

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, March 9, 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**

Angel Nunez, Bilingual Christian Fellowship Church

**Pledge of Allegiance****Showcase Baltimore**

Bonnie Bessor, Rebuilding Together Baltimore

**Youth Showcase**

Malik Johns, City Neighbors High School

**Roll Call****Approval of the Journal**

February 24, 2020

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

February 19, 2020

[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)

[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)

[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

[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

[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

[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

[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

**Executive Nominations**[EA20-0267](#)**Arnold H. Sampson**

Member - Board of Ethics - District 5

*EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE*

**Bills Introduced**[20-0505](#)**Building, Fire, and Related Codes - 2020 Edition**

For the purpose of adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective March 25, 2019), the International Building Code (2018 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2017 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2018 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2018 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2018 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2018 Edition), the International Fire Code (2018 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2018 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2018 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2012 Edition), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2018 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: Department of Housing and Community Development*

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

[20-0506](#)**Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program - Critical Area Manual, Map, and Zoning**

For the purpose of repealing the Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program and Document (2002 Edition) and approving and adopting a new Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program Manual (2020 Edition); repealing the Baltimore City Critical Area Program Map (adopted November 13, 2002) and approving and adopting a new Baltimore City Critical Area Program Map (2002 Edition); prohibiting certain additional uses and activities in certain areas of the Critical Area; defining and redefining certain terms; conforming, correcting, and clarifying Zoning Code provisions governing the Critical Area Overlay Zoning District; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the 2020 Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program, Map, and Zoning.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration)

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: Department of Planning*

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**

[20-0507](#)**Rezoning - 1720 Frederick Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1720 Frederick Avenue (Block 0209, Lot 026), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:**

John T. Bullock

**ORDINANCE**

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**

[20-0508](#)**Rezoning - 5401 Pulaski Highway**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 5401 Pulaski Highway (Block 6242C, Lot 003), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the C-4 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:**

Danielle McCray

*ORDINANCE  
LAND USE COMMITTEE*

[20-0509](#)**Energy Tax - Proceeds**

For the purpose of requiring that certain proceeds from the City's Energy Tax are dedicated to the Fair Election Fund established by Section 15 of the City Charter; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Kristerfer Burnett, President Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed

*ORDINANCE  
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE*

**Resolutions Introduced**[20-0201R](#)**Opposing the Changes to the "Public Charge" Rule**

For the purpose of standing in solidarity with Baltimore's immigrant communities in opposition to the changes made by the Trump Administration to the "public charge" rule.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION  
IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

[20-0202R](#)**Baltimore's Fair Development Plan for Zero Waste: 2020-2040 and Beyond**

For the purpose of calling on the Mayor, the Board of Estimates, and all affected City agencies to formally acknowledge and move forward in implementing the "Fair Development Plan for Zero Waste."

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION  
HEALTH COMMITTEE*

[20-0203R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Vacant Structure Water Cut-Offs**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Real Estate to discuss the enforcement of existing City law requiring that water be cut-off to certain vacant structures, what impediments stand in the way of better enforcement, and whether any legislative action is necessary.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*

[20-0204R](#)**Everyone Counts**

For the purpose of recognizing the importance of reaching all residents of Baltimore City in the 2020 Census, particularly hard-to-count residents.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

[20-0205R](#)**Informational Hearing - Implementing the Water Accountability and Equity Act**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Works to provide the City Council with an update on the Administration's progress implementing the Water Accountability and Equity Act.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

**Consent Calendar**

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

**2R Second Reader****Equity and Structure**[19-0380](#)**Charter Amendment - Vetoes**

For the purpose of modifying the vote by which the Council may override a mayoral veto; repealing the mayoral authority to veto "items of appropriation"; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

[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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

[19-0467](#)**Charter Amendment - Vetoes - Timing of Override**

For the purpose of modifying and clarifying the time within which the Council may consider to override a mayoral veto; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:**

Ryan Dorsey, President Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Shannon Sneed, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Bill Henry, Edward Reisinger, Mary Pat Clarke

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

**Health**[18-0311](#)**Nicotine Replacement Therapy Products - Sale and Distribution**

For the purpose of requiring certain retailers to sell nicotine replacement therapy products; mandating certain retail display and packaging requirements; requiring certain employers and facilities to offer nicotine replacement therapy products at no cost; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to the sale and distribution of nicotine replacement therapy products.

**Sponsors:**

Kristerfer Burnett, Brandon M. Scott, John T. Bullock, Bill Henry, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

**Housing and Urban Affairs**[19-0179R](#)**Informational Hearing - BGE Planned Power Outages**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from BGE, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to discuss protocols and best practices for planned power outages.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

## Land Use

[19-0462](#)

**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 3 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 2112 Saint Paul Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 2112 Saint Paul Street (Block 3810, Lot 030), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain off-street parking requirements.

**Sponsors:**

Robert Stokes, Sr.

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

[19-0473](#)

**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variances - 1758 Park 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-8 Zoning District on the property known as 1758 Park Avenue (Block 0334, Lot 063), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain gross floor area per unit type, bulk regulations (lot area size), and off-street parking requirements.

**Sponsors:**

Eric T. Costello

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

[19-0480](#)

**Zoning - Use Standards - Neighborhood Commercial Establishments**

For the purpose of allowing the limited expansion of a non-residential use into a newly constructed addition to the principal building; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

**Sponsors:**

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Bill Henry

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

## Public Safety

[19-0451](#)

**Biennial Comprehensive Crime Reduction Plan**

For the purpose of requiring that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive crime reduction plan; specifying that the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice develop the plan in consultation with certain agencies; establishing the contents of the plan; and requiring the publication of the plan on the City's website for public comment.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*



### 3R Third Reader

#### *Third Reader (for final passage)*

[19-0368](#)

##### **Rezoning - 1141 Poplar Grove Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 1141 Poplar Grove Street (Block 2388, Lot 033H), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

**Sponsors:**

John T. Bullock

[20-0486](#)

##### **Private Security Camera System Rebate and Voucher Program - Establishment**

For the purpose of establishing a Private Security Camera System Rebate and Voucher 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 or distribute a voucher to certain property owners or lessees that meet certain Program requirements; permitting the Director of Finance to prioritize applications for rebates and vouchers 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 and Voucher 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, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Robert Stokes, Sr., Bill Henry, Edward Reisinger

### Committee Announcements

#### Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 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.