

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, April 13, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting: +1408-418-9388, Code: 71423058
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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

Pledge of Allegiance

Showcase Baltimore

Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks

Roll Call

Approval of the Journal

April 6, 2020

Communications from the Mayor

Executive Nominations

[EA20-0268](#)

Eric Stephenson

Member - Planning Commission - District 9

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced

[20-0514](#)**Bond Issue - Affordable Housing Loan - \$12,000,000**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution I and Senate Resolution I of 2020 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$12,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the remainder of such proceeds to be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing Program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of the land or property, including any and all rights of interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of the land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of, any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; costs related to the rehabilitation and new construction of and operation of rental and homeownership developments, such costs to include but not be limited to relocation assistance, rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and project financing comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants or other related activities and buyer education assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of such certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the

provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Planning

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[20-0515](#)**Bond Issue - School Loan - \$38,000,000**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution II and Senate Resolution II of 2020 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$38,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the bonds); and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and demolishing, constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property now or hereafter owned by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and/or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, new school buildings, athletic and other auxiliary facilities including community health and recreation facilities, and for additions and improvements to, or the modernization or reconstruction of, including the inspection, removal, encapsulation, management, containment and abatement of asbestos from existing facilities, and for equipment for any and all new or existing facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, added, improved, modernized or reconstructed by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services, including, without limitation, services relating to planning for future projects of the same general character which may be constructed out of future loans; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring certain powers upon the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; imposing certain conditions in connection with the expenditure of the proceeds derived from the sale of said certificates of indebtedness; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the Election to be held on Tuesday, the 3d day of November, 2020, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Planning

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[20-0516](#)**Bond Issue - Community and Economic Development Loan - \$38,000,000**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution III and Senate Resolution III of 2020 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$38,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the remainder of such proceeds to be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the community, commercial and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; building from strength; stabilizing middle neighborhoods, strengthening neighborhood retail corridors, the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving the cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City; and the lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes and the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper, or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; all such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated, rehabilitated, altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board

of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Planning

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[20-0517](#)**Bond Issue - Public Infrastructure Loan - \$72,000,000**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution IV and Senate Resolution IV of 2020 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$72,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the bonds); for the development of the public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology, public park and recreational and related land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including but not limited to, the acquisition by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property, new buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities; and for the renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing infrastructure, buildings, structures or facilities, to be or now being used for or in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, including information technology infrastructure, and other structures or improvements; for the acquisition and installation of trees or for tree planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment and fixtures for any and all facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, altered, reconstructed, renovated, installed or improved by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration), Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Planning

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE[20-0518](#)**RPP Area 2 (Morgan) - Plan Amendment**

For the purpose of adding the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Argonne Drive, odd side, to the Parking Management Plan for RPP Area 2; and correcting related language.

Sponsors:

Mary Pat Clarke

*ORDINANCE**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE*[20-0519](#)**Children and Youth Fund - Establishment of Permanent Fiscal Agent**

For the purpose of designating a permanent fiscal agent to administer the Children and Youth Fund; establishing that the fiscal agent be governed and administered by a Board of Directors; requiring that the Board of Directors adopt bylaws that detail the governance of the fiscal agent; requiring that the Board of Directors submit an annual proposed financial plan to the Board of Estimates; providing that the City Council hold annual public hearings into the activities of the fiscal agent; allowing for the City Council to refer a petition to dissolve the Board of Directors in certain situations to the Board of Estimates; including the fiscal agent and its Board of Directors within the coverage of the City Ethics Code; defining certain terms; generally relating to the administration and governance of the Children and Youth Fund; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr., Shannon Sneed, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Leon F. Pinkett, III

ORDINANCE

At the request of: The Office of the Mayor

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE[20-0520](#)**False Statements - States of Emergency**

For the purpose of prohibiting a person from making certain false statements during a declared state of emergency; defining certain terms; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

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

*ORDINANCE**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE***Resolutions Introduced**[20-0209R](#)**Inmate Release Due to COVID-19**

For the purpose of supporting the American Civil Liberties Union's recommendation that the State release certain inmates from jail and prison due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors:

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

*RESOLUTION**IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

[20-0210R](#)**Emergency Response to COVID-19 - Immediate Housing For Persons Who Are Homeless**

For the purpose of calling on the Mayor, the Board of Estimates, and all affected City agencies to immediately make available sufficient hotel rooms and other non-congregate housing to provide homes for all interested persons currently residing in congregate spaces within homeless shelters and all other homeless persons in Baltimore City.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0211R](#)**Closing the Digital Divide During the COVID-19 Crisis**

For the purpose of calling on the Baltimore City Government, the State of Maryland, and the Baltimore City Public School System to work together to make sure every student has access to technology to support online learning during the COVID-19 crisis and to support the short and long term employment needs of participants in Baltimore's YouthWorks program.

Sponsors:

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

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0212R](#)**Covid-19 Essential Business and Resident Activity Regulations**

For the purpose of calling on the Mayor to require all businesses deemed "essential" in Baltimore City immediately implement social distance measures for customers and to require all residents wear masks while participating in permitted activities.

Sponsors:

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

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(There is no Consent Calendar at this time)

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (for final passage)

[19-0441](#)

Charter Amendment - Charter Review Commission

For the purpose of requiring a Charter Review Commission be appointed at least once every 10 years to review and make recommendations for necessary deletions, additions, or revisions to the City Charter; providing for the term of the Commission; setting forth the manner of the Commission's appointment; providing for the Commission's duties; requiring that the Commission be dissolved on the completion of its duties; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

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

Committee Announcements

Announcements

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

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

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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.