

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, March 9, 2015

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

*Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President of the Council
District 1: James Kraft - District 2: Brandon M. Scott
District 3: Robert W. Curran - District 4: Bill Henry
District 5: Rochelle "Rikki" Spector - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton
District 7: Nick Mosby - District 8: Helen L. Holton
District 9: William "Pete" Welch - District 10: Edward L. Reisinger
District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Carl Stokes
District 13: Warren Branch - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Father William Burke, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Pledge of Allegiance**Roll Call****Showcase Baltimore**

John Berkley, National Pan-Hellenic Council - Metro Baltimore

Approval of the Journal

March 2, 2015

Communications from the Mayor

(See Appendix A at back of Agenda)

Bills Signed by the Mayor

March 3, 2015

[13-0294](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1201 North Fulton Avenue

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1201 North Fulton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain lot area size, rear yard setback, and off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

William "Pete" Welch

[14-0457](#)**Employees' Retirement System - Retirement Savings Plan - Clarifications**

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain reemployment rules for Class D members of the Employees' Retirement System; characterizing the Retirement Savings Plan more specifically; changing the composition of the Plan's Board of Trustees; providing that members may elect to invest non-vested employer contributions in certain investment funds; clarifying the Plan's matching contribution formula; providing a special rule for certain Plan death benefits; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Employees' Retirement System and the Retirement Savings Plan.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0458](#)**Release of an Easement - 414 Light Street**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to release an easement pertaining to certain property known as 414 Light Street, the easement being no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Bills Introduced[15-0488](#)**City Streets - Closing - A 10-Foot Alley Laid out in the Rear of 1701 North Charles Street and A 10-Foot Alley Laid out in the Rear of 22-24 and 30 East Lanvale Street**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing (1) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the property known as 1701 North Charles Street and (2) a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 22-24 and 30 East Lanvale Street, as shown on Plat 227-A-22A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Department of General Services

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-0489](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of a Ten-Foot Alley Laid out in the Rear of 1701 North Charles Street and a 10-Foot Alley Laid out in the Rear of 22-24 and 30 East Lanvale Street**

FOR the purpose of 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 the former beds of a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the property known as 1701 North Charles Street and a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as 22-24 and 30 East Lanvale Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Department of General Services

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-0490](#)**City Streets - Opening - Air Rights over a Portion of Lovegrove Street**

FOR the purpose of condemning and opening the Air Rights area over a portion of Lovegrove Street, extending northerly 100 feet from the north side of East Lanvale Street, as shown on Plat 227-A-23 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Department of General Services

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-0491](#)**City Streets - Closing - Air Rights over a Portion of Lovegrove Street**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing the Air Rights area over a portion of Lovegrove Street, extending northerly 100 feet from the north side of East Lanvale Street, as shown on Plat 227-A-23A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Department of General Services

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-0492](#)**Sale of Property - Air Rights over a Portion of Lovegrove Street**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in the Air Rights area over a portion of Lovegrove Street, extending northerly 100 feet from the north side of East Lanvale Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Department of General Services

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[15-0493](#)**Charter Amendment - Special Elections - Council Vacancies**

FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, the filling of Council vacancies by special election; conforming, correcting, and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

[15-0494](#)**Charter Amendment - Special Elections - Mayoral Vacancies**

FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, the filling of Mayoral vacancies by special election; conforming, correcting, and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry

*MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS*

[15-0495](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - 926 Newington Avenue**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 926 Newington Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby

*ORDINANCE
LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

[15-0496](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1301 North Broadway**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1301 North Broadway, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes

*ORDINANCE
LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

Resolutions Introduced[15-0207R](#)**Informational Hearing - Park and Open Space Policies**

FOR the purpose of inviting all interested government officials, institutional leaders, and citizens to appear before it to discuss the status of all activities and planning underway in the city that might contribute to either maintaining the current open space estate or improving and expanding upon it, and to raise issues and questions about a governance paradigm for public open space that will ensure that Baltimore has a great and expansive system of public open spaces for the 21st century, one that is of no less vision and grandeur than that which the city had at the beginning of the last century.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes, Eric T. Costello, Mary Pat Clarke, Brandon M. Scott, James B. Kraft, Bill Henry, President Young, Helen L. Holton, Sharon Green Middleton, Warren Branch, Rochelle Spector and Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE

[15-0208R](#)**Informational Hearing - Eye Pledge**

FOR the purpose of inviting the Police Commissioner and community leaders from the 13th District to appear before the Council to discuss the establishment of a pilot partnership between the Police Department and the community to improve neighborhood conditions through the - Eye Pledge - campaign.

Sponsors:

Warren Branch, James B. Kraft, Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, President Young, Sharon Green Middleton and Mary Pat Clarke

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[15-0209R](#)**Women's HerStory Month - "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives"**

FOR the purpose of recognizing March as Women's History Month, celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Women's History Movement, and urging all Baltimoreans to reflect on the theme of this year's event - Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives - as well as the importance of acknowledging the critical role that women of every race, class, and ethnic background have played throughout history and the many ways that women's history has become woven into the fabric of our national story.

Sponsors:

Helen L. Holton, Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, James B. Kraft, Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, President Young, Sharon Green Middleton, Warren Branch, Mary Pat Clarke and Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[15-0210R](#)**Request for State Action - Admission of Prior Assault Evidence in Sexual Assault Prosecutions**

FOR the purpose of calling for the State of Maryland to adopt a new evidentiary standard in sexual assault cases that would allow for the introduction of relevant prior conduct evidence against perpetrators, just as current law allows for the introduction of some prior conduct evidence against victims.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, President Young, Helen L. Holton, Sharon Green Middleton, Warren Branch, Rochelle Spector and Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[15-0211R](#)**Opposing Postal Service Privatization**

FOR the purpose of supporting the American Postal Workers Union in its efforts to protect livingwage jobs and its insistence on the highest possible standards of customer services, opposing efforts to privatize postal operations, and calling upon all residents of Baltimore to consider this issue when deciding whether to patronize Staples.

Sponsors:

Robert Curran, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, President Young, Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Bill Henry, Helen L. Holton, James B. Kraft, Carl Stokes, Warren Branch, Rochelle Spector and Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[15-0212R](#)**Saluting Heroes & Heroines of Baltimore City's Ice Age Ordeal**

FOR the purpose of thanking our City workers and citizens for heroism and patience in enduring the current and ongoing Ice Age Ordeal of this most unending of winter seasons.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Robert Curran, Rochelle Spector, James B. Kraft, Carl Stokes, Eric T. Costello, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton, Helen L. Holton, Bill Henry, President Young, Brandon M. Scott and Warren Branch

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader***Executive Appointments***[EA15-0270](#)**Rebecca Woods**

Executive Director - Environmental Control Board

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (to be held one meeting)

[14-0393](#)

Rezoning - 2700 Rayner Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2700 Rayner Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

William "Pete" Welch

Third Reader (for final passage)

[13-0272](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to a 23-Family Dwelling Unit in the ~~R-7~~ R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1209 North Rose Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 23-family dwelling unit in the ~~R-7~~ R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1209 North Rose Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain lot area size, ~~yard,~~ ~~floor area ratio,~~ and certain off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Warren Branch

[14-0361](#)

Late-Night Commercial Operations - Multiple Businesses

FOR the purpose of repealing exceptions for certain multiple businesses from the application, notice, objections, and hearing processes otherwise required to obtain and renew late-night operations licenses; providing for the application of this Ordinance to multiple businesses previously licensed under these exceptions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of late-night commercial operations.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft, Carl Stokes, Edward Reisinger, Warren Branch, Sharon Green Middleton, Bill Henry, President Young, Brandon M. Scott, Helen L. Holton and Nick Mosby

[14-0453](#)

Baltimore City Landmark List - Olmsted Parkways

FOR the purpose of designating the Olmsted Parkways, which consist of the public right-of-way of the 2600-3200 blocks of the Alameda, the public right-of-way of the 0000-1800 blocks of 33rd Street, and the public right-of-way of the 1600-3900 blocks of the Gwynns Falls Parkway, as a historical landmark.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby, Mary Pat Clarke, James B. Kraft, Eric T. Costello, Brandon M. Scott, Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, William "Pete" Welch, President Young and Robert Curran

[14-0466](#)

Rezoning - 1209 North Rose Street

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1209 North Rose Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Warren Branch

[15-0470](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to a 15-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-7 Zoning District - 3110 Crittenton Place
FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to a 15-family dwelling unit in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 3110 Crittenton Place, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M
Judiciary and Legislative Investigations, James B. Kraft - Chair
15-0202R - Investigative Hearing - Municipal Composting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
(LO15-0127) 12-0152 - TransForm Baltimore - Zoning

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.