

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Thursday, December 10, 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**

Pastor Jacob Simpson, Salem Lutheran Church

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

Mark Pettis, Learning is For Tomorrow, Inc.

Approval of the Journal

December 7, 2015

Communications from the Mayor**Executive Nominations**

[EA15-0304](#)

John D. Barber, Jr.
Member - Wage Commission

[EA15-0305](#)

Kevin Loeb
Member - Community Relations Commission - 5th District

[EA15-0306](#)

Adote' Richard Ghandi Akwei
Member - Community Relations Commission - 2nd District

Bills Introduced

[15-0603](#)

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Mayor's Office of Human Services - \$100,000

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to the Mayor's Office of Human Services - Service 356 (Administration), to provide funding to support the Journey Home Director position, which was previously privately funded; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0604](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Mayor's Office of Human Services - \$1,165,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,165,000 to the Mayor's Office of Human Services - Service 895 (Temporary Housing for the Homeless), to provide funding to maintain the Baltimore Station overflow shelter for 125 men and to establish a low barrier shelter where individuals can receive services while being with their partners and pets and while working on their health challenges; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0605](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$54,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$54,000 to the Health Department - Service 716 (Animal Services), to provide funding to support half the cost of a full-time veterinarian position at BARCS; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0606](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Office of Civil Rights - \$186,248**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$186,248 to the Office of Civil Rights - Service 848 (Police Community Relations), to provide funding for 4 contractual positions within Police Community Relations that will allow the Civilian Review Board to better serve the public; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0607](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation -
Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$500,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Miscellaneous General Expenses - Service 122 (Miscellaneous General Expenses), to provide funding for settlement of residents' claims as a result of the collapse of a portion of East 26th Street in April 2014; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0608](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation -
Department of Planning - \$500,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Department of Planning - Service 761 (Development Oversight and Project Support), to provide funding for community greening projects in targeted neighborhoods throughout the City; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0609](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Police
Department - \$346,923**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$346,923 to the Police Department - Service 642 (Crime Laboratory), to provide funding for 10 new contractual Police Department Crime Lab positions in Fiscal 2016 (\$246,923) and for new equipment and supplies needed for evidence processing (\$100,000); and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0610](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Police Department - \$8,400,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,400,000 to the Police Department - Service 621 (Administration), to provide funding for the settlement approved by the Board of Estimates, on September 9, 2015, for the family of Freddie Gray (\$6,400,000), for outside legal expenses for the Freddie Gray case, and for the ongoing Department of Justice Review of the Police Department (\$2,000,000); and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[15-0611](#)**Admissions and Amusement Tax - Arena Artistic Performance Exemption**

FOR the purpose of exempting certain artistic performances from the admissions and amusement tax; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the admissions and amusement tax.

Sponsors:

President Young, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Eric T. Costello, James B. Kraft, Mary Pat Clarke and Edward Reisinger

ORDINANCE

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[15-0612](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2-Family Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - 2229 Callow Avenue**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2-family dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2229 Callow Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Nick Mosby

ORDINANCE

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader

Health

[15-0584](#)

Psychoactive Substances

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the distribution of psychoactive substances; defining certain terms; imposing administrative sanctions, civil fines, and criminal penalties for violations; and providing for the seizure, testing, and destruction of these substances.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

[15-0590](#)

Demolition, etc., of City Structures

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the demolition or reconstruction of certain City-owned structures unless expressly authorized by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council; defining certain terms; and requiring that, on introduction of a proposed authorizing ordinance, the bill be referred to certain agencies for their reports and recommendations.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Land Use and Transportation

[12-0062](#)

Planned Unit Development - Designation - Holabird Manor Condominiums

FOR the purpose of repealing the existing Planned Unit Development for Holabird Manor Senior Retirement Community and approving a new Development Plan for the Holabird Manor Condominiums Planned Unit Development.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

[15-0553](#)

Planned Unit Development - Designation - 4701 O'Donnell Street

FOR the purpose of approving the application of 4701 O'Donnell Street, LLC, owner of certain property located at 4701 O'Donnell Street, to have that property designated an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

[15-0554](#)**Planned Unit Development - Brewers Hill**

FOR the purpose of repealing the existing Development Plan for the Brewers Hill Planned Unit Development and approving a new Development Plan for the Brewers Hill Planned Unit Development.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

[15-0571](#)**Rezoning - 3232, 3234, and 3236-3244 Eastern Avenue**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 3232, 3234, and 3236-3244 Eastern Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the B-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James B. Kraft

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0573](#)**Rezoning - 502 Albemarle Street and a Portion of Duker Alley**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 502 Albemarle Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the B-3-2 Zoning District and the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-4 Zoning District, and by changing the zoning for a portion of the property known as Duker Alley, 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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Public Safety[15-0250R](#)**Baltimore City Police Academy at Coppin State University**

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore City Police Department do a thorough evaluation of the cost and resource benefits of conducting all or parts of Police Academy training and Police Officer enhanced training at Coppin State University's Bishop L. Robinson Sr. Justice Institute to take advantage of Coppin State University's expertise and state of the art facilities, and calling on representatives from the Police Department and Coppin State University to appear before the Council to discuss a mutually beneficial partnership for police training.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

[15-0264R](#)

Restoring 911 as an Efficient and Responsive Public Safety Partner Upon Which Baltimore City Callers Can Confidently Rely for Help
FOR the purpose of calling upon the City Administration and Baltimore Police Department to immediately restore 911 operators and dispatchers as public safety employees with the Baltimore Police Department; to cross-train operators and dispatchers so that both groups can handle either position; and to provide adequate staffing and sufficient management to avoid busy signals, delayed dispatch of crimes in progress, and other current miscommunications which have negatively affected citizen confidence in a 911 system on which our calls for help and very lives depend.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

3R Third Reader***Third Reader (to be held one meeting)***[13-0299](#)

Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a 1-Family Dwelling Unit to a 2-Family Dwelling Unit in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 2642 McElderry Street

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-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2642 McElderry Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain lot size, rear yard setback, and off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Warren Branch

Third Reader (for final passage)[15-0467](#)

Departments of Public Works, Transportation, and General Services - Conforming Code References to Charter Allocations

FOR the purpose of correcting agency references rendered obsolete by Charter amendments that have reallocated various powers and duties among these agencies; repealing certain obsolete or obsolescent provisions related to these and other units of City government; correcting, clarifying, and conforming the language of related provisions; and generally relating to the administration and regulation of public works, surveys, public and private streets, highways, rights-of-way, transit and traffic, and general services.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0563](#)**Sale of Property - a Portion of the Former Bed of Cardiff 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 located in Block 6840 adjacent to Lot 1/22 that is part of the former bed of Cardiff Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0564](#)**Waterfront Management District - Extension of District**

FOR the purpose of extending the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks; modifying the criteria for local businesses, organizations, and residents to be represented on the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Management Authority; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; making this ordinance subject to certain contingencies; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Waterfront Management District and Authority.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0565](#)**Personal Property Tax Credits - Food Desert Incentive Areas**

FOR the purpose of establishing a tax credit against the personal property tax imposed on qualified supermarkets in Food Desert Incentive Areas; 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 personal property tax credit for certain supermarkets.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0579](#)**Fire and Police Employees- Retirement System - Regular Interest**

FOR the purpose of modifying the definition of "regular interest" for valuation purposes; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

[15-0586](#)**University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark Development District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "development district" to be known as the "University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark 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)

[15-0588](#)**University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark Special Taxing District**

FOR the purpose of designating a "special taxing district" to be known as the "University of Maryland Baltimore BioPark 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)

[15-0591](#)**Solid Waste Management Plan for 2013-2023 - Amendments**

FOR the purpose of amending the City's Solid Waste Management Plan for 2013-2023 to include certain supplemental information required by the State; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Solid Waste Management Plan for Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Clearing of the Bill Status

12-0104, 12-0168, 12-0169, 12-0170, 13-0189, 13-0242, 13-0267, 13-0284, 13-0297, 13-0298, 13-0302, 14-0308, 14-0309, 14-0310, 14-0311, 14-0315, 14-0316, 14-0351, 14-0353, 14-0394, 14-0395, 14-0411, 14-0421, 14-0425, 14-0427, 14-0433, 14-0440, 14-0445, 15-0483, 15-0495, 15-0497, 15-0509, 15-0510, 15-0511

12-0009R, 13-0136R, 14-0147R, 14-0158R, 14-0159R, 14-0182R, 15-0203R

Committee Announcements**Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment**Cable Hearing Schedule**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
Voting Session: 12-0152 – Transform Baltimore – Text Amendments
(RECORDED)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
Voting Session: 12-0152 – Transform Baltimore – Text Amendments
(RECORDED)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
12-0152 – Transform Baltimore – Map Amendments
(Location: Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 1400 W. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21209)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M
Judiciary and Legislative Investigations, James B. Kraft - Chair
15-0567 - Charter Amendment - Children and Youth Fund

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
Work Session/Voting Session: 12-0152 – Transform Baltimore – Title 17 – Signs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M
Land Use and Transportation Committee, Edward Reisinger - Chair
Voting Session: 12-0152 – Transform Baltimore – Zoning

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.