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Reverend Dr. Kevin A. Slayton, Sr. of Northwood Appold United Methodist Church delivered an opening prayer.

Led by Marine veteran Councilmember Zac Blanchard, the President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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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, Glover, Ramos

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of January 13, 2025 was read and approved.

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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. 25-0013** - By: Councilmembers Porter, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Jones, Ramos, and President Cohen

An Ordinance addressing disparities in child health care by expanding access to comprehensive health services for children across Baltimore City, including well-child preventive care and vaccines, family planning services, and dental services; providing for a referral to a vision or mental and behavioral health specialist at the written request of a specified individual; requiring, without prior approval, mandatory follow-up care for any positive or abnormal health screening; defining certain terms; generally relating to expanding access to health care for City students in school health centers and health suites; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Health and Environment Committee.

**Bill No. 25-0014** - By: Councilmembers Conway, Parker, Gray, Ramos, and President Cohen

An Ordinance requiring Baltimore City Emergency Medical Services to provide buprenorphine to all Emergency Medical Services technicians; allowing Emergency Medical Services technicians to administer buprenorphine to an individual under certain circumstances; and defining certain terms.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Health and Environment Committee.

**Bill No. 25-0015** - By: Councilmembers Conway, Parker, Dorsey, Porter, Ramos, and President Cohen

An Ordinance creating a stand-alone use in the Zoning Code for crematoriums; amending certain related definitions; revising certain zoning tables to include the use “crematorium”; making conforming changes; providing for a special effective date; and generally related to creating the stand-alone use “crematorium” in the Zoning Code.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 25-0016** - By: Councilmembers Schleifer, Jones, and President Cohen

An Ordinance amending provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code relating to minor variances.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 25-0017** - By: Councilmembers Ramos and Parker

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 3439-3549 on the odd side of Keswick Road (Block and Lot numbers listed below), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the R-7 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 25-0005R** - By: Councilmembers Conway, Parker, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and President Cohen

A Resolution requiring the City Administrator, Commissioner of the Baltimore Health Department, and the Director of the Department of General Services to appear before the City Council to present an assessment of the City's readiness to comply with the provisions of Chapter 764 of the Acts of the Maryland General Assembly of 2024, "Emergency Services – Automated External Defibrillator and Naloxone Co-Location Initiative – Requirements for Public Buildings", by updating its health and safety protocols for all City buildings.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Health and Environment Committee.

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

**Bill No. 25-0006R** - By: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos

Introduced  
(Read and adopted)

### **Recognizing the Service of Gerald "Tony" Roberts**

FOR the purpose of recognizing Gerald "Tony" Roberts for his 39 cumulative years of distinguished service to the City of Baltimore.

**Recitals**

Tony Roberts began working for the City of Baltimore’s Department of Legislative Reference in 1986. He entered the Department as a Storekeeper, responsible for inventory, shelving, and retrieving City records in the City Archives warehouse. Tony held many roles in the Department throughout the years, first taking on responsibility for microfilming records, then assisting the City Archivist and Records Management Officer, and finally becoming the City Records Management Officer, himself.

During his tenure at the Department, Tony developed an extensive understanding of the structure and workings of Baltimore City government. As the institutional memory for the Department, he always has a story to answer a colleague’s question. This understanding provides crucial background knowledge as new staff have joined the team.

Tony stayed with the City Archives through periods of great change, adapting to ebbs and flows of attention, activity, and funding. He has demonstrated an exceptional ability to retain a sense of humor in trying circumstances and his daily jokes have benefitted staff and volunteers alike. At the end of his career, when many would be losing motivation, Tony has shown enthusiasm for learning new skills and improving the records management program to surpass its previous limitations.

It will be difficult to replace Tony’s always professional demeanor, knowledge of the City and its history, modesty, and wonderful personality; however, the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, sincerely congratulates him on his well-deserved retirement, extends its best wishes for his future “second act” in life, and thanks him for his years of dedicated service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City Council recognizes Gerald “Tony” Roberts for his 39 cumulative years of distinguished service to the City of Baltimore.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mr. Roberts, the Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Middleton 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 Middleton 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 Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0016, 0017, 0018, 0019, 0020, 0021, 0022, 0023, 0024, AND 0025 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, 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.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of President Cohen, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0016 Vice President Middleton

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Chief James Wallace on the committed and tireless efforts he invests in ensuring the safety of the residents in the city of Baltimore.

CR0017 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Steven Theodoropoulos in recognition of his unwavering dedication to the Bit Center's weekly community food distribution, embodying the spirit of service that strengthens their mission.

CR0018 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Rev. Dr. Kevin English in recognition of his installation of as president of Ministers Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity.

CR0019 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Bernice Woods, May 20, 1946 –December 26, 2024.

CR0020 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Helen Davis, March 16, 1941 –January 5, 2025.

CR0021 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra in recognition of 100 years of distinguished contribution to Baltimore's cultural landscape.

CR0022 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Joel Michael-Schwartz in recognition of their leadership of the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra through its centennial season.

CR0023 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Mark Linkins in recognition of his leadership, artistry, and profound contributions to the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra from 2018 to 2024.

CR0024 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Mark Linkins, February 4, 1964 –December 28, 2024.

CR0025 President Cohen, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Gerald "Tony" Roberts in recognition of his retirement and 39 years of distinguished service to Baltimore City government.