

# City of Baltimore

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, April 27, 2020

5:00 PM

RESCHEDULED FROM 5-4-20

Virtual Webex Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2S92vSH>, Password:  
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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**

Pastor Dellyne Hinton, Gwynn Oak United Methodist Church

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

Antoine Banks, Comcast

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

April 13, 2020

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

April 23, 2020

**[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

**Bills Introduced**[20-0521](#)**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Sheriff - \$37,600**

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$37,600 to the Sheriff - Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding to improve the recruitment and retention of the Sheriff's court security officers; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration), Zeke Cohen

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: Department of Finance*

*Budget and Appropriations Committee*

[20-0522](#)**Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - Repeal of "Physically Present" Requirements**

For the purpose of repealing certain provisions of the Zoning Code regarding the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals that require members of the Board to be "physically present" during a hearing and for voting; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, Eric T. Costello

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: The Administration, Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals*

*JUDICIARY COMMITTEE*

[20-0523](#)**City Streets - Closing - A Portion of West 24th Street**

For the purpose of condemning and closing a 13.5 foot wide portion of West 24th Street, as shown on Plat 330-A-27A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration), Zeke Cohen

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: Department of Transportation*

*HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*

[20-0524](#)**City Streets - Closing - 10-Foot Alley Bounded by Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue**

For the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley bounded by Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue, as shown on Plat 161-A-65A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

City Council President (Administration), Zeke Cohen

**ORDINANCE**

*At the request of: Department of Transportation*

*HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE*

[20-0525](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - Variance - 316 East 21st Street**

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 316 East 21st Street (Block 3813, Lot 056), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting a variance from certain bulk regulations (lot area size).

**Sponsors:**

Robert Stokes, Sr., Zeke Cohen

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE COMMITTEE*

[20-0526](#)**Baltimore City COVID-19 Renter Relief Act**

For the purpose of prohibiting the increase of rent during and after certain declared emergencies; prohibiting certain notices to tenants; requiring certain notices to tenants; prohibiting certain late fees; defining certain terms; providing for a date of termination of the prohibitions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to protecting Baltimore City tenants.

**Sponsors:**

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

*ORDINANCE*

*LAND USE COMMITTEE*

**Resolutions Introduced**[20-0213R](#)**Informational Hearing - COVID-19 Emergency Spending**

For the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Finance and other representatives from the Department of Finance to provide the City Council with an update on COVID-19 emergency spending.

**Sponsors:**

Leon F. Pinkett, III, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Kristerfer Burnett, John T. Bullock, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE*

[20-0214R](#)**Recognizing May 1st as “Charm City Cheers” Day Thanking Front Line Workers**

For the purpose of recognizing May 1st as “Charm City Cheers” Day for all the front line workers who are risking their lives to help keep society running.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

[20-0215R](#)**State of Emergency - Continuation**

For the purpose of expressing the Baltimore City Council's consent under State Public Safety Article, \_ 14-111 for extending and continuing the Mayor's State of Emergency declaration dated March 18, 2020.

**Sponsors:**

Kristerfer Burnett, President Brandon M. Scott, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Mary Pat Clarke, Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton

*RESOLUTION*

*At the request of: The Administration, The Office of the Mayor*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

[20-0216R](#)**Request for Federal Action - Direct Rental Housing Assistance During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

For the purpose of calling on the United States Congress to create a direct Rental Housing Assistance fund to assist residents and stabilize communities.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RESOLUTION*

*IMMEDIATE ADOPTION*

**Consent Calendar**

**(See Section A at back of Agenda)**

**2R Second Reader*****Education and Youth***[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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

## **Equity and Structure**

[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 WITH AMENDMENTS*

[20-0491](#)

### **Charter Amendment - City Auditor - Powers and Duties**

For the purpose of authorizing the City Auditor to issue subpoenas to certain individuals and entities; requiring the City Auditor to provide a copy of certain completed audit reports to the agency audited; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:**

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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

## **Executive Appointments**

[EA20-0268](#)

### **Eric Stephenson**

Member - Planning Commission - District 9

*RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION*

**Housing and Urban Affairs**[19-0465](#)**Port Covington District and Port Covington Community Benefits District Management Authority**

For the purpose of creating a community benefits district for Port Covington; specifying the boundaries of the district; creating a community benefits district management authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; providing for the selection and composition of the Authority's Board of Directors; designating the initial interim board of the authority and providing for the selection and approval of a full board, including authority to establish up to three classes of board memberships with certain approval rights granted to each class; creating the administrator for the authority and approving a potential administrator; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the district; providing for a supplemental tax to be collected for the Authority; authorizing the creation of separate classes and subclasses of property for the purpose of establishing different rates of supplemental tax; authorizing the creation of credits to facilitate a diverse residential mix; incorporating the assessment, collection and enforcement process for the supplemental tax within the procedures and processes already existing; specifying the role of the City in maintaining and enhancing existing services; encouraging the creation of partnerships between and among the Authority, the City, the state, the federal government and other property owners not subject to the supplemental tax; establishing the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the district and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, termination and approval of the District and the Authority; otherwise providing for the existence, operation and control of the District and the Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

**Sponsors:**

Eric T. Costello

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*[20-0484](#)**Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2024**

For the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

**Sponsors:**

Eric T. Costello, Robert Stokes, Sr.

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE*

## Judiciary

[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)

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

## Land Use

[19-0449](#)

### **Zoning - Use Regulations - Neighborhood Commercial Establishments**

For the purpose of prohibiting the sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices, accessories, and related products by a retail goods establishment that is a neighborhood commercial establishment.

**Sponsors:**

Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, President Brandon M. Scott, Edward Reisinger

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*

## Transportation

[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

*RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS*



### 3R Third Reader

#### ***Third Reader (requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)***

##### 20-0505

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##### Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

##### 20-0519

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##### Sponsors:

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### Committee Announcements

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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 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.