

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, December 7, 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 Norman Eaton, Greater Hope Worship Center

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

Students of UMD Cure Scholars Program

**Approval of the Journal**

November 16, 2015

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

November 17, 2015 and November 19, 2015

[15-0545](#)

**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3-Family Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 704 North Gilmore Street**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3-family dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 704 North Gilmore Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain lot area size, off-street parking, and floor area ratio requirements.

**Sponsors:**

William "Pete" Welch

[15-0557](#)**Foreclosure Prevention - Partnerships with Nonprofits and Financial Institutions**

FOR the purpose of supporting the effort to get delinquent mortgages into the hands of nonprofits for the purpose of saving homes from foreclosure and creating affordable housing; and committing the City of Baltimore to meet with financial entities with the goal of encouraging them to sell more delinquent mortgages to qualified non-profits that have the funding and infrastructure to purchase, service, and hold the mortgages, and a track record doing so.

**Sponsors:**

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

[15-0558](#)**Animal Fighting Paraphernalia**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the possession, sale, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in or otherwise promote or facilitate an animal fight; defining certain terms; listing relevant factors in determining whether an object is an item of animal fighting paraphernalia; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to the objects used or intended or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or breeding for, in conducting, or otherwise in furtherance of animal fights.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration) and Robert Curran

[15-0561](#)**Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland for the Designation of a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone**

FOR the purpose of approving the designation of the University of Maryland at Baltimore as a "qualified institution" under the State's Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone ("RISE Zone") Program; approving and joining in the application for designation of a RISE Zone at 873 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland; and granting a real property tax credit for qualified properties in this RISE Zone.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

**Bills Introduced**[15-0597](#)**Charter Amendment - Subdivision Regulation - Agency Endorsements**

FOR the purpose of correcting an obsolete reference to the Department of General Services to reflect and conform with the transfer of certain powers and duties from that agency to the Department of Transportation, as mandated by Charter Resolution 14-016 (ratified Nov. 2, 2014); and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION*

*At the request of: Department of Transportation*

*JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS*

[15-0598](#)**City Streets - Closing - The Beds of Berlin Street, Ontario Avenue, West Hamburg Street, and 2 10-Foot Alleys**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing the beds of Berlin Street, Ontario Avenue, West Hamburg Street, and 2 10-foot alleys lying between the Gwynns Falls, Wicomico Street, Little Market Street, and Berlin Street in Mount Winans, as shown on Plat 101-C-60A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

*ORDINANCE*

*At the request of: Department of Transportation*

*HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

[15-0599](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of 2 Dwelling Units to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - 35 South Fulton Avenue**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of 2 dwelling units to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 35 South Fulton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

**Sponsors:**

William "Pete" Welch

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

[15-0600](#)**Planned Unit Development - Amendment 2 - Greektown Redevelopment**

FOR the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Greektown Redevelopment Planned Unit Development.

**Sponsors:**

James B. Kraft

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

[15-0601](#)**Rezoning - 609-611 South Caroline Street**

FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 609-611 South Caroline Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the B-1-2 Zoning District to the M-3 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:**

James B. Kraft

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

[15-0602](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Parking, Open Off-Street Area - 1500 Fleet Street and 515-531 South Caroline Street**

FOR the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a parking, open off-street area on the properties known as 1500 Fleet Street and 515-531 South Caroline Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

**Sponsors:**

James B. Kraft

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*

**Resolutions Introduced**[15-0278R](#)**Informational Hearing - Changes to Food Supplement Program Benefits Schedule**

FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Health Department and the State Department of Human Resources appear before the City Council to discuss the change in the SNAP benefit distribution schedule, the short and long term pluses and minuses of this shift, and what resources are available to assist SNAP recipients who may experience difficulties in feeding their families while the benefit schedule is adjusted.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*HEALTH COMMITTEE*

[15-0279R](#)**Task Force on Improving Baltimore City's Inclusionary Housing Program**

FOR the purpose of calling for the creation of a task force to propose revisions to Baltimore City's Inclusionary Housing Program which will increase the supply, distribution, and quality of affordable housing across the City, so that we can better meet the needs and demands of current and future residents.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

## Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

## 2R Second Reader

### *Executive Appointments*

[EA15-0303](#)

**Dana Petersen Moore**

Member - Planning Commission - 14th District

*RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION*

### *Judiciary and Legislative Investigations*

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

[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*

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

[15-0274R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Public Housing Residents - Sexual Abuse Allegations**

FOR the purpose of calling on the Housing Commissioner, and other Housing Authority of Baltimore City officials, to appear before the City Council to address the reprehensible allegations of sexual abuse of public housing residents at the hands of HABC employees, and to explain Housing's response, or lack thereof, to these allegations once they were made aware of them.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

**Land Use and Transportation**[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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

**Taxation, Finance and Economic Development**[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT*

**Urban Affairs and Aging**[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT***3R Third Reader****Third Reader (for final passage)**[15-0549](#)**Release of Right-of-Way - a 20-Foot Wide Right-of-Way through the Former Bed of Tyson Street**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all its interests in and to the 20-foot wide right-of-way heretofore granted the City of Baltimore through the former bed of Tyson Street, extending from West Franklin Street northerly 380 feet, more or less, to West Centre Street, in the vicinity of North Howard Street and Park Avenue, the location and course of the 20-foot wide right-of-way to be released being shown on a plat numbered RW 20-36387 in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**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)

**Bills Withdrawn**[15-0592](#)**Sale of Property - NES Pennsylvania Avenue 140'4" N.W. of West Franklin Street (Block 546, Lot 004A)**

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 NES Pennsylvania Avenue 140'4" N.W. of West Franklin Street (Block 546, Lot 004A) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

**Committee Announcements****Announcements**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015 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.