

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

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SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

**JOURNAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

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December 5, 2022

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Reverend Bonita Keane-Johnson, Interim Director of the Church of the Holy Trinity led the Council in Prayer.

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

President Mosby gave notice that the CharmTV broadcast of the meeting was experiencing technical difficulties. The City Solicitor's Office confirmed that the meeting could proceed.

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**SHOWCASE BALTIMORE**

Octavia "Coach Tay" Robinson, Executive Director and founder of My G.I.R.L.S., delivered a presentation.

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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, Ramos Absent: Glover

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of November 21, 2022 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR****VETO MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR  
FOR CITY COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-0292**

November 30, 2022

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby  
President, Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 22-0292 – Elected Officials’ Retirement System – Benefits – Eligibility

Dear Honorable President Mosby,

Enactment of City Council Bill 22-0292 would change the eligibility for active members of the Elected Officials Retirement System (EOS) from 12 years of service to 8 years of service. The EOS provides retirement benefits to all members of the City Council, the President of the City Council, the Comptroller, and the Mayor. This change was introduced as being responsive to the potential passage of Question K on the 2022 general election ballot which establishes term limits for Baltimore City elected officials.

Question K, as passed, does not prevent any current City Council member from serving the full 12 years of service currently required to receive full benefits of the Elected Officials’ Retirement System. The ballot measure goes into effect with the next election cycle for Baltimore City elected officials and would allow an elected official to serve two full terms beginning in December 2024. This means that any current city council member would be eligible to serve two full terms in addition to the years of service they have leading up to the end of this current term. Given that day one of the two-term limit does not begin until Question K goes into effect in December 2024, there is no true urgency to act at this time. Therefore, after careful consideration, I have chosen to veto City Council Bill 22-0292 pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Baltimore City Charter.

As a public servant, maintaining public trust is paramount to my ability to perform the duties of my office. When I took my oath of office as a Baltimore City elected official, I swore to execute my duties without partiality or prejudice. All elected officials who participate in the Elected Officials’ Retirement System took this same oath when they entered office. Furthermore, Baltimore City Ethics Law states that, “a public servant may not participate in and must disqualify himself of herself from any matter if...the public servant has an interest in the matter of which the public servant might reasonably be expected to know.”[1] This bill could authorize

a change in the vesting date for currently serving elected officials allowing them to fully vest earlier than they would have under existing law.

Given the potential for ethical issues with the bill, and the need for adequate time to perform due diligence in providing a full comprehensive cost analysis and to provide recommendations for cost-effective alternatives to the legislation, it is my duty as a public servant to consider the advice of our expert agency heads and make the decision that is in the City's best interest. At this time, therefore, I cannot in good conscience sign City Council Bill 22-0292 into law without the benefit of a complete and thorough analysis.

I will make myself and my staff available to you if you would like to discuss this matter further.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

November 29, 2022 and December 5, 2022

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:

**22-0218 - City Property - Renaming Robert E. Lee Park to Lake Roland Park**

For the purpose of changing the name of the park known as Robert E. Lee Park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21210, to Lake Roland Park.

**22-0252 - Commercial Vehicle Monitoring System**

For the purpose of modifying the maximum number of operational cameras authorized to enforce Baltimore City's commercial vehicle monitoring system.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott

Mayor

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**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. 22-0302** - By City Council President (Office of the Comptroller), Councilmember Ramos

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 2801 Harford Road, and consisting of a portion of Block 4199, Revised Lot 9, and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0303** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance condemning and closing air rights above a portion of Marion Street, extending Westerly 103 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley beginning at a horizontal plane of 14 feet above street level, and closing subterranean rights below a portion of Marion Street extending Westerly 62.5 feet, more or less, from Kimmel Alley, beginning at a horizontal plane at elevation 62 feet based on Baltimore City Survey Control System, as shown on a plat numbered 330-A-28A, Sheets 1 and 2, dated June 20, 2022, prepared by the Survey Section 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 Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0304** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$310,000.00 to the Health Department - Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0305** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to the Health Department - Service 303 (Clinical Services), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0306** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$32,000,000.00 to the Health Department - Service 315 (Emergency Services - Health), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0307** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00 to the Health Department - Service 310 (School Health Services), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0308** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$750,000.00 to the Department of General Services - Service 726 (Administration - General Services), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0309** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$675,000.00 to the Department of General Services - Service 734 (Capital Projects Division), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0310** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,400,000.00 to the Department of General Services - Service 731 (Facilities Management), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0311** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,900,000.00 to the Department of Finance - Service 704 (Accounting), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0312** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,375,000.00 to the Mayoralty: Convention Center Hotel - Service 535 (Convention Center Hotel), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0313** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$22,400,000.00 to the Mayoralty: Miscellaneous General Expenses - Service 122 (Miscellaneous General Expenses), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0314** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$485,000.00 to the Department of Planning - Service 768 (Administration - Planning), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0315** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$13,520,000.00 to the Department of Planning - Service 765 (Planning for a Sustainable Baltimore), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0316** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,725,000.00 to the Department of Public Works - Service 676 (Administration - DPW), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0317** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,575,000.00 to the Department of Transportation - Service 688 (Snow and Ice Removal), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0318** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$275,000.00 to the Department of Transportation - Service 500 (Street Lighting), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0319** - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$2,575,000.00 to the Department of Transportation - Service 697 (Traffic Safety), to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0320** - By Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance 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 427 Gusrayn Street (Block 6345, Lot 037), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size).

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0321** - By Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1419 to 1431 Bank Street (Block 1433, Lots 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, and 048/050) and 409 South Spring Street (Block 1433, Lot 051/060), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 and IMU-1 Zoning Districts to the C-2 Zoning District, and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0322** - By Councilmember Bullock

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 1801 Hollins Street (Block 0225, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size) and off street parking requirements.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0323** - By Councilmember Ramos

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of an open off-street parking area on the properties known as 3618 Elm Avenue (Block



3538, Lot 038) and 3620 Elm Avenue (Block 3538, Lot 037), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0324 - By Councilmember Ramos**

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of an open off-street parking area on the property known as 4001 Roland Avenue (Block 3594A, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0325 - By Councilmember Cohen**

An Ordinance 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 466 Hornel Street (Block 6345, Lot 023), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size) and off-street parking requirements.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, AND 1133 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, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 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. 22-0293 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Costello, for the Ways and Means Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0293 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 1321 Filbert Street (Block 7200; Lot 060A) 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.

**CLEARING OF THE BILL STATUS REPORT - CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-12**

Under City Council Rule 10-12, President Mosby announced that the following bills will be removed from consideration before the Council, unless the sponsor notifies the Council's Executive Secretary.

*City Council Bills No. 21-0088, 22-0188, 22-0196, 22-0204, 22-0217, 22-0267*

*Resolutions: 21-0046R, 22-0108R*

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3  
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 22-0302**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 22-0302.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Costello announced a hearing date for the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

**CR 1116 Torrence**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Andr'e Bailey, December 10, 1952 - November 8, 2022.**

**CR 1117 President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Director Derrick Greene on receiving the Founders Award from Theta Mu Mu Chapter of Omenga Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated highlighting all of the work you do.**

**CR 1118 Costello**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Mamie Ethel Wilson, March 28, 1928 - November 12, 2022.**

**CR 1119 President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Jameel McClain on 53 families foundation INC.'s exceptional work to provide support for Baltimore youth and their families.**

**CR 1120 Porter**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Senator Delores Goodwin Kelley, PH.D. on your 27 years of service, leadership and dedication to the constituents of the 10th District of Baltimore County.**

**CR 1121 Torrence**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bobbi Jones, Lyric Norris, Corey Barnett, Nyana Faidly, Triniece Carter, Mi'yana Roberson, Tylee Faison, Solar Jackson, Eniyah Rayford, Xaviera Rodriquez-Montgomery, Terrell Allan, and Laura Bianchini on your participation in Connexions' Student Government Association, sending your heartfelt congratulations today and wishing you all the best on your next project.**

**CR 1122 President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Catherine "Cathy" E. Stump on 39 years of dedicated service to the City of Baltimore.**

**CR 1123 President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bernice Lawrence on 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Baltimore with the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.**

**CR 1124      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of James Edward Coates, Jr., May 9, 1936 - November 19, 2022.**

**CR 1125      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Berley Roberts, Jr., July 11, 1949 - November 15, 2022.**

**CR 1126      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Elton O. Lynch, Jr., June 14, 1952 - November 8, 2022.**

**CR 1127      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Keisha McClain on 53 years of families foundation Inc.'s exceptional work to provide support for Baltimore Youth and their families.**

**CR 1128      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating John Griffin, Jr. on your 72nd Birthday Celebration.**

**CR 1129      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of "Coach Al" Alphonso E. Eford, Jr., September 19, 1955 - November 27, 2022.**

**CR 1130      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Antoinette Gaylord-Edwards, August 4, 1965 - November 17, 2022.**

**CR 1131      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Pauline C. Williams Blackwell, March 3, 2022 - November 19, 2022.**

**CR 1132      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Richetta Bell-Wood, February 20, 1936 - November 21, 2022.**

**CR 1133      President Mosby, All Members**

**A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ms. Rosalind C. Smith, November 3, 1942 -  
November 17, 2022.**