

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, May 8, 2017

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2: Brandon M. Scott - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Bill Henry - District 5: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: Leon F. Pinkett - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10: Edward Reisinger - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District 13: Shannon Sneed - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke

Call to Order**Invocation**

Alan-Michael Carter, Shiloh Christian Community Church

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

Nancy K. Smith, Maryland Food Bank

Approval of the Journal

April 24, 2017

Communications from the Mayor**Bills Introduced**[17-0065](#)**Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018**

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the fiscal 2018 year.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[17-0066](#)**Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2018**

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; providing for estimated billings pursuant to State law; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[17-0067](#)**Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation - State's Attorney - \$1,190,562**

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,190,562 to the State's Attorney - Service 786 (Victim Witness Services), to provide funding for the development and implementation of strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to victims of crime in the City of Baltimore; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[17-0068](#)**Waterfront Management District - Extension of District**

For the purpose of extending the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks; clarifying a description of certain properties excepted from the Supplemental Tax; making this ordinance subject to certain contingencies; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Waterfront Management District and Authority.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen, Eric T. Costello

ORDINANCE

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[17-0069](#)**City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School**

For the purpose of changing the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen

ORDINANCE

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

[17-0070](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Parking, Open Off-Street Area - 1120, 1122, 1124, and 1126 Clarkson Street and 112, 114, 116, and 118 Seldner Place**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a parking, open off-street area on the properties known as 1120, 1122, 1124, and 1126 Clarkson Street (Block 948, Lots 66, 67, 68, and 69, respectively) and 112, 114, 116, and 118 Seldner Place (Block 948, Lots 74, 75, 76, and 77, respectively), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

ORDINANCE

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

[17-0071](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of 2 Dwelling Units to 4 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 400-402 North Milton Avenue**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of 2 dwelling units to 4 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 400-402 North Milton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain lot area size, rear yard size, floor area ration, and off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed

ORDINANCE

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Resolutions Introduced[17-0023R](#)**Informational Hearing - Proposed Replacement of the Baltimore & Potomac Tunnel**

For the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Federal Railroad Administration, Amtrak, and the Maryland and City Departments of Transportation appear before the City Council to discuss the proposed B&P tunnel replacement project and what its costs and benefits will be for both Baltimore as a whole and the neighborhoods that are being asked to host the project.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Ryan Dorsey, Eric T. Costello, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Shannon Sneed, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

[17-0024R](#)**Upkeep and Maintenance of Vacant Lots and Public Green Spaces**

For the purpose of requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Head of the Bureau of Solid Waste, and the Chief of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to report on the annual cumulative total of calls for service for the upkeep and maintenance of vacant lots and green spaces; and to recommend to the Administration a single City agency with the responsibility for mowing all City-owned lots, parcels, parks, and green spaces.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, President Young, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[17-0025R](#)**Request for State Action - Approve Offshore Wind Farms in Maryland**

For the purpose of urging the Maryland Public Service Commission to approve one or both proposals to build offshore wind projects in Maryland, creating a Maryland-based manufacturing hub for the wind industry that will bring significant economic benefits to the State and the City of Baltimore while also displacing polluting sources of energy and helping Maryland achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, President Young, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[17-0026R](#)**Guns for Bail Program in Baltimore**

For the purpose of expressing support for the creation of a Guns for Bail program in Baltimore and requesting that law enforcement and other stakeholders appear before the City Council to discuss how the program could be created, what partnerships and procedures need to be put in place to make the program successful, and how to provide it with the necessary human and financial resources.

Sponsors:

Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Sharon Green Middleton, Edward Reisinger

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader***Housing and Urban Affairs***[17-0041](#)**Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority**

For the purpose of renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

President Young, Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

[17-0056](#)

Electronic Control Devices - Authorizing Possession in Most Circumstances

For the purpose of allowing a person to possess and use an electronic control device as a form of non-lethal self-defense in the home and in public; prohibiting a person from possessing and using an electronic control device in sensitive places; prohibiting a person who poses an unacceptable risk to public safety from possessing and using an electronic control device; prohibiting the sale of an electronic control device to persons who pose an unacceptable risk to public safety; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to electronic control devices.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Land Use and Transportation

[17-0016](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of 1 Dwelling Unit to 1 Dwelling Unit and 1 Efficiency Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - 2823 Huntingdon Avenue

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of 1 dwelling unit to 1 dwelling unit and 1 efficiency dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2823 Huntingdon Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development

[17-0023](#)

Sale of Property - Map 70, Grid 14, Parcel 988 in Baltimore County (also Known as 219 Burke Avenue, Towson, Maryland)

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 property known as Map 70, Grid 14, Parcel 988 in Baltimore County (also known as 219 Burke Avenue, Towson, Maryland) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[17-0024](#)

Sale of Property - 301-311 North Warwick Avenue

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 properties known as 301-311 North Warwick Avenue (Block 2202, Lots 31, 31A, and 32) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[17-0059](#)**Sale of Property - Block 3434, Lots 2 and 1**

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 property known as Block 3434, Lots 2 and 1 and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

3R Third Reader***Third Reader (for final passage)***[17-0007](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Parking, Off-Street Garage - 1000 South Ellwood Avenue (to be Known as 3033 Dillon Street)**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a parking, off-street garage on the property known as 1000 South Ellwood Avenue (to be known as 3033 Dillon Street), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen

[17-0015](#)**Planned Unit Development - Designation - The Fox Building**

For the purpose of approving the application of D & C Management LLP, owner of the following properties: 3100 Falls Cliff Road (Block 3504B, Lot 001), 3300 Falls Cliff Road (Block 3511D, Lot 002), and Block 3511D, Lots 1 and 3 (collectively, the “property”), to have the property designated an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen

[17-0021](#)**Baltimore City Zoning Code - Legalization - Corrections**

For the purpose of legalizing new City Code Article 32 {“Zoning”}, as enacted by Ordinance 16-581 {“TransForm Baltimore - Zoning”} and edited, codified, and published by the Baltimore City Department of Legislative Reference; further amending new Article 32 to correct various technical errors, omissions, and inconsistencies and to correct, clarify, and conform various references and language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the zoning and development laws of the City of Baltimore.

[17-0025](#)**City Property - Renaming a Trail**

For the purpose of changing the name of the Ridge Trail, located between the Norman Reeves Trail and the Old Spring Trail in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, to be the Heide Grundmann Trail.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, President Young

[17-0033](#)**Building Code - Correcting Definition of “High-Rise Building”**

For the purpose of deleting from the City Building Code an outdated definition of “high-rise building”, thereby conforming that term’s meaning to the more modern definition adopted by the International Building Code.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

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.