

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 27, 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

Deaconess Kate Okafor, Agape Christian Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Showcase Baltimore

Sonia Dowuona, Baltimore City Initiatives, MYLAW: Maryland Youth & the Law

Youth Showcase

Students, Baltimore International Academy

Roll Call

Approval of the Journal

January 13, 2020

Communications from the Mayor

Bills Signed by the Mayor

January 13, 2020 and January 23, 2020

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

[19-0401](#)**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

[19-0403](#)**Fair Election Fund - Establishment and Administration**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Fair Election Fund authorized by City Charter Article I, § 15 to provide public campaign financing for candidates for City elective office; regulating certain campaign finance activity of a candidate for City elective office who voluntarily accepts public campaign financing; providing for the powers and duties of the City Fair Election Fund Commission; requiring that the Commission educate the citizens of Baltimore on regarding the Fund and how to participate; requiring that the Commission perform certain periodic reviews; establishing certain qualifications for applicants to receive public campaign financing; establishing an application process; authorizing the Maryland State Board of Elections to assist in the administration and enforcement of the public campaign financing system; establishing certain Fund distribution requirements; providing for certain penalties for violations of the public campaign financing system; defining certain terms; conforming and correcting related provisions; generally relating to the administration of the Fair Election Fund; and providing for special effective dates.

Sponsors:

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

[19-0443](#)**Gun Offender Registration - Additional Violations**

For the purpose of amending the definition of “gun offender” to add certain criminal violations for which a conviction would require an individual to register with the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and conforming, correcting, and clarifying related provisions.

Bills Introduced[20-0484](#)**Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2024**

For the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

*MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*

[20-0485](#)**Property Tax Credit - Veterans**

For the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain veterans or their surviving spouses; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for qualified veterans or their surviving spouses.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[20-0486](#)**Private Security Camera System Rebate Program - Establishment**

For the purpose of establishing a Private Security Camera System Rebate Program in Baltimore City; setting forth certain eligibility requirements; requiring that applicants to the Program submit an application containing certain specified information; providing that the Director of Finance pay a rebate to certain property owners or lessees that meet certain Program requirements; permitting the Director of Finance to prioritize applications for rebates based on equity and certain other metrics; requiring the adoption of rules and regulations to carry out the Program; requiring that the Department of Planning and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice collaborate with the Director of Finance on the Program's rules and regulations; mandating that the Director of Finance provide the Mayor and City Council with an annual report detailing certain data about the Program; providing for criminal penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to a Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Mary Pat Clarke, President Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Shannon Sneed, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

[20-0487](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use - Amending Ordinance 18-170**

For the purpose of amending Ordinance 18-170, as enacted by Ordinance 14-206 and amended by Ordinance 16-469 and last amended by Ordinance 18-170, to reauthorize and continue the permission for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a parking lot for the parking of 4 or more automobiles on the property known as 4001 Roland Avenue; providing for the automatic termination of this Ordinance; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke

ORDINANCE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[20-0488](#)**Construction Projects - Project Labor Agreements**

For the purpose of requiring project labor agreements for certain construction projects in Baltimore City; providing for the content of those agreements; permitting the Director of Finance to waive the project labor agreement requirement under certain circumstances; allowing for rules and regulations; and defining certain terms.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed, President Brandon M. Scott, Mary Pat Clarke, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen

ORDINANCE

LABOR COMMITTEE

[20-0489](#)**Charter Amendment - Board of Estimates - Composition**

For the purpose reconstituting the Board of Estimates to comprise the Mayor, Comptroller, and City Council President; correcting, conforming, and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

President Brandon M. Scott

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

EQUITY AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[20-0193R](#)**Informational Hearing - State of Baltimore City's Labor Market**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office of Employment Development and the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success to brief the City Council on the state of the labor market, particularly regarding youth unemployment and the employment of returning citizens.

Sponsors:

Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, President Brandon M. Scott, Eric T. Costello, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

LABOR COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader***Executive Appointments***[EA19-0258](#)**Patricia Roberts**

Member - Employees Retirements System Board of Trustees - District 6

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Health

[19-0183R](#)

Informational Hearing - Fish Kills

For the purpose of requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to testify at an informational hearing regarding a recent pipe break that spilled chlorinated water into Dead Run stream and killed 2000 fish.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, President Brandon M. Scott, Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Housing and Urban Affairs

[19-0383](#)

City Streets - Closing - Bauernschmidt Alley and 2 10-Foot Alleys Bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North Washington Street, and Federal Street

For the purpose of condemning and closing Bauernschmidt Alley and 2 10-foot alleys bounded by North Gay Street, East Oliver Street, North Washington Street, and Federal Street, as shown on Plat 309-A-29A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Land Use

[19-0445](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District - 817 Chauncey 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-7 Zoning District on the property known as 817 Chauncey Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Leon F. Pinkett, III

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0454](#)

Rezoning - Block 7653C, Lot 029

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as Block 7653C, Lot 029, located in the rear of 3819 Wilkens Avenue (Block 7653C, Lot 011), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development[19-0320](#)**Passenger-for-Hire Services Tax - Corrective**

For the purpose of correcting provisions governing the City's passenger-for-hire excise tax to conform with limitations imposed by State law; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the imposition and collection of an excise tax on passenger-for-hire services.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[19-0448](#)**Sale of Property - 801 Braddish 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 known as 801 Braddish Avenue (Block 2373, Lot 001) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[19-0469](#)**Release of Easement - 10 South Howard Street**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to release a pedestrian easement located on the property known as 10 South Howard Street and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[19-0479](#)**Property Tax Credit - Low-Income Employees of the City of Baltimore**

For the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain low-income employees of the City of Baltimore; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (for final passage)

[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)

Enrolled Third Reader (for final passage)

[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

Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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.