

THIRTEENTH DAY

FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

June 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Led by Marine veteran, Councilmember Zac Blanchard, the President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Zeke Cohen, President, and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journals of May 12, 2025 and May 15, 2025 were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 9, 2025

The Honorable Zeke Cohen, Council President
And Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Cohen and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law on Monday, June 9, 2025, the following bills:

25-0013 – Child Health – Equitable Access to Health Services in City Schools – FOR the purpose of addressing disparities in child health care by expanding access to comprehensive health services for children across Baltimore City, including well-child preventive care and vaccines, family planning services, and dental services; providing for a referral to a vision or mental and behavioral health specialist at the written request of a specified individual; requiring, without prior approval, mandatory follow-up care for any positive or abnormal health screening; defining certain terms; generally relating to expanding access to health care for City students in school health centers and health suites; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0021 - Rezoning – 3221 Frederick Avenue – Rezoning – 3221 Frederick Avenue – FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3221 Frederick Avenue (Block 2123A, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0022 - Zoning – R-8 Zoning District – Conditional Use – Maximum Building Height – Variances – 1121 Bayard Street – FOR the purpose of granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations (minimum building height, rear-yard setback, and maximum lot coverage) on the property known as 1121 Bayard Street (Block 0767, Lot 032), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0023 – Rezoning – 3200 Lily Avenue – FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3200 Lily Avenue (Block 7566, Lot 035), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

25-0035 – Gas-Powered Debris Removal Equipment – Prohibition – Enforcement – FOR the purpose of clarifying and conforming certain provisions related to the enforcement of the prohibition of gas-powered debris removal equipment.

25-0045 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – \$90,000 – FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0046 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department (Service 723 - Advocacy for Seniors) – \$90,236 – FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,236 to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to provide funding for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building community awareness of dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to provide services to the growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care givers; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0047 – Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$206,822 – FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance use; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0048 - Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$1,375,655 – FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,375,655 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge; and providing for a special effective date.

In Partnership,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

ADLER ARCHER, as a member of the Baltimore City Veterans Commission.

ADOBOLIA BURFORD, as a member of the Baltimore City Veterans Commission

KESEAN JOHNSON, as a member of the Baltimore City Veterans Commission.

TYWANDA MORTON, as a member of the Baltimore City Veterans Commission.

JEROMIE WILLIAMS, as a member of the Baltimore City Veterans Commission.

MAX GROSSFELD, as a member of the Wage Commission.

CHLOE STARCHER, as a member of the Wage Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0160, 0161, 0162, 0163, 0164, 0165, 0166, 0167, 0168, 0169, 0170, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0175, 0176, 0177, 0178, 0179, 0180, 0181, 0182, 0183, 0184, 0185, 0186, 0187, 0188, 0189, 0190, 0191, 0192, 0193, 0194, AND 0195 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, 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.

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. 25-0076 - By: Councilmember Torrence

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit into 2 dwelling units on the property known as 3224 Auchentoroly Terrace, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding certain off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0077 - By: Councilmember Blanchard

An Ordinance 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 541 Lafayette Avenue (Block 0414, Lot 062), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area) and off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0078 - By: Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance condemning and closing portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, the former bed of Mosher Street and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as shown on a plat numbered 316 C 5 Series for Group A prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 25-0079 - By: Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as portions of certain streets lying within the area bounded by Riggs Avenue, N. Payson Street, West Lafayette Avenue and the land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as shown on Plat 316 C 5 Group A, and filed with the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

Bill No. 25-0028R - By: Councilmember Parker

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Conway, Schliefer, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Porter,
Blanchard, Jones, and Ramos and President Cohen

Introduced

(Read and adopted)

Honoring World Refugee Day

FOR the purpose of honoring World Refugee Day and celebrating the strength, courage, and contributions of Baltimoreans who have escaped conflict or persecution and have chosen to make Baltimore their home.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated June 20 to be recognized as World Refugee Day.

WHEREAS, more than 120 million people, including 43.4 million refugees and 6.9 million asylum seekers, have been displaced from their homes, more than any time in recorded history, and nearly double the number recorded in 2019.

WHEREAS, millions of refugees – regardless of faith or country of origin – are making life and death decisions to flee their homes because they are unable to access shelter, health care, education, or protection from violence.

WHEREAS, many refugees are unable to flee to neighboring countries because these countries have either closed their borders to new arrivals or violence persists there as well.

WHEREAS, resettlement to the United States is available only to those who demonstrate the greatest and most immediate need for protection – such as children traveling alone, female-headed households, victims of torture, persons living with disabilities, and members of the LGBTI community – and takes place only after these eligible refugees undergo a rigorous selection, security vetting, and medical screening process.

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants, who add to the economic strength and cultural richness of our community.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity to all, and the City's legacy as such depends on ensuring that all residents feel welcomed and valued to plant roots and achieve prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Baltimore City Council honors World Refugee Day and celebrates the strength, courage, and contributions of Baltimoreans who have escaped conflict or persecution and have chosen to make Baltimore their home.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Parker made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Parker made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0160, 0161, 0162, 0163, 0164, 0165, 0166, 0167, 0168, 0169, 0170, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0175, 0176, 0177, 0178, 0179, 0180, 0181, 0182, 0183, 0184, 0185, 0186, 0187, 0188, 0189, 0190, 0191, 0192, 0193, 0194, AND 0195 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BILL NO. 25-0042 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Jones, for the Labor and Workforce Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0042 favorably.

An Ordinance clarifying the definition of “service” for the members of the Retirement Savings Plan; 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. 25-0043 RECOMMITTED TO COMMITTEE

Councilmember Jones, for the Labor and Workforce Committee, moved that Bill No. 25-0043 be recommitted to the Committee.

An Ordinance increasing the time period required between filing for and commencing receipt of service retirement benefits by Class C members; and providing for a special effective date.

The motion was adopted.

The bill was recommitted to the Labor and Workforce Committee.

**BILL NO. 25-0044 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Jones, for the Labor and Workforce Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0044 favorably.

An Ordinance making certain amendments to the membership and qualifications of the members of the Employees’ Retirement System’s Board of Trustees; 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. 25-0003 - An Ordinance establishing Conservation Districts; providing a study, proposal, and review process; defining certain terms; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0005 - An Ordinance altering the criteria for registering as an arson offender with the Police Commissioner; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0038 - An Ordinance naming the playground located at Senator Troy Brailey Easterwood Park to be the Margaret L. Powell Playground.

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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 25-0060 - An Ordinance providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2026 year.

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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - Councilmembers Schleifer and Conway - Total 2.

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

BILL NO. 25-0061 - An Ordinance providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - Councilmember Schleifer - Total 1.

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

BILL NO. 25-0075 - An Ordinance approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2026; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0160 Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Micah Nathaniel Comegys, November 29, 2018 - May 3, 2025.

CR0161 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Lynwood Wimbish Sr in recognition of celebrating their 101st birthday! We celebrate your unwavering faith, leadership, and dedication to Wilson Park Christian community church.

CR0162 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Dana Henson and The Henson Development Company, Inc. in recognition of celebrating ribbon cutting for the Terraces at Park Heights and their continued legacy of service to Baltimore City.

CR0163 Blanchard

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Doriene Omisore in recognition of their leadership at Union Head Start as an educator.

CR0164 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mother's Alta Marie Blue in recognition of celebrating their 100th birthday!

CR0165 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rochelle Machado in recognition of celebrating 17 years serving scholars and their families in City Schools as a Special Education Teacher, Instructional Support Teacher, and Assistant Principal.

CR0166 Bullock

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Norman E. Mosby, in recognition of their timeless service and steadfast dedication to the community.

CR0167 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Matthew A. Henson Elementary School, in recognition of the successful completion of Fifth grade at Matthew A. Henson Elementary School.

CR0168 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Lt. Mark Dranbauer, May 7, 1981 – May 17, 2025.

CR0169 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Charles Mudra, November 3, 1972 - May 16, 2025.

CR0170 Jones

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Linda Ford in recognition of their service to their church at 833 N. Bond St

CR0171 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rodney Harrison Jr. In recognition of attaining their Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Leadership from Bowie State University.

CR0172 Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating St. Ignatius Loyola Academy. in recognition of celebrating the 2025 8th grade graduating class.

CR0173 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Cherlyn H. Brace in recognition of 45 years of service to the State of Maryland, 37 of which she guided the finances and budget operations of Coppin State University.

CR0174 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Jaylin Butler, Jayden Cross, Gabriel Johnson, Fernando Wall, in recognition of their hard work and persistence toward achieving the goal of a high school diploma.

CR0175 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Beatrice B. Jones, September 12, 1926 - May 3, 2025.

CR0176 Jones

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Mother Seton Academy in recognition of celebrating their 22nd year anniversary.

CR0177 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Everett Joseph Willies, January 31, 1970 - June 29, 2023.

CR0178 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated - Tau Eta Zeta Chapter in recognition of their unwavering commitment to community service and advocacy: and establishing the "Zeta Zen Walk" as a powerful initiative to bring awareness to the impact of domestic violence.

CR0179 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Brianna Nichols in recognition of teaching at Fort Washington Elementary/Middle School, we appreciate your unwavering commitment to the City's students.

CR0180 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Larry Walker in recognition of graduating from Baltimore Collegiate!

CR0181 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Women's Housing Coalition in recognition of celebrating their 45th anniversary! Thank you for your service and commitment to women and children in need of a helping hand.

CR0182 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Iris G. Reeves, October 9, 1939 - May 23, 2025.

CR0183 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Assistant Sheriff Lenora A. Dawson, December 28, 1965 - April 24, 2025.

CR0184 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Tariq Lewis in recognition of your graduating from Baltimore Revolutionary Academy for Virtual Education with Honors and perfect attendance.

CR0185 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Rosa A. Moore in recognition of celebrating their 100th Birthday as an established resident of Baltimore City!

CR0186 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dr. Cleo Manago in recognition of their visionary leadership empowering the LGBTQIASGL community and advancing equity, excellence, and transformation at the Pride Center of Maryland.

CR0187 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Light Health & Wellness in recognition of their resilience, fighting stigma, celebrating strength and empowering their community!

CR0188 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Clarice E Harden in recognition of their unwavering and selfless commitment to Neighborhood Community Association Boards in the East Baltimore Community!

CR0189 President Cohen and Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Deacon William Allen, October 21, 1921 – May 30, 2025.

CR0190 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Diane Bell McKoy, Donna Jones Baker, Barbara Blount-Armstrong and Mary Demory in recognition of their Four years of service to Associated Black Charities and the citizens of Baltimore.

CR0191 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Ethel Ruth Anderson, June 17, 1933 - June 7, 2025.

CR0192 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Benjamin Bond III, April 13, 1951 - May 25, 2025.

CR0193 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Tola's Room in recognition of celebrating their 5-year anniversary! Thank you for keeping the Puerto Rican culture alive and sharing it with Baltimore and beyond.

CR0194 VP Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating West Arlington Improvement Association in recognition of celebrating their Penhurst Park ribbon cutting.

CR0195 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Nathaniel Bland in recognition of celebrating their new position as Liaison Officer II with the Baltimore City Department of Public Works.