

SPECIAL MEETING

FOURTH COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

June 24, 2024

Pastor Alvin Gwynn of Leadenhall Baptist Church led the Council in Prayer.

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

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Chloe Nicole was recognized by the City Council.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of the 5:00 p.m. special meeting on June 17, 2024 was read and approved.

Journal of the City Council

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 20, 2024 and June 24, 2024

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:

24-0489 – Children Youth and Families - Youth Commission - Amendment

For the purpose of amending the composition of the Youth Commission; providing for the compensation of Commission members; providing for the selection of certain officers; establishing the Executive Committee; providing for the membership and duties of the Executive Committee; requiring the adoption of a constitution and bylaws; updating the powers and duties of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; requiring agency cooperation with the Commission; and generally related to amending certain provisions related to the Commission.

24-0521 – Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

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 2025 year.

24-0522 – Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2025

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

24-0523 – Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

For the purpose of approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2025; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

MANSUR ABDUL-MALIK, as a member of the Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board from District 8

MARGARET ALLEN, as a member of the Baltimore City Inclusionary Housing Board from District 4.

HAKI SHAKUR AMMI, as a member of the Civilian Review Board from District 8.


RONNIE BROWN, as a member of the Civilian Review Board from District 4.

CATHERYN DEBEVEC, as a member of the LGBTQ Commission from District 12.

SHANNON HARRIS, as a member of the Civilian Review Board from District 11.

AARON MAYBIN, as a member of the Civilian Review Board from District 9.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

F R O M	Name & Title	Eric Evans, Real Estate Officer Eric.Evans@baltimorecity.gov	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	Agency Name & Address	Department of Real Estate Room 304, City Hall		
	Subject	Proposed Disposition of Tax Sale Property		

To:

Honorable Nick J. Mosby
 President, Baltimore City Council
 Room 400 – City Hall
 Attention: Natawna B. Austin

Date: July 11, 2024

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 once certain criteria are met.

It is requested that the following property be published in the City Council Journal as promptly as possible in order that the Department of Real Estate may pursue its disposition:

Councilmanic District 6

NS 1ST 10 FT ALLEY NW OF SPAULDING AVE 176 FT NE OF ELMER AVE
 Block 4580, Lot 039
 Baltimore, MD 21202

NWS 1ST 10 FT ALLEY NW OF SPAULDING AV 130 FT NE OF ELMER AV
 Block 4580, Lot 038
 Baltimore, MD 21202

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 Monique Sampson at 443.984.3079 or via email at Monique.sampson@baltimorecity.gov.

cc: Honorable Sharon Middleton

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. 24-0553 - By City Council President (Administration - Office of the Mayor)

An Ordinance amending the composition of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission; altering procedures for meetings of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

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

Bill No. 24-0554 - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Housing and Community Development)

An Ordinance correcting an amendment regarding permit extensions made during the course of adopting the 2021 Edition of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

Bill No. 24-0555 - By Councilmember Ramos

An Ordinance increasing the minimum yard requirements in the EC-2 District; and providing for a special effective date.

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

Bill No. 24-0556 - By Councilmembers Bullock, Dorsey, Burnett, Ramos, and Porter

An Ordinance limiting and phasing out the amount of tip credit an employer may deduct from the hourly wage of a certain employee; requiring certain disclosures before an employer may charge a consumer a service fee; requiring an employer to submit a certain quarterly report to the Director of Finance; defining certain terms; and generally relating to fair wages for tipped employees.

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

Bill No. 24-0557 - By Councilmember Stokes

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a principal use parking lot on the property known as 1200 Brentwood Avenue (Block 1152, Lot, 026), 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 Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 24-0558 - By Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 95-572, as amended by Ordinance 96-096, which designated certain properties a Business Planned Unit Development known as Lighthouse Point; and providing for a special effective date.

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

Bill No. 24-0222R - By Councilmembers Burnett and Torrence

A Resolution requiring the Baltimore City Police Department, and inviting the Office of State's Attorney for Baltimore City, the Police Accountability Board, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, and relevant stakeholders, to appear before the City Council to discuss Baltimore City Law enforcement's polices and procedures for safeguarding, accounting for, and disposing of property it confiscates, including money, during the course of its work.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

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

Bill No. 24-0223R - By Councilmember Cohen

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

**Declaring Baltimore City a Sanctuary for Individuals Receiving Gender-Affirming Care,
Their Families, and Providers of Gender-Affirming Care**

FOR the purpose of declaring Baltimore City a sanctuary city for transgender and nonbinary individuals and calling on all units of City government receiving City funds to safeguard an individual's right to gender-affirming health care by refraining from using City funds or resources to impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions on recipients, the families of recipients, or providers of gender-affirming health care.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council rejects discrimination in all forms, values our LGBTQIA+ neighbors, and will safeguard the rights of our transgender and nonbinary residents given our shared belief that all LGBTQIA+ individuals are entitled to respect, compassion, and the blessings of individual liberty that are our common heritage.

WHEREAS, other states may adopt or expand laws that impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions on health care professionals who provide gender-affirming health care and on persons who seek, receive, or assist another in receiving gender-affirming health care in the City of Baltimore.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland passed the Trans Health Equity Act in 2023, that expands coverage for gender-affirming treatments for transgender Marylanders.

WHEREAS, Governor Wes Moore signed an executive order Protecting the Right to Seek Gender-Affirming Treatment in Maryland proclaiming that no State agency shall comply with a subpoena issued by another state, knowing that the subpoena seeks information solely because an individual or entity provided, received, assisted in providing or receiving, sought, inquired or responded to an inquiry about, or traveled to Maryland to obtain gender-affirming treatment that is permitted under the laws of this State for themselves or a child for whom they are the parent or legal guardian.

WHEREAS, 65 percent of LGBTQIA+ youth surveyed by the Trevor Project in 2023 who are receiving gender-affirming care are concerned about losing access to this care, 1 in 3 LGBTQIA+ young people said their mental health was poor most of the time or always due to anti-LGBTQIA+ policies and legislation, and 41 percent of LGBTQIA+ young people seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year.

WHEREAS, the 2022 United States Trans Survey (USTS) of 92,329 transgender and nonbinary adults found that 98 percent of adults who received gender-affirming care were more satisfied with their lives.

WHEREAS, according to Trans Maryland trans and nonbinary people in Maryland experience challenges accessing health care, and 20.1 percent have no place to receive health care advice.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution, gender-affirming health care means any medically necessary treatment consistent with current clinical standards of care prescribed by a licensed health care provider in collaboration with their patient for the treatment of a condition related to an individual's gender identity.

WHEREAS, gender-affirming health care is evidence-based, medically necessary, and lifesaving.

WHEREAS, studies have shown that gender transition, including access to gender-affirming health care, improves the overall well-being of transgender and nonbinary people, and that access to gender-affirming health care for youth is associated with better mental health outcomes and lower risks of suicide.

WHEREAS, multiple health care institutions across the country have scaled back or have considered scaling back gender-affirming health care services in response to legal challenges, perception of legal risk, harassment, or threats of violence.

WHEREAS, many institutions providing gender-affirming health care are located in Baltimore and local advocates already report longer wait times and difficulty accessing medically necessary gender-affirming health care.

WHEREAS, the City of Baltimore has consistently declared its commitment to furthering transgender equity and supporting its growing transgender community through City Ordinance 23-0378 that prohibits the willful use of the incorrect name or pronouns of an individual.

WHEREAS, health care professionals providing, and individuals seeking, receiving, or assisting another individual who is seeking or receiving gender-affirming health care in the City of Baltimore should be protected from attempts to impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions based on the laws of other states when gender-affirming health care is lawful in the State of Maryland and meets standards for good professional practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Council declares Baltimore City a sanctuary city for transgender and nonbinary individuals and calls on all units of City government receiving City funds to safeguard an individual's right to gender-affirming health care by refraining from using City funds or resources to impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions on recipients, the families of recipients, or providers of gender-affirming health care.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Wes Moore, the Director of the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs, the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, the LGBTQIA+ Caucus of the Maryland General Assembly, the Mayor, the Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, and the Mayor's legislative liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Cohen 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 Cohen 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, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Ramos - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Schleifer, Glover (late) - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 24-0224R - By Councilmember Cohen

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Honoring Carlton Ray Smith and Residents Impacted by the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

FOR the purpose of honoring the advocacy of Carlton Ray Smith and affirming the City's commitment to relentlessly pursuing funding to provide HIV/AIDS treatment and services to those in financial need.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the City Council expresses its deepest condolences for the loss of Carlton Ray Smith, lovingly known as "The Duchess", who was a longtime advocate for Baltimore's LGBTQIA+ community and those living with HIV/AIDS in particular. Carlton Ray Smith passed away on May 29, 2024 at age 61.

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City extended protections against discrimination based on an individual's HIV or AIDS status in regards to employment, public accommodations, education, healthcare, public welfare, and housing.

WHEREAS, HIV and AIDS remain diseases that disproportionately impact the LGBTQIA+ community, and same-gender loving gay men and transgender women in particular, as well as other members of Baltimore's communities.

WHEREAS, federal funding from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White Part B Maryland State Special Services HIV/AIDS program of the State of Maryland is being cut from \$17.9 million in fiscal year 2024 to \$5.3 million in fiscal year 2025, a 76 percent decrease.

WHEREAS, the Ryan White Program funds serve those people living with HIV/AIDS with the greatest economic need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the City Council honors the advocacy of Carlton Ray Smith and affirms the City's commitment to relentlessly pursuing funding to provide HIV/AIDS treatment and services to those in financial need.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Wes Moore, the Director of the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs, the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, the LGBTQIA+ Caucus of the General Assembly, the Mayor, the Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Baltimore City LGBTQ+ Commission, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, and the Mayor's legislative liaison to the City Council.

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Schleifer - Total 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, AND 2190 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, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Schleifer - 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. 23-0200R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Stokes, for the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee, reported Bill No. 23-0200R favorably.

An Ordinance inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Public School System, the Baltimore Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the development, expansion, and preservation of school-based health clinics throughout the Baltimore City Public School System.

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. 24-0491 - An Ordinance altering the notice and appeal time lines for certain footway improvements, gradings, pavings, repavings, or repairs; excepting an assessment from bearing interest under certain circumstances; making conforming changes; and generally relating to the citation and billing process for footway repairs.

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Schleifer - Total 1.

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

BILL NO. 24-0520 - An Ordinance requiring online, mobile, and other third-party booking platforms for parking spaces to pay the City parking tax required by City Code Article 28, Subtitle 22 and defining certain terms.

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Schleifer - Total 1.

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

BILLS WITHDRAWN

The following bill was withdrawn:

BILL NO. 24-0543 - An Ordinance transferring the Department of Audits from the Office of the Comptroller to the City Council; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The bill was withdrawn.

CLEARING OF THE BILL STATUS CALENDAR

Ordinances: 21-0048, 21-0163, 22-0253, 22-0283, 22-0288, 22-0320, 23-0329, 23-0364, 23-0376, 23-0398, 23-0402, 23-0415, 23-0434, 23-0442, 23-0453, 23-0472

Resolutions: 21-0004R, 21-0005R, 21-0027R, 21-0035R, 21-0046R, 21-0080R, 22-0095R, 22-0103R, 22-0107R, 22-0108R, 22-0114R, 22-0126R, 22-0128R, 22-0129R, 22-0138R, 22-0143R, 22-0148R, 23-0150R, 23-0152R, 23-0154R, 23-0157R, 23-0160R, 23-0163R, 23-0165R, 23-0176R, 23-0179R, 23-0180R, 23-0181R, 23-0185R, 23-0195R

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 24-0557**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rule 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 24-0557.

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.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 24-0558**

Councilmember Costello made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rule 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 24-0558.

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, July 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 2177 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Reverend Dr. Reginald Thomas on your 30th Pastoral Anniversary, we appreciate the years of devotion, and we are anticipating greater things to come in the future.

CR 2178 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Jeanne Hitchcock on your distinguished career, including nine years of dedicated service to Johns Hopkins University and Medicine.

CR 2179 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Mary Dantzler, February 14, 1952 – April 28, 2024.

CR 2180 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Ian Thompson, Derrell Edwads, Brandon Copeland, and Rudy Gay on your exceptional leadership in fostering a culture of excellence within the Baltimore Sports Community.

CR 2181 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution to the Family of Randy Scroggin, October 4, 1963 – April 29, 2024.

CR 2182 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution to the Family of Irishteen A. Thomas, February 24, 1943 – April 28, 2024.

CR 2183 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Johnny “Johnny G” Gaines on your 70th Birthday and Retirement!

CR 2184 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Dr. Helena Hicks, June 28, 1934 – April 18, 2024.

CR 2185 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution to the Family of Colleen Dorthea Boston, November 17, 1952 – April 26, 2024.

CR 2186 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Kevin Hicks, Sr., January 6, 1961 – April 28, 2024.

CR 2187 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Caylin Young, October 19, 1940 – April 20, 2024.

CR 2188 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Beverly Birckhead on your retirement after 18 years of dedicated and committee service to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

CR 2189 Burnett

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Dwayne Gerod Coleman, July 15, 1955 – April 27, 2024.

CR 2190 Cohen

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating The Ship Caulkers Housing on the Friends Group's Dedication and for all your hard work in completing phase 1 of the restoration project.