

City of Baltimore

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



AGENDA

Monday, November 7, 2005

5:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Sheila Dixon, President of the Council

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Vice President

District 1: James Kraft - District 2: Nicholas C. D'Adamo

District 3: Robert W. Curran - District 4: Kenneth N. Harris, Sr.

District 5: Rochelle "Rikki" Spector - District 6: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

District 7: Belinda Conaway - District 8: Helen L. Holton

District 9: Agnes Welch - District 10: Edward L. Reisinger

District 11: Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr. - District 12: Bernard C. "Jack" Young

District 13: Paula Johnson Branch - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke

Call to Order

Invocation

Reverend Dr. William S. Calhoun, Sr., Trinity Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Showcase Baltimore

National Adoption Month, Kewanee Smith, Administrator for Foster Care, Adoption Recruitment Unit, Dept. of Social Services with Rev. Brenda Carter, One Church, One Child

Approval of the Journal

October 31, 2005

Communications from the Mayor

05-0278 Planned Unit Development - Amendment 3 - Reisterstown Road Plaza Shopping Center

Sponsors: Spector.

ORDINANCE - FOR the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Reisterstown Road Plaza Shopping Center Planned Unit Development. - LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (050530)

05-0279 From Baltimore to Birmingham - Thank You

Sponsors: Council Pres.-Admin, Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Young, Holton, Clarke, Harris, Conaway, Welch, Spector, Rawlings-Blake, Reisinger, Branch, Mitchell.

Requester: Office of the Mayor.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RES. - FOR the purpose of expressing deep appreciation to Mayor Kincaid and staff, and the gracious people of Birmingham, Alabama who opened their hands and their hearts to the volunteers from Baltimore who journeyed far to offer their aid to the victims of Katrina; and providing for a special effective date. - MAYOR (050531)

05-0280 Property Tax Credits - Newly Constructed Dwellings

Sponsors: Reisinger, Kraft, D'Adamo, Young, Clarke, Conaway, Spector, Rawlings-Blake, Curran, Holton, Branch, Harris, Welch, Mitchell.

ORDINANCE - FOR the purpose of extending the time for filing applications for a credit against the tax imposed on newly constructed dwellings; providing a grace period for certain dwellings previously purchased; repealing an obsolete provision; and generally relating to property tax credits for newly constructed dwellings. - TAXATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (050534)

05-0281 Baltimore City Housing Initiative

Sponsors: President Dixon, Young, Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Holton, Conaway, Spector, Welch, Clarke, Rawlings-Blake, Reisinger, Mitchell, Branch.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RES. - FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Housing Initiative, to maintain and expand affordable housing in the City; setting a minimum goal for funds to be appropriated for the Initiative; providing for the administration of the Initiative; and generally relating to the promotion of affordable housing in Baltimore City. - BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (050537)

05-0103R Salary Parity for City Employees - Its Only Fair

Sponsors: Young, President Dixon, Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Holton, Clarke, Harris, Conaway, Welch, Spector, Rawlings-Blake, Reisinger, Branch, Mitchell.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION - FOR the purpose of requesting the Director of Human Resources to conduct a comparison study of salaries paid to City Employees with salaries paid to government workers in the surrounding subdivisions and nearby cities in other states to determine if current levels of compensation are comparable to salaries being paid to employees holding similar positions; and urging the Director to submit the results of the salary parity study to the City Council within 5 months. - EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (050532)

05-0104R Request for State Legislation - Abolish Ground Rent in Baltimore City

Sponsors: Welch, Kraft, D'Adamo, Young, Holton, Conaway, Harris, Spector, Reisinger, Rawlings-Blake.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION - FOR the purpose of requesting the Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2006 Session of the Maryland General Assembly to introduce legislation to abolish the archaic system of residential ground rents in Baltimore City and urging the Governor to sign the subject legislation into law to protect homeowners from unscrupulous persons seeking to cash in on the City's fast growing real estate market. - CITY COUNCIL (050533)

05-0105R Proclaiming 2005 as Rosa Parks Year in Baltimore City and Celebrating the December 1 Anniversary Nationwide "Day of Absence"

Sponsors: Conaway, D'Adamo, Young, Harris, Kraft, Clarke, Reisinger, Rawlings-Blake, Mitchell, Holton, Branch, Welch.

Requester: Rosa Parks December 1 Anniversary Nationwide "Day of Absence", c/o Sharon Ceci and Eric Easton, Baltimore Citywide Coordinating Committee.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION - FOR the purpose of proclaiming 2005 as Rosa Parks Year in Baltimore City and joining the more than 1,000 national and local organizations sponsoring the Rosa Parks nationwide "Day of Absence" in encouraging all public and private businesses and educational institutions located in Baltimore City on December 1, 2005, to either close or allow their workers or attendees time off to attend Rosa Parks Commemoration events taking place during the normal business hours without sanctions. - EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (050535)

05-0106R American Education Week - November 13-19, 2005

Sponsors: President Dixon, Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Young, Harris, Holton, Clarke, Welch, Conaway, Spector, Rawlings-Blake, Reisinger, Branch, Mitchell.

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION - FOR the purpose of promoting and supporting American Education Week, which will take place from November 13-19, 2005 which will focus on the theme "A Strong America Starts With Great Public Schools." - CITY COUNCIL (050536)

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

Second Reader

Taxation and Finance

05-0241 Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings - Registration Fees - Repeal of "Sunset"

ORDINANCE - FOR the purpose of abrogating the automatic termination of Ordinance 01-191, as amended by Ordinance 03-526; continuing the fees and per-owner maximums set by Ordinance 01-191 for the annual registration of non-owner-occupied dwelling units; clarifying, correcting, and conforming certain language; defining a certain term; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the registration and regulation of non-owner-occupied dwellings. (050423)

Reported Favorable.

Third Reader

Third Reader (to be held one meeting)

05-0233 Rezoning - 719-729 East Fort Avenue

ORDINANCE - FOR the purpose of changing the zoning for the property known as 719-729 East Fort Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 and B-2-2 Zoning Districts to the R-8 Zoning District. (050390)

Committee Announcements

Announcements

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Adjournment

Cable Hearing Schedule

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005 AT 5:00 P.M.

Taxation and Finance Committee, Councilmember Mitchell - Chair

05-0172 - Property Tax - Deferred Payments for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners