

SIXTH DAY

SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

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CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

March 7, 2022

The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection.

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

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Dr. Wendy Lane of the University of Maryland Medical School delivered a presentation.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos. Absent: McCray (excused)

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of February 22, 2022 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 22, 2022

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President
And Members of the City Council
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:

Bill 21-0087 - Rezoning - 100 East 23rd Street, 2300 Saint Paul Street, 2305 Saint Paul Street, 2313 Saint Paul Street, and 2317 Saint Paul Street - For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 100 East 23rd Street, 2300 Saint Paul Street, 2305 Saint Paul Street, 2313 Saint Paul Street, and 2317 Saint Paul Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OR-2 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

Bill 21-0119 - Rezoning - 1201 South Haven Street and a Portion of Boston Street - For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1201 S. Haven Street and a portion of Boston Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the C-3 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Bill 21-0120 - Urban Renewal - Canton Industrial Area - Amendment ____ - For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan to revise the boundary of the Plan to remove a certain property; replacing certain exhibits to reflect the change; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

Bill 21-0122 - Franchise - Installation of 5 Utilities/Ductbanks - For the purpose of granting a franchise to The Johns Hopkins University (Developer's Agreement #1710) to construct, use, and maintain 5 utilities/ductbanks, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Bill 21-0123 - Franchise - Underground Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable - For the purpose of granting a franchise to the State of Maryland (Maryland Transit Administration) to construct, use, and maintain an underground conduit and fiber optic cable, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

In Service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

ERIKA FOX, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 2.

TISHA GUTHRIE, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 9.

ANTHONY WILLIAMS, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 12.

CYNISE WILLIAMS-RILEY, as a member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 9.

ROBERT CHARLES BRENDEL, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024.

CHRISTINA DELGADO, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 2.

ANDREW FLACKS, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 1.

MELVIN JADULANG, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 12.

ZOE RYDZEWSKI, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 11.

CARLILLIAN THOMPSON, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 7.

ALICE VOLPITTA, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 3.

ROBERT SHELTON, as a member of the Board of Finance, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 11.

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. 22-0201 - By City Council President (Administration)

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 4601 East Monument Street (Block 6469, Lot 001F) 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. 22-0202 - By Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance amending the boundaries of the Fells Point Area Residential Parking Permit Program; revising area parking restrictions; creating new program eligibility standards, and generally relating to the Fells Point Area Residential Permit Parking Program.

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

Bill No. 22-0203 - By Councilmember Torrence

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 2223 Callow Avenue (Block 3446, Lot 64), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

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

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

Bill No. 22-0095R - By City Council President (Administration)

A Resolution adopting Baltimore City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, "Baltimore Together: A Platform for Inclusive Prosperity"; and providing for a special effective date.

Bill No. 22-0096R - By City Council President (Administration)

A Resolution approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to redesignate Baltimore City's modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas.

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

Bill No. 22-0097R - By Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Request for State Action - Highway User Revenues

FOR the purpose of calling upon the Maryland General Assembly to pass, and Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to sign, Senate Bill 726/House Bill 1187 - Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Revenue and Distribution.

Baltimore City is the only local jurisdiction in Maryland that is responsible for maintaining State highways and an interstate (I-83) in the jurisdiction. All other State highways and interstates outside of Baltimore City are maintained by the State of Maryland's Department of Transportation, the State Highway Administration, or the Maryland Transportation Authority. Therefore, Baltimore City historically has had the highest allocation of the highway user revenues in the State.

During the depths of the Great Recession in 2009, the State faced a mid-year budget crisis. The Board of Public Works adopted a 90% reduction of the local distributions of highway user revenues and a roughly 40% reduction to Baltimore City's allocation, the largest reduction to any jurisdiction by far. Since then, recession-driven cutbacks in many service areas have been fully or largely restored. This is not the case with highway user revenues, which remain far, far behind historic levels, even after the State has enacted a substantial transportation revenue increase.

As a result, in the 15 years since 2007, Baltimore City has lost over \$900 million total.

In the most recent capital budget allocation, the Department of Transportation presented a slide that detailed the significant infrastructure that has deferred maintenance, totaling a cost of \$1.3 billion. Capital costs to meet the bridge, road, traffic calming, and other transportation infrastructure is \$158.32 million. Without additional funding, Baltimore City will never have a fighting chance of addressing its vital infrastructure needs.

Once SB 726/HB 1187 passes and is signed, Baltimore City will receive 8.3% of the highway user revenues. In 2025, Baltimore City will receive 12.1% of the highway user revenues which could add another \$56.6 million to Baltimore City's allocation, bringing the allocation closer to \$210 million per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Council urges the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Lawrence J. Hogan to take all necessary action to pass and enact SB 726/HB 1187, which will increase funding for Baltimore City's critical transportation infrastructure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Governor of Maryland, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly, the Baltimore City Council President and the President's legislative staff, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Ramos made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

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

Then Councilmember Ramos made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, AND 670
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, 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. 22-0087R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Schleifer, for the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0087R favorably.

An Ordinance requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer come before the City Council to initiate the process of annually reviewing the duties of the Office; requiring the review to include an evaluation of the prior year's performance metrics; requesting the Officers and the Council establish goals and objectives for the upcoming year; and requiring the Officer and the Council to identify municipal service delivery gaps that need to be addressed.

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. 21-0179 - An Ordinance naming a portion of the Joseph H. Rash Playfield (Block 890, Lot 006), to be located at the coordinates of 39.281387, - 76.610944, Jake's Skate Park.

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 Cohen, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 22-0095R**

Councilmember Middleton made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 22-0095R.

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

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**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 21-0201**

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. 21-0201.

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 Monday, March 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 660 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Michael Douglass Jenson, Sr., February 14, 1949 - February 2, 2022.

CR 661 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution recognizing Lillian Huggins.

CR 662 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Reverend Dr. Marcus G. Jones on your installation as Pastor of United Baptist Church.

CR 663 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Balto Metro Delta Sigma Theta on 35 years of active and vocal efforts to uplift the Baltimore Metropolitan community.

CR 664 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Gilda Pauline "Paula" Godfrey, June 4, 1983 - February 11, 2022.

CR 665 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Joyce Jones, July 26, 1948 - February 8, 2022.

CR 666 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Presiding Elder Cordell E. Hunter, Sr. on 46 years of spiritual leadership as a member, pastor and elder of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church.

CR 667 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Elbert L. Edmond, September 30, 1963 - February 10, 2022.

CR 668 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Elbert L. Edmond, September 30, 1963 - February 10, 2022.

CR 669 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Vikki Denise Stukes, January 14, 1954 - February 22, 2022.

CR 670 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Lewis Dale Heiner, November 27, 1934 - February 27, 2022.