

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

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FIRST COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2016-2020

JOURNAL

CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

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October 30, 2017

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Pastor Tamara Wilson, of NuSeason NuDay Church & Ministries, led the Council in Prayer.

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

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The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Bernard C. “Jack” Young, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger

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**SHOWCASE BALTIMORE**

Darryl Green, of Deep Forgiveness, delivered a presentation.

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of October 16, 2017 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION**

October 18, 2017

Baltimore City Hall  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Members of the Executive Appointments Committee:

My administration is formally withdrawing the following nominee to be considered for City Council confirmation to the Commission for Aging and Retirement Education:

EA17-0088

Aaron Merki

If you have any questions, please contact Kyron Banks at [Kyron.banks@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Kyron.banks@baltimorecity.gov) or at 410-396-4735.

Sincerely,

Catherine E. Pugh  
Mayor

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**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

DAVID A. ROSARIO, as a member of the Hispanic Commission, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who is a non-majority political party member.

GEORGE BUNTIN, as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who represents Western District.

EBONY HARVIN, as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who represents Southern District.

MARCUS NOLE, as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who represents Eastern District.

BETTY ROBINSON, as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who represents Northeastern District.

MIRIAM AVINS, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as an environmental and community organization representative.

JOHN CIEKOT, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who is an environmental group representative.

ELIZABETH E. HARBER, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, succeeding Lynn Heller.

EARL JOHNSON, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 6, 2020, as a member who is a community organization representative.

KURT S. SOMMER, as a member of the Commission on Sustainability, for a term expiring December 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

Catherine E. Pugh  
Mayor

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

October 30, 2017

Honorable Bernard “Jack” Young  
Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 - City Hall

Dear Honorable President:

In order to expedite the return of tax sale properties to private ownership, Ordinance 477 was approved December 6, 1973. This ordinance allows the City Comptroller to sell properties acquired by tax sale at either private or public sale once certain criteria are met.

It is requested that the following properties be published in the City Council Journal as promptly as possible, in order that we may pursue their disposition:

Councilmanic District No. 9

922 W. Franklin Street  
Baltimore, MD 21223  
Block 0129 Lot 011

AND

NS 15 Ft Alley 1<sup>st</sup> N of Mosher St.  
120 Ft. E. of Dukeland St.  
Block 2395 Lot 067

**Journal of the City Council**Councilmanic District No. 3

2313 Montebello Terrace

Baltimore, MD 21214

Block 5326 Lot 029

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 477, certification of the publication shall be submitted to the Comptroller 30 days after such publication. It would be most helpful and sincerely appreciated if the certification is directed to the Department of Real Estate.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Monique Sampson of my staff at 443-984-2751.

Walter Horton  
Real Estate Officer  
Department of Real Estate  
Room 304 City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street

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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. 17-0156** - By Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Stokes, Middleton:

An Ordinance naming the southwestern “plateau” of Wyman Park Dell’s main park area, bounded roughly by the wooded steep slope to the east, the 29<sup>th</sup> Street spur road and park entrance to the south, the southernmost entrance stairs off of Art Museum Drive to the north, and Howard Street/Art Museum Drive to the west, to be the Harriet Tubman Grove at Wyman Park Dell.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

**Bill No. 17-0157** - By Councilmember Costello (by request):

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the first floor area of the property known as 333 West Ostend Street (Block 0973, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 17-0158** - By Councilmember Pinkett (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1770 Union Avenue (Block 3575C, Lot 068) and 1780 Union Avenue (Block 3575C, Lot 068C), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the I-MU Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Land Use and Transportation Committee.

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

**Bill No. 17-0051R** - By Councilmembers Sneed, Henry, Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Costello, Burnett, Bullock, Schleifer, Middleton, Stokes, Pinkett, Cohen:

A Resolution reaffirming Baltimore City's commitment to equal treatment of any and all employees, and particularly equal treatment of women in the workplace; calling for the City to take concrete steps to accelerate the closing of the pay gap between men and women to empower women and reduce poverty; and requesting that the Department of Finance complete a management research project on the possibility of pay disparity between men and women on the City's payroll so that City officials can make informed decisions about what steps would be most effective in eliminating any existing gaps.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Finance, Department of Human Resources, Labor Committee.

**Bill No. 17-0052R** - By Councilmembers Stokes, Henry, Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Costello, Burnett, Bullock, Sneed, Cohen, Pinkett, Schleifer, Middleton:

A Resolution calling on representatives from the City agencies charged with preparing for and responding to disasters in our City to appear before the City Council to discuss the current state of Baltimore's disaster preparedness and how lessons learned from recent disaster responses can be applied here at home to ensure the best possible response to any threats we may face.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Office of Sustainability, Public Safety Committee.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0851, 0852, 0853, 0854, 0855, 0856, 0857, 0858, 0859, 0860, 0861, 0862, 0863, 0864, 0865, 0866, 0867, 0868, 0869, 0870, 0871, 0872, 0873, 0874, 0875, 0876, 0877, 0878, 0879, 0880, 0881, 0882, 0883, 0884, 0885, 0886, 0887, 0888, 0889, 0890, 0891, AND 0892 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, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

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

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

ELIZABETH ALEX

Member

COMMISSION:

Hispanic Commission

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Elizabeth Alex be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Elizabeth Alex confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

ELVIS GUZMAN	Member
COMMISSION:	Hispanic Commission
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Elvis Guzman be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Elvis Guzman confirmed.

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Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

KATHLEEN E. LONG	Member
COMMISSION:	Hispanic Commission
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Kathleen E. Long be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Kathleen E. Long confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

JAIME PANIAGUA	Member
COMMISSION:	Hispanic Commission
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.



Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Jaime Paniagua be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Jaime Paniagua confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

MARK E. PARKER	Member
COMMISSION:	Hispanic Commission
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Mark E. Parker be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Mark E. Parker confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

ANA MARIA SCHWARTZ CABALLERO      Member

COMMISSION:                                      Hispanic Commission

EXPIRATION OF TERM:                        December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Ana Maria Schwartz Caballero be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Ana Maria Schwartz Caballero confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

ALICE VOLPITTA                                      Member

BOARD:    Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:                        December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Alice Volpitta be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Alice Volpitta confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

CHRISTINA DELGADO

Member

BOARD:

Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Christina Delgado be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Christina Delgado confirmed.

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Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

DANIEL HARVEY

Member

BOARD:

Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Daniel Harvey be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Daniel Harvey confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

SONCE REESE

Member

BOARD:

Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Sonce Reese be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Sonce Reese confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

STEVEN JOHNSON	Member
BOARD:	Environmental Control Board
EXPIRATION OF TERM:	December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Steve Johnson be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Steve Johnson confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

REBECCA WOODS

Director

BOARD:

Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Rebecca Woods be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Rebecca Woods confirmed.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of

SCOTT RICHMAN

Member

BOARD:

Environmental Control Board

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 1, 2020

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Scott Richman be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the appointment of Scott Richman confirmed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 17-0073 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AN AMENDMENT,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0073 favorably, with an amendment.

An Ordinance designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Federal Hill Local Historic District; and providing for a special effective date.

Amendment to City Council Bill No. 17-0073

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 22, strike "CROSS" and substitute "HUGHES".

The amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 17-0110 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0110 favorably.

An Ordinance designating Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 3301 The Alameda, as an historical landmark: exterior.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 17-0037R REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Bullock, for the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0037R favorably.

**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**A “Dollar House” Program for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

FOR the purpose of calling on the City to develop a 21<sup>st</sup> Century “Dollar House” program that could revitalize marginal neighborhoods by matching construction ability at the grass roots of Baltimore to production of affordable housing for workers' families and neighbors.

**Recitals**

As Baltimore looks to solve the seemingly intractable problem of revitalizing neighborhoods beset by vacant homes, it would do well to look to solutions that have succeeded here in the past. The City’s highly successful “Dollar House” program from the 1980’s could serve as a useful model for true grassroots neighborhood revitalization in the modern era.

In the 80’s the City was able to assist in the transformation of neighborhoods such as Barre Circle, Otterbein, and Ridgely’s Delight from marginal to long term stability by selling large numbers of City owned vacant properties for \$1 each to individuals who agreed to rehab the properties with the assistance of low interest loans from the City and then live in the newly refurbished homes. This effort proved to not only be successful in stabilizing the neighborhoods, but also profitable for the City.

Today, the acquisition of clusters of vacant properties in a number of City neighborhoods has laid the groundwork that could make a second dollar home effort successful once again. If the City were to redirect funding currently earmarked to tear down these properties into 1% interest loans to modern day homesteaders willing to purchase the properties for \$1 and rehabilitate them this proven model could be replicated and the City could save money over the long term.

Pairing these homeownership incentives with construction job training and apprenticeship programs in the targeted neighborhoods could simultaneously provide the two things most



needed to turn lives around there – affordable housing and access to meaningful well-paying work. A vacant property rehabbed using local labor for \$100,000 could be paid for with a \$300/month 1% mortgage, an amount easily affordable by someone working steadily on the new construction jobs the program would spur.

A 21<sup>st</sup> Century “Dollar House” program could use local minority skilled-trades and financing experts to keep costs down in rehabbing blighted homes for affordable homeownership. It would involve local, minority trades in the City’s rehab efforts – so they can salvage their own neighborhoods for affordable sales to local residents. The City needs to take advantage of the opportunity that its acquisition of clusters of vacant properties provides to develop a 21<sup>st</sup> Century “Dollar House” program that matches construction ability at the grass roots of Baltimore to affordable housing for workers’ families and neighbors. History shows that these efforts can be both highly effective and economical over the long term.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Council calls on the City to develop a 21<sup>st</sup> Century “Dollar House” program that could revitalize marginal neighborhoods by matching construction ability at the grass roots of Baltimore to production of affordable housing for workers’ families and neighbors.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Housing Commissioner, local and minority skilled construction trades and financing advocates promoting this proposal, 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, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 17-0099 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee has complied with the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code and recommends the adoption of Bill No. 17-0099 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a banquet hall on the second floor rear area and the adjoining fenced-in patio on the property known as 5604 York Road (aka 5609 Hess Avenue), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

Councilmember Middleton made a motion, duly seconded, that, pursuant to Article 32, § 5-406 of the Baltimore City Code, the Council adopt these Findings of Fact concerning a conditional use for:

**City Council Bill No. 17-0099**

**Zoning – Conditional Use Banquet Hall – The Second Floor Rear Area and the Adjoining Fenced-In Patio – 5604 York Road (AKA 5609 Hess Avenue)**

- (1) the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare for the following reasons:

The banquet hall will be a venue for social and family events that are occasions for strengthening family ties, social interactions, and sense of community. The banquet hall would operate during normal business hours, for such type of business establishment. It would also operate within restrictions and standards established by Codes such as Fire & Safety, and Building.

- (2) the use would not be precluded by any other law, including an applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

The Zoning Code requires approval by ordinance of a banquet hall in a C-2 zoning district, which is the subject of Bill 17-0099. Provided certain findings of fact are made and all procedural requirements are met, no provision of the City Code prohibits approving this bill.

- (3) the authorization would not be contrary to the public interest for the following reasons:

The banquet hall would be an employer of and a customer to other Baltimore businesses, which in turn would support their employing persons from Baltimore. In addition, having a good place to socialize is important to urban life.

- (4) the authorization would be in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Code for the following reasons:

Authorization of the banquet hall would help to ensure that visions set forth in the City's Comprehensive Master Plan for Baltimore PLAY Goal 2 (Improve nightlife, entertainment, and recreation experiences for residents and visitors) and

in the York Road Community Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan (Improve the mix of businesses in the York Road commercial nodes to better serve surrounding communities) are being brought to fruition.

After consideration of the following,:

- (1) the nature of the proposed site, including its size and shape and the proposed size, shape, and arrangement of structures;

The patio area proposed for use with the banquet hall is shielded from York Road and Hess Avenue by the second floor level of the building; consequently there would be minimal to no noise impact upon nearby residents and businesses.

- (2) the resulting traffic patterns and adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;

A site plan for the proposed parking lot on Benninghaus Road was approved by the Planning Commission on September 11, 2017. The owner will lease parking spaces at other locations close to 5604 York Road to comply with parking requirements.

- (3) the nature of the surrounding area and the extent to which the proposed use might impair its present and future development;
- (4) the proximity of dwellings, churches, schools, public structures, and other places of public gathering;
- (5) accessibility of the premises for emergency vehicles;
- (6) accessibility of light and air to the premises and to the property in the vicinity;
- (7) the type and location of adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary facilities that have been or will be provided;
- (8) the preservation of cultural and historic landmarks and structures;
- (9) the character of the neighborhood;

The Govans area is characterized by various commercial uses that have evolved around and along York Road. The banquet hall is zoned C-2 commercial.

(10) the provisions of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan;

The authorization addresses the City's Comprehensive Master Plan PLAY Goal 2: Improve nightlife, entertainment, and recreation experiences for residents and visitors, Objective 1: Expand access to nightlife.

(11) the provisions of any applicable Urban Renewal Plan;

The Govans area is not covered by an Urban Renewal Plan.

(12) all applicable standards and requirements of this Code;

(13) the intent and purpose of this Code; and

(14) any other matters considered to be in the best interest of the general welfare.

**SOURCE OF FINDINGS** (Check all that apply):

Planning Report

Testimony presented at the Committee hearing

Oral - Witness Name:

- Martin French, Department of Planning

Written - Submitted by:

- Planning Commission
  - Agency Report
  - Site Plan for a Parking Lot on Benninghaus Road

**Land Use and Transportation Committee:**

Edward Reisinger

Chair

Sharon Middleton

Member

Eric Costello

Member

Leon Pinkett  
Member

Robert Stokes  
Member

Mary Pat Clarke  
Member

Findings of Fact adopted.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 17-0099

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 19, strike “condition that the” and substitute “following conditions”:

1. The banquet hall shall continue to maintain and operate a parking lot on the opposite side of Benninghaus Road, in accordance with the approved parking lot site plan for the property known as 408-416 Benninghaus Road, which is attached to and made part of this Ordinance, for use by banquet hall patrons during banquet hall events.
2. The banquet hall shall lease or otherwise provide other additional off-street parking resources for use by banquet hall patrons and staff.
3. The”;

and, on page 1, in line 19, strike “complies” and substitute “must comply”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 17-0094 REPORTED FAVORABLY, AMENDED,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0094 favorably.

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all of its interest in certain property known as NS Eastern Avenue Underpass NEC

Macon Street (Block 6326, Lots 1-10) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

Then Councilmember Middleton made a motion, which was seconded, to offer a floor amendment to the bill.

Amendment to City Council Bill No. 17-0094

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 6, strike “NEC” and substitute “NWC”.

The amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 17-0120 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AN AMENDMENT,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0120 favorably, with an amendment.

An Ordinance establishing a tax credit against the property tax imposed on the principal residences of certain public safety officers; imposing certain limitations, conditions, and qualifications for credit eligibility; providing for the amount, duration, and administration of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for qualified public safety officers.

Amendment to City Council Bill No. 17-0120

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 4, after line 28, insert:

“(1) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS CREDIT MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2028.”.

The amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 17-0048R REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 17-0048R favorably.

**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland  
for the Redesignation/Renewal of Baltimore City's Enterprise Zone Focus Areas**

FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to redesignate and renew Baltimore City's Enterprise Zone Focus Areas.

**WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the creation of jobs by establishing Focus Areas, and, that by doing so, opportunities will increase for revitalization, property rehabilitation, and job creation (See the attached Exhibit A, "Proposed City Focus Area Redesignation/Renewal", for a map of the area affected by approval of this Resolution); and

**WHEREAS**, The Jones Falls Focus Area (Exhibit B), Carroll Camden Industrial Focus Area, (Exhibit C), and Oldtown Focus Area (Exhibit D) expired on June 30, 2017, and must be redesignated as Enterprise Zone Focus Areas by the State of Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, The Orangeville/Holabird Industrial Focus Area (Exhibit E) is scheduled to expire on December 14, 2019, and the Central West Baltimore Focus Area (Exhibit F) is scheduled to expire on December 14, 2021, and may be renewed as Enterprise Zone Focus Areas by the State of Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore wishes to pursue an application for redesignation and renewal of all aforementioned Focus Areas, so that the expiration of all Focus Areas will occur simultaneously with the expiration of the Enterprise Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, The Focus Areas will follow the provisions of the Maryland Annotated Code Economic Development Article § 5-706 and will expire on June 14, 2022, the date of expiration for the Enterprise Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC), has prepared an application for the redesignation and renewal of the Focus Areas, to include these aforementioned areas; and

**WHEREAS**, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Focus Area Program require the written expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City Council of Baltimore:

1. Hereby endorses this October 2017 application of the City for the redesignation of the Oldtown Focus Area, Carroll Camden Industrial Focus Area, and Jones Falls Focus Area and for the renewal of the Orangeville/Holabird Industrial Focus Area and the Central West Baltimore Focus Area.
2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce, State of Maryland; the Honorable Mayor of the City of Baltimore, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC).

Favorable report adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

### **THIRD READING**

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 17-0108** - An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Mt. Washington Village Business Area to modify the boundaries of the Renewal Plan, to delete certain provisions of the Plan pertaining to powers of acquisition and condemnation made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of



the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to revise certain Exhibits to reflect the boundary modifications of the Plan and to reflect a change in zoning, upon approval by separate Ordinance, for a portion of the property known as 1700 South Road, ~~and to delete a certain Exhibit~~ Exhibits, made obsolete by § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to clarify, conform and correct certain obsolete language, provisions, and references pertaining to the Zoning Code of Baltimore City, to clarify that if a land use is not allowed in the C-1 Zoning District, the use is prohibited, to modify certain land uses allowed in the Plan, to remove certain provisions pertaining to land disposition, to modify certain standards for rehabilitation of commercial properties, to modify the review process for developers' proposals for new development or significant rehabilitation of property, to modify the duration of the Plan, and to modify a certain procedure for amending the Urban Renewal 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.

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, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 17-0115** - An Ordinance correcting certain technical errors and omissions in the City Code; repealing certain obsolete, obsolescent, or otherwise preempted, superseded, or superfluous provisions; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; 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, Scott, Henry, Schleifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Costello, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Dorsey, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- CR 0851** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Bernice C. Paylor, April 10, 1931 – October 8, 2017.
- CR 0852** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dora Lee Jones Eaton on your 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, may your special day be filled with the love, laughter and support of family and dear friends, Happy Birthday.
- CR 0853** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Elizabeth Murdock on reaching the major milestone of celebrating your 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, may your special day be filled with the love and support of family and dear friends, Happy Birthday.
- CR 0854** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Anthony Stewart, March 20, 1955 – October 4, 2017.
- CR 0855** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Bishop Willard E. Saunders, Jr. on your 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary and continued leadership to the CFSMM Worship Center Family.
- CR 0856** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Michael B. Gibson on your retirement after 23 years of dedicated service with the Baltimore Police Department, wishing you good health, good luck and great success in your retirement.
- CR 0857** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of George W. Thomas, January 15, 1928 – October 12, 2017.
- CR 0858** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Forest Park Senior Center on your 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon and continued support and dedication to the Senior Community, Happy Anniversary and wishes for many more.
- CR 0859** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Essie May Ashlock, August 25, 1927 – October 17, 2017.
- CR 0860** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Hugh W. Carey on your outstanding and highly accomplished service to the Music and Cultural Arts Ministries of Trinity.

- CR 0861 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Union Baptist Church on 165 years of faith and fellowship as the “servant church”, serving the needs of the community with a willingness and commitment to your values of the past and present.
- CR 0862 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Pastor Clarinda Burston on founding Feed Baltimore and to honor your dedication and commitment to the Baltimore City Community.
- CR 0863 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Liz O’Malley on 40 years of life, thank you for being an outstanding citizen and ambassador in the service industry, the City appreciates you and all of your time.
- CR 0864 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Susie R. Seward-Clark, March 21, 1933 – October 20, 2017.
- CR 0865 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Rachel R. Hill, July 11, 1928 – October 20, 2017.
- CR 0866 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Elizabeth Louise Gambrill Bunn, November 8, 1937 – October 13, 2017.
- CR 0867 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Dr. Alvin J. Gwynn, Sr. on 15 years of Pastoral Service with the Friendship Baptist Church of Empowering God’s People.
- CR 0868 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Jewish Uniformed Service Association of Maryland on your Inaugural Law Enforcement and Military Appreciation Awards Dinner and the support you provide to the men and women of the City of Baltimore.
- CR 0869 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Colonel Erwin A. Burtnick on being the recipient of the Military Community Service Award at the JUSA’s Law Enforcement and Military Appreciation Awards Dinner.
- CR 0870 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Baltimore City Police Officer IRA Neil Weiner (1964 – 1992) on being the recipient of the In Memoriam Police Officer Valor Award at the JUSA’s Law Enforcement and Military Appreciation Awards Dinner.

- CR 0871** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Baltimore County Fire Fighter Gene Meir Kirchner (1987 – 2013) on being the recipient of the In Memoriam Firefighter Valor Award at the JUSA’s Law Enforcement and Military Appreciation Awards Dinner.
- CR 0872** Clarke  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ms. Erin Nueslein on 12 remarkable years of service to the HCC Zoning and Land Use Committee.
- CR 0873** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of David H. Hollingsworth, August 11, 1946 – October 18, 2017.
- CR 0874** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Wanda Renee Jeffries-Davis, September 4, 1948 – October 17, 2017.
- CR 0875** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Myrtle G. Harrell, July 5, 1933 – October 18, 2017.
- CR 0876** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sallie Yancey-Oodrum on your many years of support to church and work you have done in the South Baltimore Community.
- CR 0877** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Delores M. Crider, October 19, 1938 – October 23, 2017.
- CR 0878** Middleton  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dana Michele Middleton on your elevation to Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.
- CR 0879** President Young, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Ann L. Spencer, December 6, 1948 – October 23, 2017.
- CR 0880** Pinkett  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Union Temple Baptist Church on your 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- CR 0881** Pinkett  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Gabriel P. Churn, Jr. on your 10<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary at Union Temple Baptist Church.

- CR 0882 Burnett**  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Lu Elsie Jackson, February 25, 1932 – October 20, 2017.
- CR 0883 Schleifer**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Baltimore Shomrim Safety Patrol on 13 years of extraordinary work in keeping our community safe, as a volunteer organization in partnership with the BCPD, you go above and beyond the call of duty.
- CR 0884 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Bobby Shaw on 33 years of dedicated service with Amtrak, wishing you good health, good luck and great success in your retirement.
- CR 0885 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Doris Ball, August 1, 1932 – October 20, 2017.
- CR 0886 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating John F. Chalmers on 30 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Baltimore City.
- CR 0887 Schleifer and Burnett**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Go Northwest and Mereida D. Goodman on 10 successful years of providing housing resources to the residents of Northwest Baltimore.
- CR 0888 Pinkett,**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Judson Hughes on your 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday and being a pillar in the Penn-North Community.
- CR 0889 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION to the Family of Flora “Flo” M. Baquol, January 14, 1934 – October 25, 2017.
- CR 0890 President Young, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the First Apostolic Faith Church on your Centennial Banquet Celebrating 100 years of faithful service and contributions to the Baltimore Community.
- CR 0891 Stokes**  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of David Henry Hollingsworth Sr., August 4, 1947 – October 18, 2017.

**CR 0892 President Young, All Members**

**A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Payne Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church on your 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and continued dedication to faith, family, and fellowship.**