



City of Baltimore

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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26-0179; 26-0180; 26-0181; 26-0182; & LO26-0048

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 4 - Danielle McCray, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Paris Gray, and Antonio "Tony" Glover

Excused 1 - Sharon Green Middleton

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[26-0179](#)

Bond Issue – Affordable Housing Loan – \$22,000,000

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution I and Senate Resolution I of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding TWENTY TWO Million (\$22,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights of interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of, any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; costs related to the rehabilitation and new construction of and operation of rental and homeownership developments, such costs to include but not be limited to relocation assistance, rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and project financing comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants or other related activities and buyer education assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning,

designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of such certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by CM Glover that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - McCray, Schleifer, Gray, and Glover

[26-0180](#)

Bond Issue – School Loan – \$60,000,000

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution II and Senate Resolution II of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding SIXTY Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and demolishing, constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property now or hereafter owned by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and/or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, new school buildings, athletic and other auxiliary facilities including community health and recreation facilities, and for additions and improvements to, or for the modernization or reconstruction of, including the inspection, removal, encapsulation, management, containment and abatement of asbestos from existing facilities, and for equipment for any and all new or existing facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, added, improved, modernized or reconstructed by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services, including, without limitation, services relating to planning for future projects of the same general character which may be constructed out of future loans; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring certain powers upon the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; imposing certain conditions in connection with the expenditure of the proceeds derived from the sale of said certificates of indebtedness; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the Election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by CM Glover that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - McCray, Schleifer, Gray, and Glover

[26-0181](#)

Bond Issue – Community and Economic Development Loan – \$50,000,000

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution III and Senate Resolution III of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding FIFTY Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used, with or without complementary funding sources, for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the community, commercial and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the development, or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; building from strength; stabilizing middle neighborhoods, strengthening neighborhood retail corridors, the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities or services, parks or other recreational land or facilities, and other structures or improvements and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, utilities or services, parks or other recreational land or facilities, and other structures or improvements; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; promoting economic inclusion and facilitating transformational change and achieving whole block outcomes; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving the cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City; and the lending or granting of funds

to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes and the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; all such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated, rehabilitated, altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by CM Gray that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - McCray, Schleifer, Gray, and Glover

[26-0182](#)

Bond Issue – Public Infrastructure Loan – \$148,000,000

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution IV and Senate Resolution IV of 2026 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT Million Dollars (\$148,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the development of the public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology public park and recreational and related land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including but not limited to, the acquisition by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property, new buildings, structures, infrastructure and auxiliary facilities; and for the renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing infrastructure, buildings, structures or facilities, to be or now being used for or in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, including information technology infrastructure, and other structures or improvements; for the acquisition and installation of trees or for tree planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment and fixtures for any and all facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, altered, reconstructed, renovated, reconstructed, installed or improved by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2026; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance

with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by CM Glover that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - McCray, Schleifer, Gray, and Glover

[LO26-0048](#) Legislative Oversight on Vacancies and Overtime

FOR THE PURPOSE OF calling on the Department of the Finance – Budget and Management Research (BBMR) and the Department of Human Resources to brief the City Council on vacancy rates, hiring practices, and overtime expenditures.

Hearing Recessed

ADJOURNMENT