

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, May 12, 2025

5:00 PM

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## Baltimore City Council

*Zeke Cohen, Council President - District 1: Mark Parker - District 2: Danielle McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Vice President Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James Torrence - District 8: Paris Gray - District 9: John Bullock - District 10: Phylcia Porter - District 11: Zac Blanchard - District 12: Jermaine Jones - District 13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos*

**Call to Order****Invocation**

Rev. Kevin Ewing, Catholic Community of South Baltimore

**Pledge of Allegiance****Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

April 28, 2025

**Communications from the Mayor****Bills Signed by the Mayor*****MAY 1, 2025*****[25-0001](#)**

Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing

FOR the purpose of creating the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the leadership and staffing of the Department; establishing the Department's purpose, powers, and duties; creating the Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the membership of the Board; establishing the purpose, powers, and duties of the Board; transferring the administration of certain business licenses to the Department; repealing certain obsolete Boards; allowing the Department to suspend a certain license if the licensee engages in unfair, abusive, and deceptive trade practices; providing for a special effective date; making conforming changes; and generally relating to consumer protection and business licensing.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

[25-0002](#)

## Study and Report – Absences in Baltimore City Schools

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Public School System (“City Schools”) to prepare a report exploring the causes of student absences to better identify solutions to address the most persistent barriers students face to attending school; requiring City Schools to collaborate with certain City agencies to propose recommendations to address the root causes of unexcused absences found in the report; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Mark Conway, Mark Parker, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, John Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen, Paris Gray

[25-0006](#)

## Zoning Code – Modifications

FOR the purpose of amending provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code relating to variances to conform to relevant State law; making modifications to the process of granting variances; clarifying provisions of the Zoning Code relating to nonconforming structures; and generally relating to the zoning and land use laws of the City of Baltimore.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration), Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

**Bills Introduced****25-0060**

## Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

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 2026 year.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0061**

## Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2026

FOR the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

**25-0062** Building Code – Single Exit from Residential Occupancy

FOR the purpose of permitting certain residential buildings to have a single exit or access to a single exit, so long as certain conditions are met regarding the construction of the exit.

**Sponsors:** Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen  
*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0063** Zoning Administrator – Transfer to Department of Planning

FOR the purpose of transferring the Office of Zoning Administrator and all attendant authorities and duties from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Planning.

**Sponsors:** Sharon Green Middleton, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen  
*Housing and Economic Development Committee*

**25-0064** Zoning – Bulk and Yard Requirements - Amendments

FOR the purpose of amending certain bulk and yard requirements in residential zoning districts.

**Sponsors:** Paris Gray, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Zac Blanchard, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen  
*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0065** Zoning – Eliminating Off-Street Parking Requirements

FOR the purpose of repealing requirements for providing a minimum number of off-street parking spaces per use type; setting certain parking maximums; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions and tables.

**Sponsors:** Zac Blanchard, Ryan Dorsey, Paris Gray, Zeke Cohen  
*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0066** Zoning – Housing Options and Opportunity

FOR the purpose of amending certain provisions of the Baltimore City Zoning Code to promote increased development of low-density multi-family dwellings in certain residential districts; striking residential conversion standards for single-family dwellings into multi-family dwellings; amending certain permitted and conditional uses; amending certain bulk and yard standards; and defining certain terms.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration), Ryan Dorsey, Paris Gray, Zac Blanchard  
*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0067** Acting City Official – Residency Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring a City employee serving as an acting official to be a City resident under certain circumstances; and defining a certain term.

**Sponsors:** Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

*Committee on Legislative Investigations*

**25-0068** Study and Report – Disparity Study – Returning Citizen-Owned and Employing Businesses

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Finance to conduct a disparity study to determine whether a disparity exists between the number of available businesses that are owned by returning citizens, or whose employees are comprised of 50% or more returning citizens, providing goods or services in specified business categories and the number who are contracting with the City as a prime contractor or subcontractor.

**Sponsors:** James Torrence, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

*Housing and Economic Development Committee*

**25-0069** Sale of Property – 1820 North Charles Street

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 that is located at 1820 North Charles Street (Block 0388, Lot 009) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration), James Torrence

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0070** Sale of Property – 242 South Patterson Park 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 property that is located at 242 South Patterson Park Avenue (Block 1758, Lot 020) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Office of the Comptroller), Mark Parker

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0071** Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District – Variances – 15 East West Street

FOR the purpose of 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 15 East West Street (Block 0965, Lot 046), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting a variance regarding certain bulk regulations (lot size area); and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Zac Blanchard

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0072** Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Units to 2 Dwelling Units Each in the R-8 Zoning District – 1703 and 1709 Edmondson Avenue

FOR the purpose of 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 1703 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 017) and a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1709 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0121, Lot 020), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** John Bullock

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0073** Zoning – Conditional Use Conversion to a Banquet Hall in the IMU-1 Zoning District – Variances – 1100 Wicomico Street

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the property known as 1100 Wicomico Street (Block 0811, Lot 060), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances regarding off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter

*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

**25-0074** Repeal of Ordinance 06-222 – Planned Unit Development – 1100 Wicomico Street

FOR the purpose of repealing Ordinance 06-222, which designated certain property located at 1100 Wicomico Street an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter  
*Land Use and Transportation Committee*

## Resolutions Introduced

**25-0025R** Recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month in Baltimore City and celebrating the significant contributions of AANHPI communities to the City's and the United States' history, economy, arts, and culture.

**Sponsors:** Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen  
*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**25-0026R** Recognizing June as Men's Health Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing June as Men's Health Month in Baltimore City, expressing the City Council's support for reestablishing the Baltimore City Health Department's Men's Health Center, and emphasizing the importance of using City resources for targeted services to support men's health and longevity, including in areas around mental health, preventative care, fatherhood, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and suicide.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen  
*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**25-0027R** Informational Hearing - Home Repair Assistance for Older Adults

FOR the purpose of inviting the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office of Older Adults Affairs and Advocacy, and relevant stakeholders to provide an update to the City Council on the status of home repair assistance programs for older adults in the City.

**Sponsors:** Odette Ramos, Mark Parker, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Zeke Cohen  
*Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee*

**Consent Calendar****2R Second Reader*****BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE***[25-0045](#)

Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) –  
\$90,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

[25-0046](#)

Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Health Department (Service 723 - Advocacy for Seniors) – \$90,236

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,236 to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to provide funding for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building community awareness of dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to provide services to the growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care givers; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*



[25-0047](#)

Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation –  
M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795  
(Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$206,822

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

[25-0048](#)

Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation –  
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(Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$1,375,655

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,375,655 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

**HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**[25-0003](#)

Historic Preservation – Conservation Districts – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing Conservation Districts; providing a study, proposal, and review process; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

John Bullock, Mark Conway, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, Phylcia Porter, Zac Blanchard, Jermaine Jones, Antonio "Tony" Glover, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

[25-0038](#) City Property – Naming the Playground Located at Senator Troy Brailey Easterwood Park to be the Margaret L. Powell Playground

FOR the purpose of naming the playground located at Senator Troy Brailey Easterwood Park to be the Margaret L. Powell Playground.

**Sponsors:** James Torrence, Mark Parker, Sharon Green Middleton, John Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

[25-0005](#) Arson Offender Registry – Registration Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the criteria for registering as an arson offender with the Police Commissioner; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration), Isaac "Yitzzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

### **3R Third Reader**

[25-0013](#) Child Health – Equitable Access to Health Services in City Schools

FOR the purpose of 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.

**Sponsors:** Phylicia Porter, Ryan Dorsey, Mark Conway, Isaac "Yitzzy" Schleifer, Sharon Green Middleton, James Torrence, Paris Gray, John Bullock, Jermaine Jones, Odette Ramos, Zeke Cohen

[25-0021](#) Rezoning – 3221 Frederick Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3221 Frederick Avenue (Block 2123A, Lot 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** John Bullock

[25-0022](#) Zoning – R-8 Zoning District – Conditional Use – Maximum Building Height – Variances – 1121 Bayard Street

FOR the purpose of granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations (minimum building height, rear-yard setback, and maximum lot coverage) on the property known as 1121 Bayard Street (Block 0767, Lot 032), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:** Phylcia Porter

[25-0023](#) Rezoning – 3200 Lily Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3200 Lily Avenue (Block 7566, Lot 035), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the I-1 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:** Phylcia Porter

[25-0035](#) Gas-Powered Debris Removal Equipment – Prohibition – Enforcement

FOR the purpose of clarifying and conforming certain provisions related to the enforcement of the prohibition of gas-powered debris removal equipment.

**Sponsors:** Ryan Dorsey, Mark Parker, Sharon Green Middleton, Paris Gray, Zac Blanchard

***Third Reader (requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)***

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## Committee Announcements

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**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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.