

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

JOURNAL
CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

October 24, 2022

The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection.

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

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Representatives from the Village Learning Place delivered a presentation.

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

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of October 3, 2022 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 3, 2022 and October 11, 2022

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

Dear Honorable President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

22-0189 - Repeal of Ordinances 07-609 and 09-139 - Westport Waterfront Planned Unit Development

For the purpose of 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.

22-0203 - Zoning - Conditional Use Conversion of Single-Family Dwelling Unit to 2 Dwelling Units in the R-8 Zoning District - 2223 Callow Avenue

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 2223 Callow Avenue (Block 3446, Lot 64), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

22-0212 - Residential Retention Tax Credit - Amendment

For the purpose of amending application requirements for the portable homestead tax credit; terminating the sunset of the credit; and generally relating to the portable homestead property tax credit.

22-0213 - Street Encroachment - 420 East Randall Street

For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the construction and maintenance of a portion of a building, to project into the public right-of-way on the east side of Henry Street on the property known as 420 East Randall Street; and providing for a special effective date.

22-0215 - City Streets - Closing - Two 10 Foot Alleys

For the purpose of condemning and closing of two 10 Foot Alleys bounded by East 23rd Street, Greenmount Avenue and East 22nd Street, as shown on a plat numbered 303-A-19A, dated September 14, 2021, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

22-0216 - City Property - Grant of Easement

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to grant a Perpetual Easement to the Maryland State Highway Administration for the installation and maintenance of a traffic control device, sidewalk, and median in the vicinity of the intersection of MD 1 (Eastern Avenue) and the entrance to East Point Mall, Baltimore County, Maryland, as shown on Plat 59795 filed in the State Highway Administration State Roads Commission; and providing for a special effective date.

22-0219 - Planned Unit Development - Amendment - Harbor Point

For the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Harbor Point Planned Unit Development.

22-0247 - Obstructing Street - Racing or Stunt Driving

For the purpose of prohibiting the obstruction of public streets under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; defining certain terms; and generally relating to obstructing a City street.

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

In Service,

Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

VIOLA A. WOOLUMS, as a member of the Adult Public Guardianship Board, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 9.

BYRON T. DEESE, as a member of the Employee Retirement System Board of Trustees, for a term expiring December 3, 2024.

CHARLYN CARTER, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 3.

LASHANDA A. JACKSON, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 13.

SAM NOVEY, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 12.

JONATHAN S. WEINSTEIN, as a member of the Fair Election Fund Commission, for a term expiring December 3, 2024, as a member from District 11.

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. 22-0289 - By Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling into 3 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning District on the property known as 867 Hollins Street (Block 0237, Lot 039), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

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

Bill No. 22-0290 - By Councilmember Costello, Porter

An Ordinance amending certain term limits for certain board members of the Board of Directors for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

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

Bill No. 22-0291 - By Councilmember Costello

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Market Center to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

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

Bill No. 22-0292 - By President Mosby

An Ordinance modifying certain provisions of the Elected Officials' Retirement System of the City of Baltimore relating to eligibility for service retirement benefits and deferred vested benefits; making this Ordinance contingent on the ratification of a certain City Charter amendment by a certain date; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee.

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

Bill No. 22-0142R - By Councilmember Stokes, Porter, Conway, McCray, Middleton, Schleifer, Costello, Ramos, Torrence, Glover

A Resolution inviting representatives from the Department of Finance, the Department of Human Resources, the Office of the City Administrator, the Office of Information Technology, and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research to brief the City Council on the status of the Workday Finance platform for procurement services launched in August 2022, including observed benefits or deficiencies, issues with rollout or uptake, and other relevant considerations.

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

Bill No. 22-0143R - By Councilmember Stokes, Bullock, Dorsey, Schleifer, McCray, Burnett, Middleton, Ramos, Glover, Cohen

A Resolution inviting the Director of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development's Code Enforcement Division to meet with the City Council to discuss the scope of illegal disposal of used tires in the City, problems that arise as a result of illegal disposal of used tires, and proposed solutions to illegal disposal of used tires.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, AND 1064 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, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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. 21-0081R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0081R favorably.

CODEMAP and Decision Making

FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to explain to the City Council how the CODEMAP application and the data sets the application uses assists public and private decision making and strategic planning in the City and helps move the City forward.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Researchers from the Pew Research Center have found that states can improve decision making by taking 5 concrete steps to maximize the administrative data at their disposal, and it is likely that cities like Baltimore can also use the same steps for excellent results;

WHEREAS, First, Baltimore can plan ahead by writing formal data strategies, developing data governance structures, and inventorying data sets and data collection procedures;

WHEREAS, Second, Baltimore can build their capacity to effectively use data by employing an adequate number of employees with expertise working with data, appropriately funding data strategies and allowing sufficient time for data-driven projects to be completed, and building relationships with external partners like universities;

WHEREAS, Third, Baltimore can establish data-sharing agreements and protocols within offices, across agencies, and with third-party stakeholder so that data is easily accessible by all relevant parties;

WHEREAS, Fourth, Baltimore can analyze data to create helpful tools that will assist City leaders in making decisions that will bring positive changes to the City;

WHEREAS, Fifth, Baltimore can maintain support for the development of data, data-sharing, and related endeavors so that gains created by these programs are not lost in the future;

WHEREAS, Knowing the above steps the City can take regarding administrative data and decision making, the City Council would like to learn how the CODEMAP application and the application's corresponding data sets are managed and put to work to move the City forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council invites the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to explain to the City Council how the CODEMAP application and the data sets the application uses assists public and private decision making and strategic planning in the City and helps move the City forward.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 22-0106R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0106R favorably.

Investigational Hearing – Solar Farming

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from WeSolar, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Planning’s Office of Sustainability, the Department of General Services, the Comptroller, the City Administrator, the State Public Service Commission, and the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to brief the City Council on commercial and residential solar farming and to assess how solar farming can benefit the citizens of Baltimore City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council requests that representatives from WeSolar, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Planning’s Office of Sustainability, the Department of General Services, the Comptroller, the City Administrator, the State Public Service Commission, and the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company to brief the City Council on commercial and residential solar farming and to assess how solar farming can benefit the citizens of Baltimore City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, WeSolar, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Planning’s Office of Sustainability, the Department of General Services, the Comptroller, the City Administrator, the State Public Service Commission, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 22-0122R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Conway, for the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee, reported Bill No. 22-0122R favorably.

Informational Hearing – Public Safety and Surveillance Technology

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Law, the Baltimore Police Department, the Department of Finance, and other interested parties to discuss the acquisition and use of facial recognition surveillance technology by Baltimore City government, how data from such equipment is used and stored, and any liability the City may face if the technology or its data is misused.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council invites representatives from the Department of Law, the Baltimore Police Department, the Department of Finance's Bureau of Procurement, and other interested parties to discuss the acquisition and use of facial recognition surveillance technology by Baltimore City government, how data from such equipment is used and stored, and any liability the City may face if the technology or its data is misused.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 22-0218 - An Ordinance changing the name of the park known as Robert E. Lee Park, located at 1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore, Maryland, 21210, to Lake Roland Park.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 22-0223 - An Ordinance renewing and continuing the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority, subject to certain conditions, for an additional 5 years; generally relating to the activities and authority of the Downtown Management District and Downtown Management Authority; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 22-0228 - An Ordinance altering the boundaries of the Midtown Community Benefits District; amending the composition of the District's Board of Directors; revising the enforcement of taxing; adjusting the allowable rate of Supplementary Tax; and generally relating to the Midtown Community Benefits District.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

BILL NO. 22-0252 - An Ordinance modifying the maximum number of operational cameras authorized to enforce Baltimore City's commercial vehicle monitoring system.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - Councilmember Schleifer - 1.

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

BILL WITHDRAWN

On request of the sponsor, duly seconded, Bill 22-0258

“An Ordinance establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Forest Preservation Fund, to be used exclusively to fund and administer activities related to forest management, including natural area preservation and restoration, wildlife management, maintenance of paths in forests and natural areas, and tree maintenance; providing for certain modes of appropriation to the Fund; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of the Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.”

was ordered withdrawn from the files of the Council.

MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3 WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 22-0292

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 22-0292.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Stokes announced a hearing date for the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, November 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar**CR 1033 Cohen**

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Baltimore City Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel on your tireless service to Baltimore City School communities, students, families, and staff.

CR 1034 Middleton

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Parks West Health System, Inc on your 50th Anniversary Celebration and for your contributions to the Park Heights Community.

CR 1035 Torrence

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Paula Darlene Huggins, August 22, 1968 - September 28, 2022.

CR 1036 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Chestine Mahomes on 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Baltimore Department of Finance.

CR 1037 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Martin Shipley on 46 years of dedicated service to the City of Baltimore Department of Finance.

CR 1038 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Neil McPhaul on 59 years of service with the Baltimore Housing Authority.

CR 1039 Cohen

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Carolyn Boitnott on your tireless, unwavering commitment to Baltimore through your service as the Crime Prevention Chair for the Butchers Hill neighborhood and Community Association.

CR 1040 Torrence

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Reverend Ruby Purnell, April 5, 1936 - September 28, 2022.

CR 1041 Glover

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Mr. William Brandon, Sr., July 5, 1972 - September 27, 2022.

CR 1042 Ramos

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Martha Whitaker on your 104th Birthday and your wisdom and commitment to the community.

CR 1043 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Isaiah Nelson, February 28, 1942 - September 30, 2022.

CR 1044 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Walter Eley on 9 years of service to the City of Baltimore DOT Transportation Maintenance Division.

CR 1045 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Ronald White, August 3, 1948 - September 25, 2022.

CR 1046 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Malcolm Garvey Myles on your continuous dedication to the citizens in the City of Baltimore during the pandemic.

CR 1047 Bullock

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Coach Mike Daniels, Coach Michael C. Blue, Coach James Conyers and Coach Robert Gantt on your unwavering support and dedication to the youth of Baltimore City.

CR 1048 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating John R. Madden on 21 years of service to the City of Baltimore DOT Transportation Maintenance Division.

CR 1049 Bullock

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Muriel Ivy Praileau, September 1, 1947 - September 29, 2022.

CR 1050 Middelton

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Wilfredo Castellanos, Kailyn Douglas, Jayme Faison, Emma Gilliam, Angie Hernandez-Arevalo, Miyel Jones, Marcellus Malcolm, Jordan Martin, Justin Moore, Kensey Pineda Castro, Carter Sheffield, Edward Sosa, Melone Stanley, Ja'Nae' Thomas, Tremaine Thompson, Ami Valdez Cojon, Tyree Taylor, Carsej Bayten, Samara Legrand, Cesar Rivas Del Cid, Da'shaun Whitehead, Jamari Jones-Herbert, and Frankie Dabney on your Pimlico Science Class Pinning Ceremony.

CR 1051 Ramos

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Corporal L. Betty Covington, Officer Lashawn Webb, Officer Kenya Phyll, Officer Marcus Lansey, Corporal Todd Duncan, Sergeant James A. Johnson and Lieutenant Danaena White on your response to the fatal shooting at Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School on 9-2-22 and your commitment to improving school safety.

CR 1052 Bullock

A Baltimore City Resolution on the death of Juanita G. Horton, April 24, 1928 - October 9, 2022.

CR 1053 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Rose Carter on 46 years of outstanding service to the City of Baltimore, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude, congratulations on your retirement.

CR 1054 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Allendale Community Association and Children of Promise on your 4th Annual ACA and Children of Promise Harvest Party for youth in the Allendale Community, thank you for all you do.

CR 1055 Middleton

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Dr. Jan Campbell on your 78th birthday celebration and for all of your beautiful contributions to the City of Baltimore.

CR 1056 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Elder Michelle Lee on your ordination, may God continue to lead and guide as you walk in your anointing.

CR 1057 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Melvin G. Derr, August 16, 1930 - October 10, 2022.

CR 1058 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Eunice Herring on your 80TH Birthday Celebration.

CR 1059 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Laila's Gift on your continued efforts in supporting and celebrating children with special needs and disabilities.

CR 1060 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating David Moss, III, Troop 209 on your outstanding achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout and the positive example by which you are leading in the Boy Scouts of America.

CR 1061 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of James W. "Bumper" Alston, Jr., June 3, 1952 - October 15, 2022.

CR 1062 Torrence

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Aaron Gavin Jolivet, February 5, 1964 - October 3, 2022.

CR 1063 Ramos

A Baltimore City Resolution congratulating Pastor Franklin Peterson, Jr., on 30 years of Pastoral Service and your dedication to the community.

CR 1064 Burnett

A Baltimore City Resolution to the Family of Congressman Elijah Cummings on the legacy of Congressman Elijah Cummings and his service to the City of Baltimore and communities across Maryland's 7th Congressional District.