

FIRST DAY

THIRD COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

January 8, 2024

Reverend Jim Hamilton, Pastor of the Church on the Square from District 1, led the Council in Prayer.

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

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Kim Sauer, Chief-of-Staff of District 8, delivered a presentation on Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of December 18, 2023 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 20, 2023 and January 4, 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:

23-0393 – Street Encroachment - 3424 Toone Street

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building projecting into the public right-of-way on the west side of Baylis Street, on the property known as 3424 Toone Street; and providing for a special effective date.

23-0394 – Street Encroachment - 229 East Montgomery Street

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building, projecting into the public right-of-way on the east side of the property known as 229 East Montgomery Street; and providing for a special effective date.

23-0397 – Rezoning - Western Side North Lehigh Street South West Corner Eager Street and Western Side North Lehigh Street 52-7 Feet South of Eager Street

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as Western Side North Lehigh Street South West Corner Eager Street (Block 6182, Lot 007), and Western Side North Lehigh Street 52-7 Feet South of Eager Street (Block 6182, Lot 008), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the I-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

23-0399 – Planned Unit Development - Amendment - Benhurst Park

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 09-161; approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Benhurst Park Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

23-0423 – City Property - Renaming Cottage Avenue Park to Candy Stripe Park

For the purpose of changing the name of Cottage Avenue Park, located at North East Side 30 Foot Alley 2nd South West of Cottage Avenue Rear 3700-36 Cottage Avenue (Block 3335, Lot 067), to Candy Stripe Park.

23-0436 – Urban Renewal - Brooklyn-Curtis Bay - Renewal Area Designation and Urban Renewal Plan

For the purpose of repealing the existing Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Urban Renewal Plan and replacing it by designating as a “Renewal Area” an area situated in Baltimore City, Maryland known as Brooklyn-Curtis Bay, generally including both sides of Patapsco Avenue between the Harbor Tunnel Throughway and Pennington Avenue, both sides of Pennington Avenue between Patapsco Avenue and Ceddox Street, the west side of Curtis Avenue between Ceddox Street and Patapsco Avenue, both sides South Hanover Street between Jack Street and Chesapeake Avenue, and the south side of Potee Street between Patapsco Avenue and Frankfurst Avenue; establishing the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan; establishing permitted land uses in the Renewal Area; providing that where there might be conflict between the provisions of the Urban Renewal Plan and the provisions of any Planned Unit Development, the provisions of the Planned Unit Development control; providing review requirements and controls for all plans for new construction; providing that the provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code apply to the properties in the Urban Renewal Area; establishing controls for off-street parking facilities; authorizing the conditions for acquisition of properties in the Urban Renewal Area; providing for review by the Department of Housing and Community Development of development or rehabilitation plans in the Urban Renewal Area with respect to their conformance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Plan; providing for community notification of any permit application for the development or redevelopment of any property within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Area; creating disposition lots and providing for specific controls on specific lots; providing for the term of the Urban Renewal Plan; providing for community review of all proposed amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan; making provisions of this Ordinance severable; approving appendices and exhibits to the Urban Renewal Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; providing for the application of the Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

EBONY M. THOMPSON, District 8, as City Solicitor.

WILLIAM T. THOMAS, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission from District 3.

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. 24-0473 - By President Mosby

An Ordinance amending the process of redrawing City Council districts; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

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

Bill No. 24-0474 - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Real Estate)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue needed for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls Avenue as shown on Plat 240-A-56-A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; 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. 24-0475 - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to a 20 foot wide right-of-way and a 10 foot wide right-of-way through the property of Weldon Heights Homes, Inc., as shown on plats RW20-34176 and RW20-34429 on file in the Office of the Department of Transportation; 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. 24-0476 - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the variable width right of way heretofore granted the City of Baltimore; the location and course of the variable width right of way to be released being shown on a plat numbered RW 20-36464; 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. 24-0477 - By City Council President (Administration - Department of Finance)

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services - Service 734 (Capital Projects Division - Design and Construction), to provide funding for emergency repairs to the Baltimore Police Department headquarters' parking garage; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Finance and Performance Committee.

Bill No. 24-0478 - By Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1214-1224 Hollins Street (Block 0216, Lots 053-058), 21-23 South Carey Street (Block 0216, Lots 047-048), and 14 South Stockton Street (Block 0216, Lot 074), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-1 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. 24-0479 - By Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 901 West Mulberry Street (Block 0157, Lot 015), 317-329 North Schroeder Street (Block 0157, Lots 008-014), 222 North Fremont Street (Block 0173, Lot 003), 811 West Saratoga Street (Block 0173, Lot 001, and 203 North Amity Street (Block 0173, Lot 004), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the R-9 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. 24-0480 - By Councilmember Conway

An Ordinance requiring a certain retail dealer in motor fuel to display the credit price of motor fuel on a certain sign; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to a retail dealer in motor fuel's credit price for motor fuel.

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. 24-0208R - By Councilmember Stokes

Introduced
(Read and adopted)

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

FOR the purpose of recognizing December 21, 2023 as "Homeless Persons' Memorial Day" in Baltimore City.

Recitals

WHEREAS, December 21 marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year and communities across the country have chosen this day to remember men and women who have died without a place to call home.

WHEREAS, safe, decent, and affordable housing has become increasingly inaccessible due to rising costs, racial inequities such as housing segregation, inadequate incomes, the decline of affordable units, and structural inequities.

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness have higher rates of chronic disease, are more susceptible to illness and injury, and are significantly more likely to die prematurely than their housed counterparts.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City joins communities nationwide to remember those who have died without a secure place to live, and to recognize that every member of society should have the right to safe and affordable housing.

WHEREAS, Baltimore City has committed to making homelessness a rare and brief experience, we recommit our community to working for affordable housing, livable incomes, and accessible healthcare, which we recognize as fundamental to the goal of ending homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the Baltimore City Council recognizes December 21, 2023 as Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Baltimore City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Stokes 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 Stokes 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, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Abset - Councilmember Glover - Total 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, AND 1955 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 - Glover - Total 1.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 24-0473**

President Mosby made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 24-0473

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 1901 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Major Guy Thacker in recognition of your continuous dedication to the City of Baltimore and your advancement from Major to Lieutenant Colonel.

CR 1902 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Georgia Peach in recognition of your donation of a catered meal for the Firehouse Engine 29 and 46 luncheon.

CR 1903 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating the Rho Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in recognition of your 35 years of service to the citizens of Baltimore through health and family initiatives, as well as your advocacy for education and scholarships for college-bound students.

CR 1904 Vice President Middleton, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ella Mae Moore, December 20, 1933 - September 14, 2023.

CR 1905 Bullock, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Roslyn Chandler Wood in recognition of your 95th birthday.

CR 1906 Ramos, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Tom Kerr, Sharon Kerr, and volunteers in recognition of your commitment and dedication to organizing the Mayor's Christmas Parade every year for 50 years. Thank you for your hard work.

CR 1907 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Father Jo Jo D. Opalda in recognition of your 45th pastoral anniversary.

CR 1908 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ruby Graves, February 16, 1930 - November 30, 2023.

CR 1909 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Dellareese Morton-Smith in recognition of your 42 years of dedicated service with the Social Security Administration. May your retirement be restful and filled with love, joy, peace, and happiness.

CR 1910 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in recognition of your record-breaking 13th MPSSAA State Championship and for overcoming extraordinary adversity to accomplish your third straight season undefeated.

CR 1911 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Mergenthaler Vocational - Technical High School, Class 4A/3A State Champions in recognition of the second MPSSAA Championship, and for overcoming extraordinary adversity to capture the title of 4A/3A State Champions.

CR 1912 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. in recognition of 40 years of excellence.

CR 1913 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Matthew Bradley in recognition of your 80th birthday and being a pillar for the city and citizens of Baltimore as the owner of Melba's Place, a Baltimore institution.

CR 1914 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Kevin Blanchard, October 11, 1963 - December 2, 2023.

CR 1915 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Raquel Johnson and Stephanie Hockaday in recognition of the exceptional services and care you provide the community through the Essential Wellness Therapeutic Program, LLC.

CR 1916 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Desmond Hanef Perry in recognition of the exceptional services and care you provide the community through Rectify.

CR 1917 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Christopher Oliver in recognition of the exceptional services and care you provide the community through Innergy Transformation Studio.

CR 1918 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Kawshawn Stewart-Young in recognition of the exceptional services and care you provide the community through Creative Healing Wellness.

CR 1919 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Alison Leak and Nick Hernandez in recognition of creating a safe space for the community to share their stories through Open Mic Open Wounds.

CR 1920 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Patricia Kathleen Johnson, November 29, 1949 - December 2, 2023.

CR 1921 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Claudette Brown, March 9, 1961 - December 6, 2023.

CR 1922 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Willie Edward Jones Jr., August 28, 1944 - December 1, 2023.

CR 1923 Ramos, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Civic Works in recognition of your 30 years of servicing the residents of District 14 and residents across the City of Baltimore. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

CR 1924 Ramos, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Crystals, Candles, and Cauldrons in recognition of your 15th anniversary. Thank you for servicing the Hampden Community and the entire City of Baltimore.

CR 1925 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Kenneth Best, October 25, 1963 - December 10, 2023.

CR 1926 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Chrissy Thronton, the President of Associated Black Charities in recognition of your sponsorship of Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration as well as all you do to inform and uplift the City of Baltimore.

CR 1927 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Enoch Pratt Library in recognition of your partnership with Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration as well as all the joy you bring the City of Baltimore.

CR 1928 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Rev. Michael Hudson, Sr., Pastor of Gethsemane AME Church in recognition of your partnership with Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration as well as all you do to assist the youth of Baltimore City.

CR 1929 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Rev. Dame Dorsey, Pastor of Walk by Faith Ministries in recognition of your partnership with Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration as well as your continued support of this event that brings joy to all who attend.

CR 1930 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School in recognition of your performance at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1931 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Charm City Band in recognition of your performance at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1932 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Fearless Dance Empire in recognition of your performance at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1933 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating the Pi Eta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia in recognition of your performance at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1934 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Wilbert Mason Jr., May 18, 1940 - December 6, 2023.

CR 1935 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Media Minds in recognition of your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1936 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Blondies Donuts in recognition of your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1937 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating From the Heart in recognition of your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1938 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Dawgs Hot Dogs in recognition of your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1939 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Shareefs in recognition of your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1940 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Principal LaWanda Wilson in recognition of your leadership at Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West and the impact you are making on your faculty, staff, students and their families.

CR 1941 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Evan Murray in recognition of your leadership at Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West and introducing the world of photography to your students.

CR 1942 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Latisha Montague in recognition of becoming the Executive Director of the Carpenter's House LLC.

CR 1943 Cohen

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Rev. Willy Ray in recognition of your tireless advocacy on behalf of Baltimore City residents through your annual talent show.

CR 1944 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Lil Black in recognition of your support of Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1945 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating DJ James McClain in recognition of your support of Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1946 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Golden Grillz on your partnership at Council President Mosby's 3rd Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Celebration.

CR 1947 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Wylie Funeral Home on your Grand Opening on the Alameda, and for all continued service to the City of Baltimore and its citizens in their most precious of times.

CR 1948 Middleton

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bishop Luther C. Moore on your 75th Birthday.

CR 1949 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Old Town Gators Football Team 11 & Under Division on winning the 2023 11 & under All American Division 2 National Championship.

CR 1950 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Gervonta "Tank" Davis on the contribution you are making to the City and citizens of Baltimore for investing in revitalization of this block.

CR 1951 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Haywood Musgrove, Jr., June 6, 1928 - December 11, 2023.

CR 1952 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Oldtown Gators Football Program on your United Football League All-American 11U D2 Championship, your win exemplifies your commitment and dedication to football and the pursuit of excellence.

CR 1953 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Allen Harris, October 27, 1948 - December 10, 2023.

CR 1954 Bullock

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Charlene A. Wilson on 30 years of providing legal services to the citizens of Baltimore City.

CR 1955 Costello

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Brenda Grant, April 18, 1949 - December 8, 2023.