, delivered a presentation.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of March 4, 2024 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President
Baltimore City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law this day the following bills:

22-0297 – Rezoning – 2101 Washington Boulevard

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2101 Washington Boulevard (Block 0770, Lot 006) , as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-2 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

23-0418 – Tobacco Products – Tobacco Product Use in Stadiums – Prohibition

For the purpose of prohibiting the use of tobacco products in stadiums; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

23-0444 – Charter Amendment – Inner Harbor Park

For the purpose of amending the provision dedicating for public park uses the portion of the City that lies along the north west and south shores of the Inner Harbor, south of Pratt Street to the water's edge, east of Light Street to the water's edge, and north of Key Highway to the water's edge, from the World Trade Center around the shoreline of the Inner Harbor and including Rash Field to permit multifamily residential development and off-street parking within the dedicated boundaries of Inner Harbor Park; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

23-0446 – Zoning – C-5-IH Inner Harbor Subdistrict – Amendment

For the purpose of amending the description C-5-IH Inner Harbor Subdistrict; and amending the bulk and yard regulations for the Subdistrict.

23-0448 – Urban Renewal – Inner Harbor Project I – Amendment 21

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Inner Harbor Project I; amending the Development Area Controls for certain development areas; amending the Land Use and Proposed Zoning exhibits to the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements, making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

24-0474 – Acquisition of Property– Block 6990, Lots 1 - 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 - 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue needed for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls Avenue as shown on Plat 240-A-56-A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

JAYNE MILLER as a member of the Baltimore City LGBTQ Commission from District 1.

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. 24-0502 – By City Council President (Administration – Department of Housing and Community Development)

An Ordinance adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective May 29, 2023), the International Building Code (2021 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2020 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2021 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2021 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2021 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2021 Edition), the International Fire Code (2021 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2021 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2021 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2021 Edition), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2021 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, AND 2095 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, 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.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

KATHERINE HOWARD

Member - District 1

BOARD:

Board of Municipal Zoning and Appeals

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Katherine Howard be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the appointment of Katherine Howard confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BILL NO. 23-0430 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0430 favorably.

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2529 Georgetown Road (Block 7796, Lot 003), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 24-0489 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Stokes, for the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee, reported Bill No. 24-0489 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance amending the composition of the Youth Commission; providing for the compensation of Commission members; providing for the selection of certain officers; establishing the Executive Committee; providing for the membership and duties of the Executive Committee; requiring the doption of a constitution and bylaws; updating the powers and duties of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; requiring agency cooperation with the Commission; and generally related to amending certain provisions related to the Commission.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 24-0489

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, strike lines 11 and 12 in their entireties.

Amendment No. 2

On page 3, in line 12, strike “3” and substitute “2”.

Amendment No. 3

On page 4, strike lines 11 and 12 in their entireties; and, on that same page, in lines 13 and 15, strike “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively.

Amendment No. 4

On page 4, in line 24, strike “*CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.*” and substitute “*BYLAWS.*”; and, on that same page, in line 26, strike “A CONSTITUTION AND”; and, on that same page, strike line 25 in its entirety; and, strike beginning with line 28 on page 4 down through and including line 3 on page 5.

Amendment No. 5

On page 5, in line 20, strike “**POWERS AND duties.**” and substitute “**DUTIES.**”; and, on that same page, strike lines 21 through 26 in their entirety.

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. 22-0301 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0301 favorably.

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 844 Roundview Road (Block 7622; Lot 002) and is no longer needed for public use; 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. 24-0488 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 24-0488 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$581,334 to M-R: Arts and Culture - Service 824 (Events: Art: Culture: and Film), to provide funding for general operations; 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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 23-0351 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1801 to 1807 Bloomingdale Road (Block 2427, Lots 032 to 035) and 1800 to 1816 North Rosedale Street (Block 2427, Lots 001 to 009), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 23-0416 - An Ordinance establishing a Baltimore City Office of Returning Citizens; defining certain terms; providing for the appointment of the Director of the Office; establishing the duties of the Office; providing for the staff and budget of the Office; establishing the Re-Entry Action Council to advise and collaborate with the Office; providing for the appointment, structure, and governance of the Council; requiring the Director, Council members, and staff of the Office to file financial disclosures under the Ethics Code; and requiring that the Office submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council.

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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 23-0419 - An Ordinance requiring that the Department of Public Works submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating the effectiveness of closing the portion of North Franklinton Road extending through Leakin Park to deter illegal dumping; specifying the contents of the report; 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 23-0437 - An Ordinance 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 1600 South Charles Street (Block 1013, Lot 065), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 23-0443 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 3500 West Forest Park Avenue (Block 2911, Lot 023), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the R-1 Zoning District.

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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 23-0471 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 3000 Highman Avenue (Block 7703D, Lot 009A) and is no longer needed for public use; 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 24-0480 - An Ordinance requiring a certain retail dealer in motor fuel to display the credit price of motor fuel on a certain sign; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to a retail dealer in motor fuel's credit price for motor fuel.

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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 24-0485 - An Ordinance clarifying a definition under Article 13, Subtitle 6 "Opportunity to Purchase"; 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 Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, April 8 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 2066 Costello

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Pastor Luvenia M. Stratton,
April 20, 1943 – February 24, 2024.

CR 2067 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Norma Carolyn Banks,
October 5, 1949 – February 23, 2024.

CR 2068 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Deirdre Michelle W.H. Greene,
October 14, 1955 – February 19, 2024.

CR 2069 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Ronald “Dukeyman” Hall, Jr.,
July 4, 1973 – February 17, 2024.

CR 2070 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Donald Comegys on your 94th Birthday celebration,
today we honor you, age is nothing but a number.

CR 2071 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Desert of Maryland Daughters, PC Larolyn N.
Young on showing great vision, integrity, transparency, resilience and has embodied the highest
standards.

CR 2072 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Anthony D. Thorpe on an innovative enthusiastic
approach to problem-solving, dedication to community service, creativity, confidence, and
influential leadership skills.

CR 2073 Torrence

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Michael Jerome Shepherd,
November 1, 1957 – February 18, 2024.

CR 2074 Costello

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Pastor Luvenia M. Stratton,
April 20, 1943 – February 24, 2024.

CR 2075 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Denise “Dolly” Fiorenza on 17.5 years with the
Baltimore City Fire and Police Employees’ Retirement System.

CR 2076 Conway

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ella M. Simmons,
February 13, 1933 – February 19, 2024.

CR 2077 Conway

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Mari Takeda on your significant contributions to
Baltimore City by bringing state and federal dollars to help create healthier neighborhoods by
increasing our tree canopy and helping build out local workforce.

CR 2078 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Wendell Haywood Griffin Sr.,
August 3, 1943 – February 17, 2024.

CR 2079 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Celestine Smith on your 100th Birthday, may you
experience a wealth of bliss, good health, and happiness.

CR 2080 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Miko Baldwin, August 13, 1968 – March 4, 2024.

CR 2081 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bennie Crosson on your retirement after 40 years of
service with Baltimore City’s Department of General Services, January 1984 to March 2024.

CR 2082 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Ted Toscheff on your retirement after 44 years of
service with Baltimore City’s Department of General Services, October 1979 to April 2024.

CR 2083 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Yvone Fletcher, Dr. Cecil W. Payton, Dr. Anthony Brown, Chrles “Chazz” Scott, Jean Wilson Richie, Terries King II, and Jesse J. Bennett, Jr. on celebrating your acknowledgement of your faithful and dedicated service to many as a shining example of faith leaders in this community.

CR 2084 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Romero Leo Manning, Sr., June 8, 1968 – February 25, 2024.

CR 2085 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Denise “Dolly” Florenza on 17.5 years of service with the Baltimore City Fire and Police Employees’ Retirement System.

CR 2086 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Clinton A. Miles, Jr., March 19, 1955 – March 2, 2024.

CR 2087 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Bobby Wagstaff, Jr., June 20, 1952 – February 28, 2024.

CR 2088 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Rising Zion Baptist Church on 46 years of sharing the gospel.

CR 2089 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Nathaniel “Nate” Briggs on being the presenter of the separate but equal Supreme Court decision of 1952 during women’s history month.

CR 2090 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Jacqueline Denise Davenport, November 8, 1963 – March 12, 2024.

CR 2091 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Pamela Rene’ Leaks, August 19, 1966 – March 1, 2024.

CR 2092 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Willie B. Hawkins, June 7, 1926 – March 8, 2024.

CR 2093 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Nathaniel Burrell on 53 years of service with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.

CR 2094 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Pearl Addison Groom, September 25, 1930 – March 4, 2024.

CR 2095 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Jacqueline Alston on your celebration of excellence in Christian ministry.