

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 13, 2020

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**

Father Carman, St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Dana Carr, Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

December 16, 2019

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

December 18, 2019

[19-0341](#)**Franchise - Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland to use and maintain the existing Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Sections A and C, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, as shown on the documents entitled “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Phase 1, Section A Route Map”, dated September, 1976 and filed in the Department of Public Works on October 1, 1976, and “Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System Section C Route Map”, dated April 1, 1988 and filed in the Department of Public Works on April 15, 1988, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0342](#)**Franchise - Central Light Rail**

For the purpose of granting a franchise to the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”), formerly known as the Mass Transit Administration, of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland ,to use and maintain the existing Central Light Rail System, located within the boundaries of the City of Baltimore, in accordance with a plat prepared by the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland, dated May 9, 1990, and filed in the office of the Department of Transportation of Baltimore City, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[19-0367](#)**Rezoning - 129 and 131 South Schroeder Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 129 and 131 South Schroeder Street (Block 0252, Lots 052 and 051), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-8 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[19-0389](#)**High-Performance Market-Rate Rental Housing (Citywide) -- Eligibility for Tax Credit**

For the purpose of modifying the number of rental units required to qualify a multi-family dwelling for a high-performance market-rate rental housing tax credit.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, John T. Bullock, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, Brandon M. Scott

[19-0415](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1700 West Franklin 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 1700 West Franklin Street (Block 0121, Lot 069), 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

[19-0416](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 2005 West Baltimore Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2005 West Baltimore Street (Block 0206, Lot 043), 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

[19-0418](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1047 North Caroline 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 1047 North Caroline Street (Block 1191, Lot 018), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking regulations.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr.

[19-0419](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District - Variance - 2310 Eutaw Place**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 2310 Eutaw Place (Block 3424, Lot 026), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain bulk (lot area) regulations.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III

[19-0421](#)**Rezoning - Rear Portions of 6240 and 6242 Bellona Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the rear portions of the properties known as 6240 and 6242 Bellona Avenue (Block 4976, Lots 11 and 11A), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1-VC Zoning District to the R-1-E Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry

[19-0424](#)**Corrective Bill 2019 - General**

For the purpose of correcting various errors and omissions in the City Code; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain inconsistent, superfluous, vague, and other unclear language; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott

[19-0432](#)**Campaign Signs in Residential Areas - Repeal of Earliest Date Requirement**

For the purpose of repealing a prohibition on erecting campaign signs on residential property prior to a certain date; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Sponsors:

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, President Brandon M. Scott, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Kristerfer Burnett, Edward Reisinger

[19-0457](#)**Elected Officials - Financial Disclosure**

For the purpose of requiring Baltimore City elected officials to disclose certain receipts made to business entities substantially controlled by the elected officials; altering the due date for elected officials to file financial disclosure statements; conforming related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, President Brandon M. Scott, Zeke Cohen, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Kristerfer Burnett, Bill Henry

[19-0459](#) **City Property - Naming the Courthouse East Building to be the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse**

For the purpose of naming the Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street, the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

[19-0468](#) **Child First Authority - Updating**

For the purpose of amending certain statutory provisions governing the Child First Authority to better reflect the Authority's status under City Charter Article II, § 64(b), as an "independent unit" of City government; conforming certain provisions to long-standing existing practice; and repealing certain obsolete provisions.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

[19-0471](#) **Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities - Effective Date Modification**

For the purpose of modifying the effective date of Ordinance 19-308 {"Whistleblower Rights and Responsibilities"}; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Bills Introduced

[20-0482](#) **Inclusionary Housing Requirements - "Sunset" Extension**

For the purpose of extending the automatic termination of Ordinance 07-474 {"Inclusionary Housing"}; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the promotion of affordable residential units.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Housing and Community Development

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[20-0483](#) **Public Ethics Law - Gifts to Elected Officials and Staff**

For the purpose of expanding certain provisions to prohibit elected officials and their staff from soliciting or accepting certain gifts in enumerated circumstances; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors: President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[20-0188R](#)**Informational Hearing - Syringe Service Expansion**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Department, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and the Law Department to explain the status of syringe service programs in the City and the state.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

HEALTH COMMITTEE

[20-0189R](#)**Informational Hearing - Overdose Prevention Sites**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Health Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Fire Department, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and the Law Department to provide information about overdose prevention sites and how they could be established in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

HEALTH COMMITTEE

[20-0190R](#)**Informational Hearing - Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice's Response to High Homicide Rate**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to inform the City Council how the Office plans to lower the City's homicide rate in 2020.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[20-0191R](#)**Recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

For the purpose of recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and recognizing the tireless and ongoing efforts of the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative in educating the citizens of Baltimore to assist in the prevention of human trafficking and supporting victims of human sex and labor trafficking.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Eric T. Costello, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0192R](#)**Informational Hearing - Are We Prepared for Election 2020?**

For the purpose of inviting the President of the Baltimore City Board of Elections and the Election Director for the Baltimore City Board of Elections to brief the City Council on preparations and readiness for the upcoming 2020 primary and general elections in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke

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LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader**Health**[19-0410](#)**The Baltimore City Trauma-Responsive Care Act**

For the purpose of establishing the Trauma-Informed Care Task Force and its members; setting forth certain duties of the Task Force; requiring certain agencies to designate certain individuals to undergo formal training in trauma-informed care and to perform certain other duties related to ensuring that certain agencies are delivering services in a manner consistent with best practices in trauma-informed care; requiring certain agencies to submit periodic progress reports to the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council regarding the re-orientation of certain city services to focus on trauma-informed care; re-constituting the current Office of Children, Youth, and Families to be the Office of Children and Family Success; making a primary duty of the Office of Children and Family Success to lead a citywide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of services; defining certain terms; correcting and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to providing trauma-informed services to the citizens of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0476](#)**Tobacco Distribution - Conforming Modifications**

For the purpose of conforming the City Health Code with certain amendments made by Chapter 396, 2019 Laws of Maryland; prohibiting the distribution of certain tobacco products to individuals under 21; providing for an exception for active military personnel; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development[19-0168R](#)**Growing the Film Industry in Baltimore**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts to speak at an informational hearing regarding the current status and future potential of the film industry in Baltimore, and asking the 2020 Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly to support an increase in Film Production Activity Tax Credit amounts in order to maintain and grow the film industry in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, President Brandon M. Scott, Shannon Sneed, Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[19-0169R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office**

For the purpose of inviting the Chief of the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office to report to the City Council on the effectiveness of meeting Minority Business Enterprises and Women's Business Enterprises participation goals.

Sponsors:

Bill Henry, President Brandon M. Scott, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Sharon Green Middleton, Danielle McCray, Robert Stokes, Sr., Mary Pat Clarke

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

We are live streaming more to you now than ever before! Please visit <https://baltimore.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to view all legislative hearings, work sessions, voting sessions and council meetings that are covered by 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.