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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

The Committee on Ways and Means (WM) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. WM will exercise regular oversight of the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include: budget & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

The Honorable Eric T. Costello Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING

FRIDAY, JUNE 04, 2021 9:00 AM THRU 10:00 PM

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

TO BE TELEVISED ON CHARM TV 25

Council Bill 21-0080

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

BUDGET HEARINGS – DAY FOUR

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Effective: 01/04/21

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Bill: 21-0080

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Sponsor:

President Mosby at the request of the Department of Finance

Introduced: May 17, 2021

Purpose:

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 2022 year.

Effective: Beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Article VI – Board of Estimates of the City Charter outlines the rules and regulations which pertains to the budget schedule.

- § 3. Fiscal year; Budget schedule.
- (a) Fiscal year. The fiscal, budget, and accounting year of the City shall begin on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June in every year unless otherwise provided by law.
- (b) Notice and hearing. At least thirty days prior to the adoption by the Board of Estimates of a proposed Ordinance of Estimates the Board shall make public the Director of Finance's recommended operating budget, the Planning Commission's recommended capital budget and long-range capital improvement 11/11/18 -147- ART. VI, § 4 BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER program, and the reports of the Director of Finance and Planning Commission on these documents. Thereafter, the Board shall hold public hearings at which members of the City Council, heads of municipal agencies, and citizens shall have the opportunity to appear before the Board to speak for or against the inclusion of any appropriation in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates.
- (c) Submission to Council. The Board of Estimates shall submit to the City Council the proposed Ordinance of Estimates for the next fiscal year at least forty-five days before the beginning of that fiscal year.
- (d) Adoption by Council. The City Council shall have at least forty days after receipt of the Board's proposed Ordinance of Estimates to enact an Ordinance of Estimates. The City Council shall adopt an Ordinance of Estimates at least five days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year to which it is applicable if the Board of Estimates submits its proposed Ordinance of Estimates within the period prescribed by Section 3(c).

Background

On <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 04</u>, <u>2021</u>, the Ways and Means Committee will reconvene the budget hearings and city agencies will come before the committee/councilmembers to discuss his/her budget.

Attached are: (I) Day four – June 4^{th} - budget hearings and (II) budget schedule for June 1^{st} thru June 7^{th} .

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: See Budget Books: Agency Detail – Volume 1 and II – Board of Estimates

Recommendations – Fiscal Year 2022

Information Source(s): City Charter, Council Bill 21-0080.

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Analysis Date: May 27, 2021

DAY 4: FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021	TIME ALLOTED
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUCCESS/FAMILY LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 51	9:00 am thru 10:30 am
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE ENGAGEMENT VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 53 (UNDER OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUCCESS)	10:30 am thru 11:00 am
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 91	11:00 am thru 12 NOON
LUNCH	12 Noon thru 12:30 pm
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS VOLUME ONE - BEGINNING ON PAGE 335	12:30 PM thru 1:30 pm
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 63	1:30 pm thru 2:30 pm
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS VOLUME ONE - BEGINNING ON PAGE 345 (UNDER MAYORALTY)	2:30 pm thru 3:00 pm
BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 295	3:00 pm thru 5:30 pm
DINNER	5:30 pm thru 6:00 pm
BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM VOLUME ONE - BEGINNING ON PAGE 369 Also See Bill Synopsis for Mayor and City Council Resolution 21-0082 - Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022	6:00 pm thru 10:00 pm

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Eric T. Costello Baltimore City Council, 11th District

MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency and Department Heads

CC: Honorable City Council President and City Council Members

City Council President's Office Office of Council Services Mayor's Senior Staff

Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Director of Finance

Director of Bureau of the Budget and Management Research

FROM: Councilman Eric T. Costello

DATE: May 05, 2022

RE: FY2022 Budget Hearing Schedule

Please see below format and schedule for the FY2022 Ordinance of Estimates and other related hearings. The City Council's Ways and Means Committee looks forward to both your participation and the opportunity to continue working together. In the meantime, you will be receiving guidance from the BBMR Budget Director in the coming week regarding the schedule and format of hearings. Should you have questions, please contact me directly.

- All hearings will be conducted virtually over the Cisco WebEx platform. The following individuals are
 expected to physically be in Council Chambers during the hearings: Chair of Ways & Means Committee,
 one other Committee Member, one rep from Council President's Office, one rep from Mayor's Office of
 Government Relations, one staff member of BBMR, one staff member to the Committee, one staff
 member to the Chair of the Committee, testifying agency head, testifying agency government relations
 contact, and the Deputy Mayor for agency testifying. City Council Chambers will be otherwise closed to
 the public.
- 2. All hearings are open to the public to attend virtually. Hearings will have Cisco WebEx log-in info for the public to attend via video conference and telephone call-in option for residents who may not have an internet capable device or connection. WebEx log-in info, telephone call-in information, and the schedule are all subject to change. All information and subsequent changes may be viewed on the Baltimore City Council website at: https://baltimore.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
- 3. All hearings will be streamed live on Charm TV (Comcast Channel 25 and Channel 1085 (HD)) and on Charm TV's website at: http://www.charmtvbaltimore.com/watch-live
- 4. Testimony will only be taken at Baltimore City Council Taxpayer's Night on Thursday, May 27 at 5:00pm.

Ordinances Being Considered as Part of FY2021 Budget Process

- 21-0080 Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022
- 20-0081 Annual Property Tax Fiscal Year 2022
- 20-0082 Operating Budget for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022



Baltimore City Council, 11th District

Thursday, May 27 Schedule

2:00pm – FY2022 Budget Overview with BBMR and BCPSS

5:00pm - Baltimore City Council Taxpayer's Night

Tuesday, June 01 - Monday, June 07 Schedule

9:00am - 10:00pm (each day) - FY2022 Agency Hearings

Time Slot	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
(24-hour time)	June 01	June 02	June 03	June 04	June 07
0900 - 0930	FINANCE / BBMR	BDC	OE&CR	MOCFS / FLOB	BCFD
0930 - 1000	FINANCE / BBMR	BDC	BOPA	MOCFS / FLOB	BCFD
1000 - 1030	FINANCE / BBMR	VB / CC	ECB	MOCFS / FLOB	BCFD
1030 - 1100	FINANCE / BBMR	VB / CC	CHARM TV	MOAAME	BCFD
1100 - 1130	Capital Budget	MOMWOSBD	PABC	MOHS	BCFD
1130 - 1200	Capital Budget	MOMWOSBD	PABC	MOHS	BCFD / OEM
1200 - 1230	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1230 - 1300	STIMULUS SPEND	Planning	Law	BLLC	Circuit Court
1300 - 1330	STIMULUS SPEND	Planning	Law	BLLC	Circuit Court
1330 - 1400	STIMULUS SPEND	Planning	Law	MOED	SAO
1400 - 1430	STIMULUS SPEND	Planning / CHAP	Comptroller	MOED	SAO
1430 - 1500	MOPI	DHCD	Comptroller	MIMA	SAO
1500 - 1530	MOPI	DHCD	Comptroller	BCRP	SAO
1530 - 1600	BCIT	DHCD	OIG	BCRP	MONSE
1600 - 1630	BCIT	DHCD	OIG	BCRP	MONSE
1630 - 1700	BCIT	DHCD	DGS	BCRP	SHERIFF
1700 - 1730	BCIT / BDE / CDO	DHCD	DGS	BCRP	SHERIFF
1730 - 1800	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
1800 - 1830	DHR / OLC	BMZA	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
1830 - 1900	DHR / OLC	BMZA	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
1900 - 1930	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
1930 - 2000	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
2000 - 2030	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
2030 - 2100	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
2100 - 2130	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD
2130 - 2200	Health	DOT	DPW	BCPSS	BPD

AGENCY & DEPARTMENT ACRONYMS: BCFD – Baltimore City Fire Department; BCIT – Baltimore City Information Technology; BCPSS – Baltimore City Public School System; BCRP – Baltimore City Recreation and Parks; BDC – Baltimore Development Corporation; BDE – Broadband and Digital Equity; BLLC – Board of Liquor License Commissioners; BMZA – Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals; BOPA – Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts; BPD – Baltimore Police Department; CC – Convention Center; CDO – Chief Data Officer; CHAP – Committee on Historical and Architectural Preservation; Charm TV – Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications; MIMA DGS – Department of General Services; DHCD – Department of Housing and Community Development; DHR – Department of Human Resources; DOT – Department of Transportation; DPW – Department of Public Works; ECB – Environmental Control Board; FLOB – Family League of Baltimore; MIMA – Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; MOAMME – Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement; MOCFS – Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success; MOED – Mayor's Office of Employment Development; MOHS – Mayor's Office of Homeless Services; MOMWOSBD – Mayor's Office of Minority and Women Owned Small Business Development; MONSE – Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement; MOPI – Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation; OE&CR – Office of Equity and Civil Rights; OEM – Office of Emergency Management; OIG – Office of the

Chairman, Ways & Means Committee Chairman, Legislative Investigations Committee Chairman, Biennial Audits Oversight Commission



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Inspector General; OLC – Office of the Labor Commissioner; PABC – Parking Authority of Baltimore City; SAO – State's Attorney's Office; and VB – Visit Baltimore.

DAY FOUR – JUNE 4TH

ABOUT AGENCIES, FUNDS, AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS SEE ATTACHED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- Children and Family Success
- Family League
- Homeless Services
- Board of Liquor License Commission
- Employment Development
- Immigrant Affairs
- Recreation and Parks, and
- SEE Synopsis 21-0082 for the Baltimore City School System

What We Do

The Mayor's Office of Children & Family Success brings together the tools of city government, our city's collective love for children and the vast assets of our community to radically improve the lives of Baltimore's children and families.

How We Do It

We focus the three most powerful tools of city government—convening power, policymaking authority and resources—on the well-being of children and families.

We leverage every available community asset.

We engage deeply with residents, the business community, nonprofit organizations and local and state government agencies to advance a clear set of priorities.

We deliver the ecosystem of supports that:

- families need to be self-sustaining and strong
- children and youth need to reach their fullest potential
- all communities need to thrive

What Drives Us

We are powered by our core values of love and community and by the seven priorities of the <u>Baltimore Children's Cabinet</u>:

- 1. Increase early childhood development
- 2. Decrease youth food insecurity
- 3. Decrease youth homelessness
- 4. Increase youth literacy
- 5. Increase trauma-informed care for youth
- 6. Increase youth diversion practices
- 7. Break down historical barriers to success for Black boys and young men

Who We Are

Family League of Baltimore (Family League) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has served as the designated Local Management Board for the City of Baltimore since 1991. Family League works collaboratively to support data-informed, community-driven solutions that align resources to dismantle the systemic barriers which limit the possibilities for children, families, and communities. Stewardship, performance, trust, respect, innovation, and equity are the core values that guide this work. Powered by and in partnership with community, we will address inequities in education, health, and economic opportunity through an anti-racist lens to ensure that positive outcomes can be a reality for all Baltimoreans. In Fiscal Year 2020, Family League invested more than \$14.8 million in 77 funded partners, benefitting more than 25,000 children, youth, and adults in Baltimore.

As the local management board for the City of Baltimore, Family League's charge is to bring the right partners to the table to make strategic, coordinated investments in the lives of Baltimore's children and families.

African American Male Engagement (AAME) – Baltimore is a division of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

Baltimore Launches Office of African American Male Engagement to Keep Black Men Out of Prison

BY GOODBLACKNEWS ON FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Next week, **Baltimore** is expected to open the **Office of African American Male Engagement** to reduce the Black male incarceration rate, at a time when the city's homicide rate is sky high–setting a record per capita rate in 2017. This program will hopefully save lives and end the cycle of incarceration.

"We want to save lives. The reason the office is important is because too many Black men are either the perpetrators of crime or victims of it. It is about saving lives," said **Andrey Bundley**, who's leaving his position as safety director for Baltimore City Public Schools to lead the new office, according to the **Baltimore Sun**.

Mayor **Catherine Pugh** opens the new office on Feb. 12. Modeled on a similar program in Philadelphia, the Baltimore initiative focuses on providing mentoring and a range of services for boys and men. It will connect to existing mentoring programs and includes a focus on men returning home from prison.

This effort is much needed. Baltimore was one of the most dangerous cities in America in 2017, setting a new per-capita homicide record of 343 killings. The police arrested tens of thousands of African-American males last year. And in many cases, once these young men were caught in the criminal justice system, many of them become repeat offenders. It was estimated in 2015 that 73 percent of former inmates in Baltimore City re-offend within three years.

The program seeks to create a support network, Bundley said. "We need that kind of space for individuals who don't have a father or who have come out of prison or who are going through the process of getting a job," he added, noting that scores of young Black men in the city lack families that can help them readjust and stay out of trouble after incarceration.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES

About

Approximately 2,500 men, women and children are homeless in Baltimore on any given night. Four factors are primarily responsible for homelessness: lack of affordable housing, lack of affordable health care, low incomes and a lack of comprehensive services. Chronic illnesses, including substance abuse disorders and persistent mental illness, and other physical disabilities create additional challenges in resolving homelessness.

Our Mission

The Journey Home, Baltimore City's plan to make homelessness rare and brief, focuses on four major goal areas that address the root causes of homelessness: affordable housing, comprehensive health care, sufficient incomes, and preventive and emergency services.

The plan is overseen by the Continuum of Care, which is a coalition of service providers, funders, advocates, government agencies and community stakeholders working together to make homelessness rare and brief. The Continuum of Care Board acts as a catalyst for strategic planning, collaborating with other systems of care, recruiting philanthropic support, allocating homeless services funds, and coordinating CoC activities and committees.

More information about *The Journey Home* and CoC board activities can be found at the board's <u>website</u>. Interested community members are encouraged to become a member of the CoC, join a committee or workgroup, or attend public meetings. For a full list of ways to get involved and sign up, click here.

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services is the designated lead agency for the Continuum of Care and works to implement federal, state, and local policy and best practices in addition to administering and monitoring homeless services grants. HSP administers approximately \$48 million annually for programs that include street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), meal programs and eviction prevention. Each year, through a network of partner providers, the homeless services program delivers housing and supportive services to over 25,000 individuals and families.

<u>The Board of Liquor License Commissioners</u> is an agency of the State responsible for regulating the sale, storage, and distribution of retail alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

Background

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City was created by Act of the State Legislature after the repeal of the Volstead Act in 1933. Prior to Prohibition, alcoholic beverage licenses were issued directly by the Clerk of what was then referred to as the Court of Common Pleas. There was little intervention on the part of the public, zoning or other authorities, and alcoholic beverage licenses were routinely issued as in the case of Trader's Licenses, marriage licenses, etc.

When the Volstead Act was repealed, it became apparent that appropriate controls and licensing of alcoholic beverages at the retail level were necessary for the State of Maryland to ensure public safety. Boards of Liquor License Commissioners were, therefore, created in all of the political subdivisions in the State of Maryland by an act of the Maryland General Assembly. Passed in 2016, the Alcoholic Beverages Article is the controlling alcoholic beverage statute for the State of Maryland.

There have been many changes in the law since 1933, and at each session of the Maryland General Assembly, new laws and statutes are introduced and passed which affect the operation of alcoholic beverage establishments in Baltimore City and throughout the State of Maryland.

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City is an agency of the State. Every two years, the Mayor of Baltimore City and the City Council President, with the advice and consent of the City Senate, appoints three individuals to serve as Commissioners on the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, one of whom is designated as the Chairman. As a body, the Board administers the statutes, laws, ordinances, and its own Rules and Regulations regarding the operation of alcoholic beverage establishments in Baltimore City. Currently, there are approximately 1,221 alcoholic beverage establishments in Baltimore City which is a reduction from the approximately 2,200 licenses there were in 1968.

Commissioners

- Chairman Hon. Albert J. Matricciani, Jr. (Ret.)
- Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield, Esq.
- Commissioner Robert E. Guye
- Alternate Commissioner Harvey E. Jones

Mission

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) coordinates and directs workforce development initiatives responsive to the needs of Baltimore City employers and job seekers in order to enhance and promote the local economy.

Vision

Baltimore Workforce Development Board

Our vision is for all city residents to maximize their career potential, and all employers to have the human resources to grow and prosper – we are creating a **workforce system that works.**

MOED works in concert with the <u>Baltimore Workforce Development Board</u>, a mayoral appointed board, to address the diverse workforce needs of Baltimore's employers and job seekers. By directing a broad array of innovative programs and collaborating with a host of specialized organizations, MOED acts as the city's primary agent of workforce development services and coordinates the efforts of all its workforce partners to create a seamless workforce system.

Mission

The mission of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs is to promote community wellbeing, economic development, and the integration of immigrant communities by identifying needs and opportunities that immigrants bring to our city, while developing public-private partnerships to strengthen the development of these communities.

About us

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MIMA) is a result of a recommendation from *The New Americans Task Force, The Role of Immigrants in Growing Baltimore*—a diverse group of stakeholders convened in the summer of 2013 to develop a plan to retain and attract immigrants as part of the mayor's goal to grow Baltimore.

MIMA focuses on two broad priority areas: **economic growth** and **community well-being**. These areas have the greatest potential to leverage existing resources and identify additional gaps and opportunities, in order to recognize and benefit from the valuable assets that New Americans bring to Baltimore.

Economic Growth

MIMA seeks to facilitate the development and progress of immigrants and refugees in the workforce and increase their access to entrepreneurial opportunities, thereby meeting the needs of employers and promoting the growth of the city. In addition, MIMA seeks to increase and promote Baltimore's unique housing opportunities, while promoting safer and stronger neighborhoods.

The priority area of Economic Growth has been further sub-divided into the following areas for further research and action: Workforce Development, Small Business Development, and Housing.

Community Wellbeing

MIMA seeks to enhance the service capacity and receptivity of City agencies, nonprofits, and community-based organizations to better address the needs of immigrants and facilitate inclusion and mutual understanding among immigrant communities, service providers, and receiving communities.

The priority area of Community Wellbeing has been further sub-divided into the following areas for further research and action: Safety, Youth, and Welcome and Diversity.

Baltimore City Recreation and Parks is the city's leading provider of affordable, year-round leisure and recreational activities for citizens of all ages and abilities. Beautiful parks, trails and waterways provide the perfect urban oasis.

- 120,000 trees
- 4,600+ acres of parkland
- 262 parks
- 170 athletic fields
- 120+ playgrounds
- 110 tennis courts
- 101 basketball courts
- 32 historic structures
- 25+ miles of biking and hiking trails
- 18 picnic groves
- 12 pavilion groves
- 3 dog parks

Our parks also offer beautiful indoor spaces like the <u>Baltimore Rowing and Water Resource Center</u>, <u>Carrie Murray Nature Center</u>, <u>Cylburn Arboretum</u> and the <u>Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens</u> of Baltimore. <u>Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena</u> and <u>Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro Family Skating Center</u> offers you a chance to take a spin on the ice. Our facilities are all located in or near a park and offer a respite from the fast pace of life!

Baltimore City Public Schools, also referred to as Baltimore City Public School System, BCPSS, BCPS and City Schools, is a <u>public school district</u> in the city of <u>Baltimore</u>, state of <u>Maryland</u>, <u>United States</u>. It serves the youth of Baltimore City (in distinction to the separate and "younger" public school system (district) for the surrounding separate <u>county of Baltimore</u>, known as the <u>Baltimore County Public Schools</u> [BCoPS]). Traditionally however, the Baltimore City Public Schools system has usually never referred to itself as a "district," as the operation of the schools was synonymous with the city of Baltimore. Its headquarters are located on 200 East North Avenue at <u>North Calvert Street</u> in the "Dr. Alice G. Pinderhughes Administration Building". [1]

The <u>local</u> school district that is situated within a <u>county-equivalent level area</u> of an <u>independent city</u>. In 2012, it is currently the fourth largest school system in Maryland. In the 2014–15 school year, the student enrollment is approximately 84,000 students. It also maintains 1 <u>pre-k/kindergarten school</u>, 54 <u>elementary schools</u>, 75 <u>K-8 schools</u>, 7 <u>middle schools</u>, 15 <u>secondary schools</u>, 28 <u>high schools</u>, 1 <u>K-12 school</u>, and 7 <u>alternative programs</u>.