

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, May 11, 2020

5:00 PM

RESCHEDULED FROM 5-18-20 at 5:00 P.M

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City Council

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Shannon Sneed - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Rabbi Ariana Katz

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Margaret K. Henn, Esq., Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

April 27, 2020

Communications from the Mayor**Bills Introduced**[20-0527](#)**Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2021 year.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[20-0528](#)**Annual Property Tax - Fiscal Year 2021**

For the purpose of providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; providing for estimated billings pursuant to State law; and setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

At the request of: Department of Finance

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[20-0529](#)**Property Tax - In Rem Foreclosure and Sale - Vacant and Abandoned Property**

For the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by the Board of Estimates for foreclosure and sale under a certain process; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to commence an in rem foreclosure action; prohibiting commencing an in rem foreclosure action until tax on real property has been delinquent for a certain period and the right to appeal a certain notice has tolled; requiring certain taxes to be included in the foreclosure action; requiring any foreclosure action under this subtitle be filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and that notice and a copy of the complaint be sent to each interested party within a certain period of time and in a certain manner; requiring the complaint for an in rem foreclosure to include certain information; allowing the complaint for an in rem foreclosure to be amended for certain purposes; providing that an interested party has a certain right to cure certain delinquent taxes and liens on the real property under certain circumstances; requiring a hearing on the in rem foreclosure complaint to be conducted at a certain time; providing that an interested party has the right to be heard at the hearing; requiring the court to enter a certain judgment on a certain finding; requiring the judgment to be recorded in certain land records; providing that title acquired in a certain foreclosure proceeding shall be a certain absolute or fee simple title except under certain circumstances; providing that a judgment in an action under this subtitle is binding and conclusive, regardless of legal disability, on certain persons; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to in rem foreclosure and sale of tax delinquent vacant and abandoned property.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ORDINANCE

*At the request of: Department of Housing and Community Development
TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

[20-0530](#)**Post-COVID-19 Foreclosure Disincentive Act of 2020**

For the purpose of temporarily setting the transfer tax on certain foreclosed properties in Baltimore City at 100% of the property's taxable basis; providing for a special effective date; and providing for an termination date.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey

ORDINANCE

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[20-0531](#)**Rezoning - 3006, 2926, and 2928 Boarman Avenue and Block 3185, Lot 49**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 3006 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 48), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the TOD-2 Zoning District, and for changing the zoning for the properties known as 2926 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 51), 2928 Boarman Avenue (Block 3185, Lot 50), and Block 3185, Lot 49, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the R-7 Zoning District to the TOD-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

LAND USE COMMITTEE

[20-0532](#)**Temporary Street Space for Pedestrians and Cyclists**

For the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to provide additional street space to pedestrians and cyclists during the pendency of certain temporary spacing orders; requiring that the provision of additional street space be distributed equitably through the City; setting forth certain factors for the Department to consider when providing additional street space; providing for the expiration of additional street space requirements; requiring certain reports; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

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

ORDINANCE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced[20-0217R](#)**Informational Hearing -- Sanitization of Buildings under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program and HUD Regulatory Authority**

For the purpose of inviting the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and firms that co-own affordable housing with the Authority, under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, as well as the managers of multi-family housing units regulated by HUD, to report to the City Council regarding how common areas of the buildings in these programs are sanitized during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

HEALTH COMMITTEE

[20-0218R](#)**Recognizing Systemic Racism as a Public Health Crisis**

For the purpose of recognizing systemic racism as a public health crisis.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

EQUITY AND STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

[20-0219R](#)**Teacher Appreciation Week 2020**

For the purpose of recognizing the week of May 4 through May 8 as Teacher Appreciation Week and celebrating all of Baltimore City's hardworking teachers who have continued to educate our children during this crisis.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0220R](#)**Department of General Services Update on Sanitizing City-Owned Buildings**

For the purpose of requesting that the Department of General Services provide the City Council with an update on how employees of DGS have been keeping City-owned buildings clean during the COVID-19 pandemic and post information about cleaning schedules in these buildings.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

HEALTH COMMITTEE

[20-0221R](#)**National Nurses Week 2020**

For the purpose of recognizing National Nurses Week 2020 and acknowledging the dedication and contributions of nurses everywhere, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0222R](#)**Let's Get the Word Out - Making Your Mail-In Vote Count**

For the purpose of calling on the City of Baltimore, the League of Women Voters, and the ACLU of Maryland to publicize important facts to avoid confusion and to make every vote count on June 2, 2020 (Primary Election Day).

Sponsors:

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

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

[20-0223R](#)**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License for Use at 3607 Fleet Street to a Class A-7 License for Use at 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street**

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(c)(4) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 3607 Fleet Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for use at 5601 Eastern Avenue k/a 5701A Fleet Street.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen

*RESOLUTION**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE*[20-0224R](#)**Request for State Action - Override Veto on House Bill 1300 - Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation**

For the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to override the Governor's veto and pass House Bill 1300 - Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation - that would protect the educational rights and the future of all of Maryland's students.

Sponsors:

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

*RESOLUTION**IMMEDIATE ADOPTION***Consent Calendar****(See Section A at back of Agenda)**

2R Second Reader

Budget and Appropriations

[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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Equity and Structure

[19-0379](#)

Charter Amendment - Ordinance of Estimates

For the purpose of authorizing the City Council to amend the Ordinance of Estimates to increase items of appropriation or add items for new purposes, subject to certain limitations; deleting the requirement that supplementary appropriations be recommended by the Board of Estimates; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; 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, Eric T. Costello, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Shannon Sneed, Brandon M. Scott, Kristerfer Burnett

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[19-0381](#)

Charter Amendment - Removal of Elected Officials

For the purpose of providing for the removal from office by the City Council of certain City elected officials under certain circumstances; expanding the potential individuals or entities entitled to prefer charges for consideration of removal from office; conforming and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Health[20-0194R](#)**Informational Hearing - Baltimore's Strategic Response to the Wuhan Coronavirus**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Health Department, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Baltimore City Department of Finance to brief the City Council on Baltimore's strategic response to the Wuhan coronavirus.

Sponsors:

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

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Land Use[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, Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello, Shannon Sneed, Robert Stokes, Sr., Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development**20-0503****University of Maryland at Baltimore - Approving Application for Designation as a RISE Zone - Granting Enhanced Local Property Tax Credit**

For the purpose of approving the submission of an application from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, 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 along West Baltimore Street identified as:

- Ward 04, Section 060, Block 0626, Lots 026, 029, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 052, 053, 053A, 053B, 053C, 053D, and 053E
- Ward 18, Section 090, Block 0220, Lot 001M
- Ward 18, Section 100, Block 0203, Lots 110, 116, 117, and 199
- Ward 18, Section 100, Block 0202, Lots 014, 016, 017, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 024A, 024B, 025, 026, 027, 028, and 076B
- Ward 18, Section 100, Block 0219, Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, and 046

(the “Property”); granting an enhanced local property tax credit for the Property; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

3R Third Reader***Third Reader (requires invocation of CC Rule 12-1 for same day advance from 2nd to 3rd Reader)***[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, Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello, Shannon Sneed, Robert Stokes, Sr., Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

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

[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

[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

[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.

[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

[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

Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

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