

THIRD DAY

SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

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January 12, 2026

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, Ramos. Absent: Glover.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of December 15, 2025 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 23, 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 December 23, 2025, the following bills:

25-0055 – Zoning – Conditional Use – Parking Lot (Principal Use) – Variances 701 Mura Street – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a principal use parking lot on the property known as 701 Mura Street (Block 1155, Lot 70), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting certain variances from minimum lot area, minimum interior side yard, and minimum rear yard requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0073 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion to a Banquet Hall in the IMU-1 Zoning District – Variances – 1100 Wicomico Street – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 1100 Wicomico Street (Block 0811, Lot 060), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

25-0090 – Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District – Variance – 220 North Culver Street – For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 220 North Culver Street (Block 2275A, Lot 135), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area); and providing for a special effective date.

In Partnership,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

DR. BRIAN MURRAY, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

CLAUDIA BALOG, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

EILEEN MILLER, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

JIM CAMPBELL, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

JOSHUA WATKINS, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

MONTE EPHRAIM, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

OLIVIA FARROW, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

SUSAN FRANCIS, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

DR. THOMAS CUDJOE, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.

DR. YVETTE CONYERS, as a member of the Baltimore City Commission on Aging, Resources, and Empowerment.


LABREE O'BANNON, as a member of the Baltimore City Youth Commission.

MICHELLE JOHNSON, as a member of the Baltimore City Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

GEORGE WEBB, JR., as a member of the Board of Ethics.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

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FROM	Name & Title	J Hardy Legislative Affairs Coordinator j.hardy@baltimorecity.gov	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	Agency Name & Address	Department of Real Estate 100 N. Holliday Street Room 304 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202		
	Subject	Proposed Disposition of Tax Sale Property		

DATE: February 2nd, 2026

TO: Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Ethan Navarre, Legislative Services Analyst
Shamoyla Gardiner, Deputy Chief of Staff
Baltimore City Council
Room 400 – City Hall

Dear Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council:

In order to expedite the return of properties acquired through tax sale foreclosure to private ownership, Baltimore City Code Article 28 § 8-3 provides for the City Comptroller to sell properties acquired by tax sale at either private or public sale.

It is requested that the following properties be published in the City Council Journal as promptly as possible to allow the Department of Real Estate to proceed with their disposition.

Councilmanic District 1

NS Dillon St 223-5 Ft W of Dundalk Ave (Block 6722 Lot 60)
ES Joplin St 110 ft N of Dillon Street (Block 6722/ Lot 41)

In accordance with the provisions of Article 28 § 8-3 of the Baltimore City Code, certification of the publication shall be submitted to the Comptroller thirty (30) days after such publication. Please send a copy of the certification to the Department of Real Estate.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please contact J Hardy at 443-842-0961 or via email at j.hardy@baltimorecity.gov.

cc: Honorable Mark Parker
Eric Evans, Director of Real Estate
KC Kelleher, Deputy Chief of Staff
Cathy Zoppo, Real Estate Agent II

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0410, 0411, 0412, 0413, 0414, 0415, AND 0416 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

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. 25-0096 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Porter, for the Public Health and Environment Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0096 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance removing certain permit renewal requirements for an individual with a disability; allowing a certain individual to submit notice to the Department of Transportation that a reserved parking permit is no longer needed; removing certain obsolete language; and generally relating to parking for disabled persons and helpers.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0096

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 7, strike the second instance of “person” and substitute “INDIVIDUAL”; and, on page 5, in line 18, strike “INDIVIDUAL means a person” and substitute “INDIVIDUAL MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL”.

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. 25-0120 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0120 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Mayoralty Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$13,650,000 to the Baltimore City Information Technology – PRJ002423 911111 127-116 (Broadband for Public Housing Sites), to provide funding for the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to install broadband internet service at public housing sites; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0120

Amendment No. 1

On page 1 in line 6, strike “911111 127-116”; and, on that same page, in line 12, strike “8(b)(2)(i)” and substitute “8(b)(2)(ii)”; and, on that same page, in line 16, after “represents” insert “a grant from the”; and, on that same page, in lines 17 and 18, strike “City - Capital funds” and substitute “City”; and, on that same page, in line 19, strike “This additional revenue” and substitute “That grant”; and, on that same page, strike in their entireties lines 21 and 22; and, on page 2, in line 3, strike “911111 127-116”; and, on that same page, in line 7, after “is” insert “a grant from the”; and, on that same page, in that same line, strike “- Capital funds”.

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. 25-0121 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0121 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Convention Center Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to the Convention Center – PRJ002554 998001 534-001 (Convention Center Annual Contribution), to provide funding for capital improvements at the Convention Center; 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. 25-0122 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0122 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002909 (West Baltimore United), to provide funding for deconstruction and redevelopment of U.S. 40 Highway to Nowhere; and providing for a special effective date.

A vote was called on the bill, resulting as follows;

Yeas - Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - President Cohen - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0123 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0123 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$15,500,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002913 (Hanover Street Corridor and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge National Environmental Protection Act Study), to advance concept planning studies for multi-modal transportation improvements to a 30% Design; and providing for a special effective date.

A vote was called on the bill, resulting as follows;

Yeas - Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - President Cohen - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0124 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0124 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$498,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ003511 (Jones Falls Gateway), to design a segment of the Jones Falls Trail; and providing for a special effective date.

A vote was called on the bill, resulting as follows;

Yeas - Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - President Cohen - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 25-0125 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0125 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$17,000,000 to the Department of Planning – PRJ003617 (Middle Branch Resiliency Initiative - MBRI), to support the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP); 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. 25-0143 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0143 favorably.

An Ordinance amending the Capital budget to provide previously authorized and appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)); 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. 25-0056 REQUESTED TO BE RETURNED
FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Councilmember Dorsey moved to invoke Rule 13-3 for the Council to request that the Mayor return Bill 25-0056 to the Council for further consideration.

A vote was called on the motion.

Yeas - President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

The motion being approved, the Council requested that the Mayor return Bill 25-0056 to the Council for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0410 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Vernetta Rich, September 13, 1950 – December 9, 2025.

CR0411 President Cohen and all Members, Gray

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Dayne Stokes, May 21, 1958 – November 27, 2025.

CR0412 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating SOMOS of Baltimore City College in recognition of their dedication to active civic participation through community service.

CR0413 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Joyce Ann McCroy, October 10, 1936 – December 21, 2025.

CR0414 President Cohen and all Members, Jones

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Reverend Dantwan Broady in recognition of his 9th Pastoral Anniversary at Temple Church and Ministries and being installed as the 3rd Vice President of the Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity.

CR0415 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Wilhelmenia Knight, November 1, 1948 – December 20, 2025.

CR0416 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Ruth A. Meeron, August 7, 1932 – January 6, 2026.