

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, April 5, 2021

5:00 PM

**Virtual Webex Meeting: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
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Baltimore City Council

*Nicholas J. Mosby, President of the Council - District 1: Zeke Cohen - District 2:
Danielle N. McCray - District 3: Ryan Dorsey - District 4: Mark Conway - District 5:
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton - District 7: James
Torrence - District 8: Kristerfer Burnett - District 9: John T. Bullock - District 10:
Phylcia Porter - District 11: Eric T. Costello - District 12: Robert Stokes, Sr. - District
13: Antonio Glover - District 14: Odette Ramos*

Call to Order**Invocation**

Dr. Felicia Diggs-Hudson, New Israelite Church of God

Pledge of Allegiance**Showcase Baltimore**

Brian Henderson, Baltimore Bikers, Baltimore Bike Week

Roll Call**Approval of the Journal**

March 22, 2021

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

March 31, 2021

[21-0006](#)**Rezoning - 407 Benninghaus Road**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 407 Benninghaus Road (Block 5014C, Lot 004A), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-3 Zoning District to the OR-1 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway

[21-0011](#)**Rezoning - 2426 Pennsylvania Avenue**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2426 Pennsylvania Avenue (Block 0294, Lot 014), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OR-1/R-MU Zoning District to the C-1-E Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James Torrence

[21-0015](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Parking Lots - 115 and 118 Mount Clare Street**

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of parking lots on the properties known as 115 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 068) and 118 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 072), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

John T. Bullock

[21-0021](#)**Late Fees for Past Due Rent**

For the purpose of requiring a lease to have a provision regarding a 10-day grace period; requiring a lease to have provisions regarding the amount of money landlords may charge for late fees, when landlords may charge tenants receiving public assistance for late fees, late fees as a condition precedent to the tenant's right to redeem, and the types of fees landlords may recover; and prohibiting this section from altering other remedies available to a landlord.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., President Nicholas J. Mosby, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover, James Torrence

[21-0013](#)**Rezoning - 4015 Foster Avenue, 4000 Hudson Street, and 801 South Haven Street**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the properties known as 4015 Foster Avenue (Block 6447 Lot 021) and 4000 Hudson Street (Block 6457, Lot 018), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the property known as 801 South Haven Street (Block 6458, Lot 003), from the I-2 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen

[21-0005](#)**Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of a Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-7 Zoning District - Variances - 810 Argonne Drive**

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 810 Argonne Drive (Block 3913C, Lot 021), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; providing for a special effective date; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size), gross floor area per unit type, and off-street parking requirements.

Sponsors:

Mark Conway

[21-0010](#)**Rezoning - 2087 Druid Park Drive**

For the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 2087 Druid Park Drive (Block 3390B, Lot 036), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District.

Sponsors:

James Torrence

[21-0024](#)**Minority and Women's Business Utilization - Emergencies**

For the purpose of clarifying the City's minority business and women's business contract utilization requirements for certain emergency procurements; requiring that, after an emergency procurement, the agency submit a report to the Board of Estimates and the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to greater transparency and utilization of minority and women's business in City emergency contracting.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, James Torrence

Bills Introduced[21-0060](#)**Study and Report - Fire Department Promotional Practices**

For the purpose of requiring that the Baltimore City Fire Department submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating certain promotional practices of the Department; specifying the contents of the report; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0061](#)**Minority and Women's Business Enterprises - Self-Performance Credit**

For the purpose of modifying the applicable self-performance credit for minority and women's business enterprise prime contractors.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos

ORDINANCE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

[21-0062](#)**High-Performance Newly Constructed Dwellings - Clarifications**

For the purpose of revising the definition of "newly constructed"; clarifying and extending the tax credit qualification deadlines for certain high-performance newly constructed dwellings; clarifying the termination of the tax credit program; conforming and clarifying related provisions; defining a certain term; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Eric T. Costello, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Zeke Cohen, John T. Bullock, Phylcia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton

ORDINANCE

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Resolutions Introduced

[21-0036R](#)

Informational Hearing - Avoiding an Eviction Crisis

For the purpose of calling for a multi-faceted and comprehensive hearing on the looming eviction crisis and what we can do to avoid it by: inviting the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Acting Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership, to report on the outcomes of the Eviction Prevention Program and what more can be done; inviting representatives from the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Esperanza Center to discuss the challenges renters who are immigrants are facing and provide recommendations on additional protections; and inviting representatives from the Public Justice Center and the Fair Housing Action Center of Maryland to report on evictions thus far, outline the rights of tenants now and the rights granted by new laws passed in the General Assembly and the City Council, and make recommendations for additional protections.

Sponsors:

Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock, Phylicia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton

RESOLUTION

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0037R](#)

Informational Hearing - Studying Options to rid Baltimore City of Vacant Properties

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Law Department, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Health to discuss the feasibility of certain specific recommendations to more efficiently and rapidly improve the ability of Baltimore City to remedy vacant dwellings.

Sponsors:

Phylicia Porter, John T. Bullock, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos

RESOLUTION

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

[21-0038R](#)

Banning Contracts with Georgia Due to Voter Suppression

For the purpose of urging the Mayor and Board of Estimates to refuse to permit municipal officials to travel to the State of Georgia on City business and to refuse to contract with the State of Georgia or businesses based in Georgia until Georgia's newly-enacted voter suppression law is repealed.

Sponsors:

Robert Stokes, Sr., President Nicholas J. Mosby, Zeke Cohen, Sharon Green Middleton, Phylicia Porter, Odette Ramos

RESOLUTION

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

2R Second Reader***Health, Environment and Technology***[21-0016R](#)**Investigative Hearing - Building Backups of Untreated Sewage**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Law Department, the Health Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to appear before the City Council to discuss the effectiveness and sufficiency of measures being taken to address basement backups of raw sewage in the City.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Phylicia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, Odette Ramos, John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE

Public Safety and Government Operations[21-0038](#)**Human-Trafficking Notice Requirements - Modifications**

For the purpose of requiring city-owned or -occupied buildings to place a notice regarding the human-trafficking prevention hotline in certain locations; deleting an obsolete reference to the "Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation"; providing that certain businesses may obtain the required human-trafficking notices from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign website; and conforming and clarifying related provisions.

Sponsors:

Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Ryan Dorsey, Phylicia Porter, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

[21-0044](#)**Retirement Boards - Composition**

For the purpose of conforming the composition of the Board of Trustees for the Retirement Savings Plan and Fire and Police Employees' Retirement Board of Trustees to allow a certain designee of the Comptroller to act in the Comptroller's place; conforming and correcting related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Office of the Comptroller)

RECOMMEND FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

3R Third Reader

Third Reader (for final passage)

[21-0020](#)

Baltimore City Commission for Women - Ex-Officio Members

For the purpose of designating any female member of the Baltimore City Council as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, Kristerfer Burnett, Danielle N. McCray, Zeke Cohen, Odette Ramos, James Torrence, Antonio Glover, Phylicia Porter, Robert Stokes, Sr.

[21-0022](#)

Security Deposit Alternatives

For the purpose of requiring certain lease provisions to create alternatives besides the traditional security deposit for residential leases under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and prohibiting this subsection from limiting a landlord's ability to require certain qualifications on a residential tenant's application for a new residential lease.

Sponsors:

Sharon Green Middleton, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Robert Stokes, Sr., Odette Ramos

[21-0036](#)

City Code - Definitions and Rules of Interpretation

For the purpose of establishing a common set of definitions, rules of interpretation, and methods for time computation for the Baltimore City Code.

Sponsors:

Ryan Dorsey, Kristerfer Burnett, Zeke Cohen, Phylicia Porter, James Torrence, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Odette Ramos

Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

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