

City of Baltimore

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, March 3, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President of the Council

Edward L. Reisinger, Vice President

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

District 3: Robert W. Curran - District 4: Bill Henry

District 5: Rochelle "Rikki" Spector - District 6: Sharon Green Middleton

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

District 9: Agnes Welch - District 10: Edward L. Reisinger
District 11: William H. Cole, IV - District 12: Bernard C. "Jack" Young
District 13: Warren Branch - District 14: Mary Pat Clarke

Call to Order

Invocation

Senior Pastor Dena S. Jobes, Haven of Rest Sanctuary of Praise

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Showcase Baltimore

Advocates for Children and Youth, Cameron E. Miles

Approval of the Journal

February 25, 2008

Communications from the Mayor

Executive Nominations

EA08-0037 **Peter Doo**
Member - Commission on Sustainability
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

EA08-0038 **Raymond Ehrlich**
Member - Commission on Sustainability
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

EA08-0039 **Wilbur "Bill" Cunningham**
President - Planning Commission - 14th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

- EA08-0040** **Benjamin G. Glenn, Sr.**
Member - Planning Commission - 2nd District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0041** **Robert Hopkins**
Member - Planning Commission - 4th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0042** **Darlene Lizette A. Kennedy**
Member - Planning Commission - 11th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0043** **Matthews W. Wright**
Member - Planning Commission - 14th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0044** **Michelle Nicole Lipkowitz**
President - Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - 12th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0045** **Frank Bonaventure**
Member - Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - 5th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0046** **Joseph J. Diblasi**
Member - Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - 10th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0047** **Courtney McKeldin**
Member - Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - 5th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
- EA08-0048** **Geoffrey Washington**
Member - Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals - 10th District
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Bills Introduced

- 08-0054** **Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority - Renewal**

Through June 30, 2012

FOR the purpose of renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

Sponsors: William H. Cole, IV, Robert W. Curran, Bill Henry, Warren Branch, James B. Kraft, Mary Pat Clarke and Sharon Green Middleton

*MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
URBAN AFFAIRS AND AGING COMMITTEE*

08-0055

Charter Amendment - Sustainability Funds

FOR the purpose of expressly authorizing the establishment of 1 or more continuing, nonlapsing funds to be used for promoting sustainability and a clean and safe environment in the City and for related purposes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, William H. Cole, IV, Bill Henry, Robert W. Curran, Nicholas C. D'Adamo and Mary Pat Clarke

*MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE*

08-0056

Sanitation - Mixed Refuse Collections

FOR the purpose of modifying the rules for mixed refuse collections following a holiday; clarifying and correcting certain language; and generally relating to the collection of garbage and mixed refuse.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, William H. Cole, IV, Bill Henry, Warren Branch, Robert W. Curran, Mary Pat Clarke, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Belinda K. Conaway and Edward L. Reisinger

*ORDINANCE
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE*

08-0057

Property Tax Credits - High-Performance Buildings

FOR the purpose of granting a property tax credit for certain high-performance buildings; defining certain terms; establishing certain conditions; imposing certain limitations; and generally relating to tax credits for qualifying high-performance buildings.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, William H. Cole, IV, Bill Henry, Robert W. Curran, Belinda K. Conaway and Mary Pat Clarke

*ORDINANCE
TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE*

08-0058

Property Tax Credits - Energy Devices

FOR the purpose of granting a property tax credit for buildings for which certain energy devices have been installed; defining certain terms; imposing certain

limitations; and generally relating to tax credits for qualifying energy devices.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, William H. Cole, IV, Bill Henry, Warren Branch, Bernard C. 'Jack' Young, Robert W. Curran, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Mary Pat Clarke and Belinda K. Conaway

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08-0059

Beverage Containers - Refund Value

FOR the purpose of imposing a refund value on certain nonreusable beverage containers; defining certain terms; requiring certain markings on these beverage containers; requiring dealers and distributors to accept these containers for refund under certain circumstances; imposing penalties; and generally relating to nonreusable beverage containers.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, Bill Henry, Nicholas C. D'Adamo and Belinda K. Conaway

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08-0060

Plastic Bag Reduction

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain markets and formula retail stores from using certain types of checkout bags; defining certain terms; authorizing civil enforcement action; imposing criminal penalties; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, Bill Henry, Robert W. Curran, Mary Pat Clarke and Belinda K. Conaway

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08-0061

Food Establishments - Polystyrene Products

FOR the purpose of prohibiting food service establishments from using certain polystyrene products under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: James B. Kraft, Bill Henry and Robert W. Curran

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08-0062

Property Tax - Homestead Tax Credit

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the receipt of a homestead property tax credit for more than 1 dwelling; and providing for civil and criminal penalties for violations.

Sponsors: Mary Pat Clarke, William H. Cole, IV, Bill Henry, Belinda K. Conaway, Helen L. Holton, Robert W. Curran, Edward L. Reisinger, James B. Kraft, Warren Branch, Sharon Green Middleton, Rochelle 'Rikki' Spector, Nicholas C. D'Adamo and Agnes Welch

ORDINANCE

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

08-0063

Property Maintenance - Responsibilities of City as Owner or Operator

FOR the purpose of expressly restating and reaffirming the responsibilities of the City for the repair and maintenance of properties owned or operated by it; clarifying certain definitions; requiring certain Departments to submit to the Mayor and the City Council a schedule for bringing all City-owned or -operated properties "to code" within a certain period and to provide periodic progress reports; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the scope and applicability of the Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City.

Sponsors: Bernard C. 'Jack' Young, William H. Cole, IV, James B. Kraft, Bill Henry, Warren Branch, Robert W. Curran, Edward L. Reisinger, Belinda K. Conaway, Sharon Green Middleton, Agnes Welch and Nicholas C. D'Adamo

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08-0064

Scrap Metal Processors - Second-Hand Property Dealers - Reporting Requirements

FOR the purpose of expressly including used motor vehicle parts among the items to be reported to the Police Commissioner and held by scrap metal processors, second-hand property dealers, and others; modifying certain definitions; and generally relating to the regulation of scrap metal processors, second-hand property dealers, and others.

Sponsors: Bill Henry, Mary Pat Clarke, Belinda K. Conaway and Edward L. Reisinger

*ORDINANCE
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE*

Resolutions Introduced

08-0024R

Task Force on Noise Laws and Enforcement

FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Noise Law Task Force to study the potential for an overhaul of the City's current noise laws and the feasibility of creating a more defined, easily enforced, and encompassing noise law for the City of Baltimore.

Sponsors: Bill Henry, William H. Cole, IV, James B. Kraft, Warren Branch, Bernard C. 'Jack' Young, Robert W. Curran, Mary Pat Clarke, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Sharon Green Middleton, Agnes Welch, Edward L. Reisinger and Belinda K. Conaway

*RESOLUTION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE*

08-0025R

Informational Hearing - Fire Department Recruitment Policies

FOR the purpose of requesting that the acting Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department brief the Council on the current hiring processes and recruiting programs the department is utilizing to bring new firefighters onto the force, and the changes, if any, that have taken place in the recruitment qualifications for Fire Department personnel over the last few years.

Sponsors: Bernard C. 'Jack' Young, Bill Henry, Warren Branch, Belinda K. Conaway, Edward L. Reisinger, Agnes Welch and Mary Pat Clarke

*RESOLUTION
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE*

Consent Calendar

(See Section A at back of Agenda)

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Executive Appointments

EA08-0021 Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.
Health Commissioner for Baltimore City - 5th District

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

EA08-0022 Deborah F. Moore-Carter
Labor Commissioner for Baltimore City - 7th District

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

EA08-0023 Sandra E. Baker, Esq.
Executive Director of the Environmental Control Board of Baltimore City - 13th District

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

EA08-0024 Gladys B. Gaskins
Director - Department of Human Resources - 10th District

RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Education

08-0022R

Support for Baltimore City Experience Corps

FOR the purpose of requesting Experience Corps funding in the 2008-09 City Budget so as to sustain this intergenerational academic program in the 20 BCPSS elementary schools it serves so effectively.

Sponsors: Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, James B. Kraft, William H. Cole, IV, Robert W. Curran, Agnes Welch, Edward L. Reisinger, Nicholas C. D'Adamo, Warren Branch, Bernard C. 'Jack' Young, Sharon Green Middleton, Helen L. Holton and Rochelle 'Rikki' Spector

REPORTED FAVORABLE

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development

08-0010R

Informational Hearing - Report of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Taxes and Fees

FOR the purpose of inviting the Committee Co-Chairs and Members to share with the City Council the findings of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Taxes and Fees on alternate revenue options and other viable measures that can be implemented to reduce Baltimore City's property tax rate over the next several years.

Sponsors: Helen L. Holton, President Rawlings-Blake, Robert W. Curran, William H. Cole, IV, Belinda K. Conaway, Agnes Welch, Edward L. Reisinger, Bill Henry, Sharon Green Middleton, Warren Branch and James B. Kraft

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Committee Announcements

Announcements

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008, AT 5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment