

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, June 8, 2015

5:00 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

City Council

*Bernard C. "Jack" Young, President of the Council
District 1: James Kraft - District 2: Brandon M. Scott
District 3: Robert W. Curran - District 4: Bill Henry
District 5: Rochelle "Rikki" Spector - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton
District 7: Nick Mosby - District 8: Helen L. Holton
District 9: William "Pete" Welch - District 10: Edward L. Reisinger
District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Carl Stokes
District 13: Warren Branch - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Reverend Medgar Reid, Keswick Multi-Care Center

Pledge of Allegiance**Roll Call****Showcase Baltimore**

Ryan A. Turner, AKOBEN Foundation, Inc.

Approval of the Journal

June 1, 2015

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

June 5, 2015

[14-0430](#)**Sale of Property - 3314-3318 Ayrdale 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 3314-3318 Ayrdale Avenue (Block 2900, Lot 009) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0437](#)**City Streets - Closing - A Portion of Old Hawkins Point Road Between Curtis Creek and Pennington Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Old Hawkins Point Road between Pennington Avenue and the waters of Curtis Creek, as shown on Plat 204-A-28A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0438](#)**Sale of Property - Former Bed of a Portion of Old Hawkins Point Road
Between Curtis Creek and Pennington 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 a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of Old Hawkins Point Road, extending from Pennington Avenue to the waters of Curtis Creek and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0452](#)**Sale of Property - 17, 19, and 23 South Gay 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 properties known as 17, 19, and 23 South Gay Street (Ward 04, Section 11, Block 1351, Lots 014, 015, and 016), consisting of approximately 0.3 acres, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0473](#)**Rezoning - 31-35 North Fulton Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 31-35 North Fulton Avenue, as outlined in black on the accompanying plat, from the R-9 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

William "Pete" Welch

[15-0475](#)**Drug Paraphernalia and Smoking Aids - Commercial Display to Minors**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain drug paraphernalia and smoking aids to minors; defining a certain term; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to drug paraphernalia and smoking aids.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, President Young, James B. Kraft, Warren Branch, Eric T. Costello, Helen L. Holton, Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, Edward Reisinger, Mary Pat Clarke, Brandon M. Scott, William "Pete" Welch, Nick Mosby and Robert Curran

[15-0482](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 2-Family Dwelling Unit to a
3-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-7 Zoning District - 3425-3427 Keswick Road**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 2-family dwelling unit to a 3-family dwelling unit in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 3425-3427 Keswick Road, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke

Resolutions Introduced

[15-0236R](#)

No Residential Water Shut-Offs Until Delinquent Commercial Accounts are Addressed

FOR the purpose of calling on the Department of Public Works to halt water shut-off efforts directed against residential accounts owing hundreds of dollars each until it has collected from, or shut-off water to, the commercial accounts that owe the City millions in unpaid water bills.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Mary Pat Clarke, James B. Kraft, Helen L. Holton, William "Pete" Welch, Rochelle Spector and Brandon M. Scott

RESOLUTION

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Land Use and Transportation

[15-0486](#)

Rezoning - A Portion of 901 South Caton Avenue

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as 901 South Caton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the O-R-2 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0513](#)

Rezoning - Certain Properties in the Sharp-Leadenhall Community - Block 0947

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for certain properties in the Sharp-Leadenhall Community: as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District; as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District; as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District; and as outlined in yellow on the accompanying plat, from the O-R-3 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Public Safety[15-0225R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Police Wagon Safety**

FOR the purpose of calling on the Police Commissioner and representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department to appear before the City Council to discuss the current state of the Department's wagon fleet, what steps can be taken to improve the safety of individuals being transported in these wagons, and how the Department plans to address concerns about wagon safety in the immediate future.

Sponsors:

Brandon M. Scott, President Young, Bill Henry, James B. Kraft, Robert Curran, Carl Stokes, Eric T. Costello, Nick Mosby, William "Pete" Welch, Rochelle Spector, Sharon Green Middleton, Helen L. Holton, Edward Reisinger and Mary Pat Clarke

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development[15-0514](#)**Fire and Police Employees - Retirement System - Benefit Payments**

FOR the purpose of amending the provisions relating to the payments of benefits; amending certain administrative provisions to reflect current actuarial and accounting practices; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System of the City of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0521](#)**Poppleton Development District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "development district" to be known as the "Poppleton Development District"; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the development district; creating a special, tax increment fund for the development district; allocating certain property taxes to that fund; making certain findings and determinations; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the development district and the establishment and use of the special, tax increment fund to provide for the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service which the City is obligated to pay or has paid (whether such obligation is general or limited) on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City in connection with the development district, the replenishment of any reserve fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the development district.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

[15-0522](#)**Poppleton Special Obligation Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of special obligation bonds; authorizing the pledge by the City, subject to appropriation, of Tax Increment Revenues and Special Tax Revenues (as such terms are defined herein) to the payment of debt service on such special obligation bonds, the replenishment of any reserves, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs; providing that such bonds may be issued from time to time and in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$58,311,000 for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements and related costs, including, without limitation, the Project (defined herein), and other necessary improvements to, from, or within the development district, and certain other infrastructure improvements permitted by the Acts (defined herein); providing for the method and sources of payment for such special obligation bonds; providing that the City, in each fiscal year in which any such bonds are outstanding, use its best efforts to obtain the appropriation of the Tax Increment Revenues and the Special Tax Revenues in the amounts and at the times specified in a trust agreement or agreements between the City and a bank or trust company appointed as trustee thereunder; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve the details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such special obligation bonds and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, and payment of such special obligation bonds; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the issuance and payment of such special obligation bonds.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AND WITH AMENDMENT

[15-0523](#)**Poppleton Special Taxing District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "special taxing district" to be known as the "Poppleton Special Taxing District"; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the special taxing district; creating a special fund for the special taxing district; providing for the levy of a special tax on all taxable real and personal property located in the special taxing district; authorizing the pledge of the special tax revenues to the payment by or reimbursement to the City for debt service on any special obligation bonds or notes issued by the City in connection with the special taxing district, the replenishment of any reserve fund; providing for a special effective date; and generally providing for matters relating to the designation and operation of the special taxing district, the establishment and use of the special fund, and the payment of certain expenses and administrative costs related to the operation of the special taxing district.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

3R Third Reader***Third Reader (to be held one meeting)***[15-0478](#)**Rezoning - 801-809 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 801-809 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

[15-0505](#)**Rezoning - 5601 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5601 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

[15-0506](#)**Planned Unit Development - Designation - 5601 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of approving the application of TRP-MCB 5601 Eastern, LLC, owner of certain property located at 5601 Eastern Avenue, to have that property designated a Business Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

Third Reader (for final passage)[14-0459](#)**City Streets - Closing - Certain Alleys in the Area Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27A in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0460](#)**City Streets - Opening - Certain Alleys in the Area Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue**

FOR the purpose of condemning and opening a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, as shown on Plat 309-A-27 in the Office of the Department of General Services; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[14-0461](#)**Sale of Property - Former Beds of a 3-Foot Alley and a 4-Foot Alley Bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon 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 the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, West 28th Street, and Huntingdon Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0476](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-7 Zoning District - 2515 Brookfield Avenue**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a 1-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 2515 Brookfield Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby

[15-0496](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 1301 North Broadway**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to a 2-family dwelling unit in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1301 North Broadway, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Carl Stokes

[15-0498](#)**Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Gifts - Duplicative Exemptions**

FOR the purpose of consolidating certain overlapping and redundant exemptions for gifts related to the payment of expenses for a speaking engagement or for participation on a panel; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0499](#)**Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Gifts - Closing Gaps**

FOR the purpose of clarifying expressly that certain prohibitions encompass gifts from persons that a public servant knows or has reason to know seek to engage in an activity that is regulated by the public servant's agency or from persons that have recently been lobbyists with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the public servant; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0500](#)**Public Ethics Law - Prohibited Interests - Clarifications**

FOR the purpose of clarifying expressly that certain prohibitions encompass employment by or financial interests in persons having or negotiating certain "blanket" and other contracts with the City or with any agency of the City; requiring certain disclosures; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0501](#)**Public Ethics Law - Financial Disclosure - Repeal of Pointless Exception**

FOR the purpose of repealing an inapposite and effectively meaningless exception from local disclosure requirements for persons who submit copies of State disclosure statements; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to ethics in the public sector.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING)

Budget and Appropriations Committee, Helen Holton – Chair

15-0533 – Budget Hearings – Taxpayers' Night/Constant Yield Tax Rate, Annual Property Tax – Fiscal Year 2016

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M

Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger – Chair

Work Session: 12-0152 – TransForm Baltimore – Appendix A - Tables

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations, James B. Kraft - Chair

15-0220R - Informational Hearing - Cleaner Streets

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.