

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, November 4, 2019

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

Brandon M. Scott, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2: Danielle McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Bill Henry - District 5: Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: Leon F. Pinkett - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10: Edward Reisinger - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District 13: Shannon Sneed - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke

Call to Order**Invocation**

Pastor Wayne Lee, Christian Liberty Church

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Korner Boyz Enterprises

Youth Showcase

Students from Ms. Petra George's Class, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

October 28, 2019

Communications from the Mayor**Bills Signed by the Mayor**

October 23, 2019

[18-0294](#)

Rezoning - Certain Properties to be Rezoned to the New IMU-2 Zoning District

For the purpose of changing the zoning for certain properties, as outlined in red on the accompanying plats, from the I-MU Zoning District or the I-2 Zoning District, to the IMU-2 Zoning District, to reflect the establishment, by separate ordinance, of the new IMU-2 Zoning District; and making this ordinance subject to a certain contingency.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0337](#)**Jordan McNair Youth Athletic Protection Act**

For the purpose of establishing certain protections for youth athletes using Baltimore City Department of Recreations and Parks facilities; requiring that youth athletic coaches complete certain training; requiring that youth athletes be removed from athletic play if they are suspected to have sustained certain medical conditions; requiring that the Department of Recreation and Parks make an automated external defibrillator available to certain youth sports programs defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to youth athletic protection.

Sponsors:

Brandon M. Scott, President Young, Bill Henry, Ryan Dorsey, Eric T. Costello, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton

[19-0338](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1110 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 1110 Edmondson Avenue (Block 0114, Lot 037), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking regulations.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[19-0370](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1326 West Pratt 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 1326 West Pratt Street (Block 0248, Lot 030), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk (lot area) and off-street parking regulations.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[19-0377](#)**Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities**

For the purpose of prohibiting retaliation against whistleblowers for making covered disclosures; defining certain terms; establishing the Whistleblower Board; providing for the appointment, term, and service of Whistleblower Board members; authorizing the Whistleblower Board to adopt implementing rules, regulations, and procedures; establishing complaint procedures for whistleblowers; authorizing the Office of the Inspector General to investigate whistleblower complaints; detailing remedies and disciplinary action the Whistleblower Board can take when ruling on a whistleblower retaliation case; establishing judicial and appellate review; requiring training for supervisors and employees; and mandating that the Office of the Inspector General creates an administrative manual to further detail procedures relating whistleblower complaints.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Bill Henry, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Robert Stokes, Sr., Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, Edward Reisinger, John T. Bullock, Shannon Sneed

[19-0412](#)**City Property - Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station**

For the purpose of changing the name of Engine 52 Fire Station, located at 3525 Woodbrook Avenue, to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, President Brandon M. Scott

Bills Introduced[19-0465](#)**Port Covington District and Port Covington Community Benefits District Management Authority**

For the purpose of creating a community benefits district for Port Covington; specifying the boundaries of the district; creating a community benefits district management authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority's Board of Directors; designating the initial interim board of the authority and providing for the selection and approval of a full board, including authority to establish up to three classes of board memberships with certain approval rights granted to each class; creating the administrator for the authority and approving a potential administrator; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the district; providing for a supplemental tax to be collected for the Authority; authorizing the creation of separate classes and subclasses of property for the purpose of establishing different rates of supplemental tax; authorizing the creation of credits to facilitate a diverse residential mix; incorporating the assessment, collection and enforcement process for the supplemental tax within the procedures and processes already existing; specifying the role of the City in maintaining and enhancing existing services; encouraging the creation of partnerships between and among the Authority, the City, the state, the federal government and other property owners not subject to the supplemental tax; establishing the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the district and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, termination and approval of the District and the Authority; otherwise providing for the existence, operation and control of the District and the Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

*ORDINANCE**HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*[19-0466](#)**Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements - Corrective**

For the purpose of correcting a typographical error in the City Code regarding the appropriate number to text message in order to report human-trafficking; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry

*ORDINANCE**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE*

Resolutions Introduced

[19-0179R](#)

Informational Hearing - BGE Planned Power Outages

For the purpose of inviting representatives from BGE, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to discuss protocols and best practices for planned power outages.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, President Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke

RESOLUTION

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

[19-0180R](#)

Diversity of Programming

For the purpose of urging Comcast to comply with its franchise obligation to maximize the diversity of programming over the Comcast System.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed, President Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Bill Henry, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Mary Pat Clarke

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Judiciary

[19-0401](#)

Comprehensive Bag Reduction

For the purpose of repealing the Plastic Bag Reduction Program; prohibiting certain dealers from supplying customers with plastic bags for use as checkout bags; authorizing certain exemptions; defining certain terms; imposing certain civil and criminal penalties; imposing a surcharge on checkout bags supplied by dealers to certain customers; and providing for special effective dates.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Shannon Sneed, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, President Brandon M. Scott, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (for final passage)

[18-0307](#)

Water Accountability and Equity Act

For the purpose of increasing the availability or affordability of basic water and wastewater service to low-income consumers and assuring a fair process for all consumers before the City exercises its authority to cut off water services, impose liens, or take similar action; establishing for these purposes a Water-for-All Discount Program, an Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals, and a Committee for Office Oversight; establishing the eligibility requirements for the Water-for-All Discount Program and its grant of an annual billing credit, and providing for the credit's administration, computation, distribution, and recertification requirements and for the effect of midyear ineligibility, program arrears, and related matters; excepting recipients in the Water-for-All Discount Program from certain penalties imposed on certain delinquent service charges; providing for the operational independence of the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals as a neutral intermediary authorized to conduct problem-solving investigations of water and wastewater billing and related disputes and authorized, subject to certain limitations and the right to seek administrative and judicial appeals, to implement solutions to those disputes; specifying the personnel of the Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals who are required to file financial disclosure statements under the City Ethics Code; providing for the Committee for Office Oversight's composition, officers, meetings, and oversight duties; providing that the non-payment of water and wastewater charges subject to a pending request for Office investigation, review, or appeal, or for judicial or appellate review, may not serve as cause for a service cut-off, the imposition of a lien against property, or a property's inclusion in certain tax sales; requiring certain notices before, and imposing certain restrictions and limitations on, service cut-offs for delinquency of payments; requiring that persons who have been issued a cut-off notice be offered the opportunity to enter into an installment payment agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions; reducing the interest rate applicable to redemptions from tax sale of properties designated by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation as the owner's principal residence; defining various terms; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and providing for special effective dates.

Sponsors:

President Young, Bill Henry, Robert Stokes, Sr., Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Edward Reisinger

[19-0406](#)

Franchise - Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless

For the purpose of granting a franchise to Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a Delaware general partnership, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0407](#)**Franchise - New Cingular Wireless PCS**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain Communications Facilities in and across certain streets and Public Ways and Park Properties, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0413](#)**Planned Unit Development - Amendment 2 - Whitehall Cotton Mill**

For the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Whitehall Cotton Mill Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III

[19-0430](#)**Repeal of Ordinance 16-580 -Northwood Commons Planned Unit Development**

For the purpose of repealing Ordinance 16-580, which designated certain properties as a Business Planned Unit Development known as Northwood Commons; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

[19-0456](#)**High-Performance Newly Constructed Dwellings - Clarification**

For the purpose of clarifying the tax credit qualification deadline for certain high-performance newly constructed dwellings; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr.

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Cybersecurity and Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chair – Eric Costello

Legislative Oversight: LO19-0063 – Cyberattacks: Awareness, Prevention and Mitigation

CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Land Use Committee – Chair – Edward Reisinger

19-0159R – Investigative Hearing – Building Backups of Untreated Sewage

CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Health Committee – Chair – Kristerfer Burnett

Legislative Oversight: LO19-0064 – Discuss the State of Health in the City of Baltimore

CHARM TV 25

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Budget and Appropriations Committee – Eric Costello

Legislative Oversight: LO19-0060 – Monthly Oversight Hearing for the Baltimore City Police Department

CHARM TV 25

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019 AT 5:01 P.M

Public Safety Committee – Isaac Schleifer

Legislative Oversight: LO19-0059 – Monthly Crime Stats for the Police Department

CHARM TV 25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M

Education and Youth Committee – Zeke Cohen

19-0162R – Informational Hearing – Baltimore’s Fiscal Readiness for Kirwan

CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Land Use Committee – Chair – Edward Reisinger

19-0156R – Informational Hearing – Water Outages

CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Health Committee – Chair – Kristerfer Burnett

Legislative Oversight: LO19-0065 – Lead Paint in the City of Baltimore

CHARM TV 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M

Biennial Audits Oversight Commission Hearing

CHARM TV 25

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.