# NINETEENTH DAY

SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

# JOURNAL CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

September 12, 2022

Reverend Robert E. Young, Wayland Baptist Church, led the Council in Prayer.

The President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos Absent: Torrence (excused)

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of August 15, 2022 was read and approved.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

#### APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 15, 2022

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President And Members of the City Council Baltimore City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law this day the following bills:

# 22-0193 - Real Property Tax Credit for Energy Conservation Devices

For the purpose of granting a tax credit against the City real property tax imposed on a dwelling that uses a solar energy device or geothermal energy device; imposing certain qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount and the administration of the credit; creating an annual limit on the amount of credits granted; requiring an annual report regarding the credit; and defining certain terms.

# 22-0207 - Vacant Building Notices

For the purpose of defining the term "vacant building notice"; creating and amending certain penalties for failing to abate a vacant building notice; and generally related to the issuance and enforcement of vacant building notices.

In Service,

Brandon M. Scott *Mayor* 

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#### INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

Bill No. 22-0266 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1200 North Freemont Avenue (Block 0046; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0267** - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1630 North Patterson Park Avenue (Block 1471; Lot 019A) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 22-0268 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 800 Poplar Grove Street (Block 2471; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0269 -** By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 301 North Pulaski Street (Block 0146; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0270 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 5545 Kennison Avenue (Block 8190; Lot 015) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0271 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1101 Winston Avenue (Block 5188; Lot 004) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

#### **Bill No. 22-0272 -** By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 2333 East Chase Street (Block 1572; Lot 036) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0273 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 3750 Greenspring Avenue (Block 3327E; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 22-0274 -** By Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Cohen, Porter, Glover, Ramos, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton

An Ordinance requiring the Department of Public Works to provide a customer with a copy of a certain water bill upon request and submission of specified documentation.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0275 - By City Council President (Administration)

An Ordinance updating the City Ethics Article to conform to state law.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0276 - By Councilmember Torrence

An Ordinance 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 2722 Auchentoroly Terrace (Block 3229, Lot 30), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size) and required off-street parking requirements.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

# Bill No. 22-0277 - By Councilmember Torrence

An Ordinance designating the Reed Calloway House, 1316 North Carey Street, as an historical landmark: exterior.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 22-0278 - By Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Cohen, Ramos, Porter, Dorsey, Conway

An Ordinance amending the Baltimore City Building Code to require that certain vacant structures in Baltimore City be kept secured with doors and windows.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

**Bill No. 22-0128R** - By Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Dorsey, Ramos, Porter, Glover, Cohen

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, and other interested parties to brief the City Council on the use of Emergency Rental Assistance

Program (ERAP) funds in Baltimore City, including a conversation on declination of ERAP funds by management companies and private landlords in Baltimore City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 22-0129R - By Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Dorsey, Ramos, Porter, Cohen

A Resolution inviting the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, the head of Baltimore City's 311 Services, and other interested parties to appear before the City Council to discuss the number of 311 requests received from tenants facing chronic mold problems in their homes, the number of complaints from tenants of public housing and the number from tenants of private landlords, the demographics of those making the complaints, if known, how such requests are managed, and how the City can better address and respond to reports of chronic mold in housing.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 22-0130R - By Councilmember Councilmember Burnett, Bullock, Ramos, Porter, Cohen

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Planning, the Department of Transportation, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Real Estate, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Public Works, the Department of General Services, and other interested parties to discuss the current condition of City-owned lots and buildings, how maintenance of such properties can be improved, and the impact poorly-maintained City-owned lots and buildings have on Baltimore City as a whole.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 22-0131R - By Councilmember Porter, Stokes, Burnett, Cohen

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Health Department, the Office of Animal Control, Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to brief the City Council on the City's current resources, protections, and capabilities to address and mitigate animal abuse, as well as the role and responsibilities of the Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

Bill No. 22-0132R - By Councilmember Ramos, Glover, Cohen, Burnett, Dorsey

A Resolution inviting the President of the Johns Hopkins University, the Vice President for Public Safety for the Johns Hopkins University, the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, and relevant members of their staff to brief the City Council on the proposed memorandum of understanding between the Johns Hopkins University Police Department and the Baltimore City Police Department, including a discussion of the enabling state legislation.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversights Committee.

Bill No. 22-0133 - By Councilmember Cohen

Introduced (Read and adopted)

# Request for City Action - Calling on Dr. Sonja Santelises and the Baltimore City Public School System to Implement Restorative Practices

For the purpose of calling upon the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, Dr. Sonja Santelises, the Chief of Schools, John Davis, and the Board of School Commissioners to create an expedited plan to implement foundational restorative practices training in all City schools before the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

#### Recitals

Restorative practices (RP) is an evidenced-based approach to teaching young people conflict resolution, mediation, and accountability. School districts around the country have increasingly implemented RP to improve institutional climate by building meaningful relationships in school communities, reframing school discipline, and supporting student safety, well-being, and success. This transformational approach centers student voice and agency and enhances student engagement and participation in their own learning.

In April 2018, the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) CEO Sonja Santelises committed that Baltimore City would become a restorative practices district by 2023. Together with The Open Society Institute (OSI) and the Family League of Baltimore, BCPSS committed to developing a strategic plan to, at a minimum, implement restorative circles in all Baltimore City schools.

Certain BCPSS schools began implementing restorative practices and receiving intensive coaching and training during the 2018-2019 school year. A study conducted during that year by the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) found that restorative practices in City Schools led to a significant improvement in school climate and a major reduction in suspensions. At the request of OSI-Baltimore, JHU conducted a review of the implementation status in the RP schools in the City and released a subsequent report in October 2019, after the first full year of adopting the practice. The report indicated promising results at these early stages in addition to noting areas for continued improvement, stating "Overall, JHU found that since the implementation of restorative practices in the RP schools: Suspensions decreased in the RP schools by an impressive 44% in one year; The vast majority of school staff reported that restorative practices improved school climate and strengthened relationships among and between teachers and students". The report recommended City-wide implementation of RP in all schools, and for all school staff, within 3 to 5 years.

Despite commitments and pilot success, BCPSS leadership has been slow to adopt this strategy City-wide. Only 36 City schools are currently implementing RP practices, and only one-third of City schools (53) have received school-wide training in this strategy. Additionally, a timeline has not been published indicating when staff at all City schools will be trained in RP.

City schools have made some meaningful steps toward their pledge to implement RP that should be acknowledged. In 2019, BCPSS added an additional 21 schools with an integrated focus on both RP and Social Emotional Learning, for a total of 56 "wholeness intensive learning sites". Additionally, 36 City schools received foundational training for all staff on RP, with a focus on core concepts and the implementation of community-building circles. School leaders and key staff at those schools also received on-going coaching. BCPSS has also worked with an outside provider to offer coaching to administrators at 15 City schools to help leaders build RP cultures in their schools and to take more restorative and equitable approaches to discipline, emphasizing a reduction in suspensions. Finally, BCPSS leadership has worked to integrate RP into the language of policies, regulations, and Student Code of Conduct.

Despite these steps forward, this past school year gave rise to multiple incidents of violence and weapons found within City Schools. Two-thirds of City schools have still not had access to this critical strategy for reducing violence and combating further aggression. The City of Baltimore has always been committed to the holistic safety and well-being of its youth. Indeed, we are the first city in the nation to have legislated trauma-informed care into our policies and city agencies. Therefore, the City Council asks that this known best practice be swiftly scaled to ensure all students in our City receive the critical support they need to resolve conflict and support student safety, well-being, and success.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council calls upon the CEO of BCPSS, Dr. Sonja Santelises, Chief of Schools, John Davis, and the Board of School Commissioners to create an expedited plan to implement foundational restorative practices training in all City schools before the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City Public School System CEO and Chief of Schools, the Board Chair of the Board of School Commissioners, and the Mayor's legislative liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Cohen made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Cohen made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

**Bill No. 22-0134R** - By Councilmember Costello, Bullock, Torrence, McCray, Schleifer, Burnett, Porter, Cohen, Ramos, Middleton, Stokes, Conway, Glover

A Resolution inviting the City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, the Mayor's Senior Director of Communications, and representatives from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement to appear before the City Council to discuss the E. coli discovered in the City's water system on or before Labor Day weekend 2022 and to detail a complete time line of events that have transpired up to the date of this informational hearing regarding testing results, notifications to the City Administration, and notifications to City residents.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

Bill No. 22-0135R - By Councilmember Porter, Ramos, Bullock, Stokes, Cohen, Burnett

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development Code Enforcement Division and the Department of Planning Division of Community Planning and Revitalization to provide: (i) data detailing code violations at non-residential properties, including unoccupied, vacant, and abandoned structures, (ii) a review of licensing and registration requirements for unoccupied, vacant, and abandoned non-residential properties, (iii) data demonstrating whether unoccupied, vacant, and abandoned non-residential properties are complying with City Code registration requirements; and (iv) provide guidance about how to address long-term vacancies at non-residential properties.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, AND 951 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolutions, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# BILL NO. 22-0257 REPORTED FAVORABLY AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Schleifer, for the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0257 favorably.

An Ordinance establishing new boundaries of the Baltimore Police Department Police Districts; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

#### THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL No. 22-0189** - An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 07-609, which designated certain properties as a Business Planned Unit Development known as Westport Waterfront; repealing Ordinance 09-139, which amended Ordinance 07-609; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL No. 22-0203** - An Ordinance 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 2223 Callow Avenue (Block 3446, Lot 64), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL No. 22-0219** - An Ordinance approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Harbor Point Planned Unit Development.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the year and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Absent - 1.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

# MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3 WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 22-0134R

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early series of hearings on Bill No. 22-0134R.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Schleifer announced a series of hearing dates for the bill.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

#### Consent Calendar

#### CR 929 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Mother Bishop Shirley A. Tindal on your continuous dedication to serving First Church of Faith, Power and Deliverance and the City of Baltimore.

#### CR 930 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Darcel Moore on your well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your 35 years of service to the residents of Baltimore City.

#### CR 931 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Oak Street AME Church on being a beacon of light at Howard and 24th Street for 125 years.

#### CR 932 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Stephen S. Walker, Jr., March 29, 1982 – August 14, 2022.

# CR 933 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Anil Sural on your book publication on inspiring immigration stories.

#### CR 934 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Elnor H. Edmonds, October 16, 1934 – August 13, 2022.

#### CR 935 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Leon Mason, September 17, 1946 – August 11, 2022.

#### CR 936 Ramos

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Whynolia Cestillio Humphries Merchant on celebrating your 85th Birthday!

# CR 937 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Bishop Dr. Dwight D. Dodd, Sr. on 45 years of service in Ministry.

#### CR 938 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Vanessa Bryant, April 3, 1958 – August 14, 2022.

#### CR 939 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Caroline Yvette Brooks on 31 years of service to the City of Baltimore.

### CR 940 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Cheryl Moody on your retirement from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation after 38 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Baltimore.

#### CR 941 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Peter A. Williams on your retirement from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation after 32 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Baltimore.

#### CR 942 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Peggy Daidakis on your retirement from the Baltimore Convention Center after 49 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Baltimore.

#### CR 943 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Madison Park North on this momentous groundbreaking and your consistent dedication to serving to Baltimore City and its residents.

### **CR 944 President Mosby, All Members**

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Robert James Alexander, September 4, 1937 – August 5, 2022.

# **CR 945 President Mosby, All Members**

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Stephen Skeen on your exemplary leadership of the faculty, staff and students at Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School and a successful 2022-2023 school year.

#### CR 946 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Stephanie Farmer on your exemplary leadership of the faculty, staff and students at Vivian Thomas Medical Arts Academy and a successful 2022-2023 school year.

#### CR 947 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Danielle Tillman-Cromartie on your exemplary leadership of the faculty, staff and students at Harford Heights Elementary School and a successful 2022-2023 school year.

#### CR 948 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Yetunde Reeves on your exemplary leadership of the faculty, staff and students at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and a successful 2022-2023 school year.

#### **CR 949 President Mosby, All Members**

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Mrs. Bettie Ruth Glover, June 10, 1937 – August 18, 2022.

#### CR 950 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Rocky Brown, October 15, 1953 - August 8, 2022.

#### CR 951 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating St. Wenceslaus Roman Catholic Church on celebrating 150 years.