

SIXTEENTH DAY

SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2004-2007

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June 12, 2006 - 5 p.m. Meeting

Reverend Jorge Maldonado, of Bilingual Christian Church, led the Council in Prayer.

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

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Sheila Dixon, President, and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Conaway, Holton, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke

Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger

MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Vice President Rawlings Blake made a motion, which was seconded, to invoke Rule 3-5(b) to change the usual order of business and to proceed with the order of business as reflected on the printed Meeting Agenda. The motion was approved.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0416 - An Ordinance providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the fiscal 2007 year - Ordinance of Estimates.

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 D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Conaway, Holton, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - Councilmember Kraft - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

Vice President Rawlings Blake made a motion, which was seconded, that the Council recess in order to go before the Board of Estimates for the setting of the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2006. The motion was approved. After the Board of Estimates Meeting, President Dixon reconvened the City Council Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

MERLENE E. ADAIR, as a member of the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member who is over 65 and retired.

WILHELMINA SPENCER BURFORD, as a member of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member who is a person with a disability, a representative of an organization representing persons with a disability, and a family member of a person with a disability.

LINDA J. DOUGHTY, as a member of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member who is a person with a disability.

LAWRENCE J. HAWKINS, Jr., MHS, as a member of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member who is a person with a disability.

DANIEL MOTZ, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member who has real estate experience.

PATRICK W. MOYLAN, as a member of the Environmental Control Board, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, as a member of the general public.

LISA HARRIS JONES, as a member of the Wage Commission, for a term expiring December 7, 2007.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Mayor

COMMITTEE REPORTS**BILL NO. 06-0124R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Harris, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0124R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**Informational Hearing – Has The Time Come For Baltimore To Get Zipped Up Tight?**

FOR the purpose of requesting representatives of the Zipcar company to address the City Council on the feasibility of providing this innovative web-based car-sharing service to citizens and workers in Baltimore City, determining the logistics of providing this service within the City's infrastructure, and requesting the Department of Planning and the Department of Transportation to study the issue and submit recommendations to the Council within 6 months of the date of the hearing.

Recitals

Zipcars is a concept pioneered in Europe where cars are parked around a city for members to drive by the hour or day, instead of owning their own cars. In June 2000, the first Zipcars appeared in this country. Tailored to appeal to American consumers, the cars were outfitted with wireless technology, creating a hassle-free reservation system, and the cars were strategically placed around key neighborhoods in participating cities.

Zipcar officials claim their service is preferable to traditional car rental services because participants do not have to go to the rental car location to pick up the car or to stand in any lines – with Zipcar, customers simply reserve on line and walk a block or 2 to pick up a car that is conveniently located in close proximity to work or play.

Business Wire reports “since 2000, when Zipcars first hit the road, Zipcar has emerged as the largest car-sharing service in the United States, with over 37,000 members and nearly 600 vehicles in over 8 states and 21 cities. In 2005, Zipcar began to execute its aggressive national rollout and plans to be in 25 major metro markets by 2009. Zipcar provides personal drivers and businesses with 24/7 self-service access to a full range of vehicles located around the city including over 20 different makes and models.”

In Washington, D.C., Zipcars are parked adjacent to more than 25 Metro stops and another 40 locations throughout the metro area to service its approximately 2,000 active members. All Zipcar members can reserve any car in the network at any time, not only in the District area but throughout the New York City, New Jersey, and Boston metropolitan areas, as well as in Princeton and Hoboken, New Jersey.

As Baltimore emerges as a major player in the bio-tech, business, tourism, medical, and education arenas, adding this on-demand car company could only serve to enhance the attractiveness of our city to an increasingly progressive and savvy clientele.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That representatives of the Zipcar company are cordially invited to address the City Council on the feasibility of providing this innovative web-based car-sharing service to citizens and workers in Baltimore City, to determine the logistics of providing this service within the City's infrastructure, and the Directors of the Department of Planning and the Department of Transportation are requested to study the issue and submit recommendations to the Council within 6 months of the date of the hearing.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the President and Vice-President of Marketing, Zipcar Co., the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Department of Transportation, 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 Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Conaway, Holton, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger - Total 2.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 06-0337 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Harris, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0337 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance authorizing the conversion, maintenance, and updating of zoning maps and profiles in digital format, subject to certain requirements; legalizing those maps and profiles; and generally relating to maps and profiles adopted under and as part of the Zoning Code of Baltimore City.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 06-0337

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 21, strike both brackets and strike “*DIGITAL FORMAT AUTHORIZED*”; and, in line 23, strike the bracket; and, in line 24, strike the bracket.

Amendment No. 2

On page 2, before line 1, insert “(C) *DIGITAL FORMAT AUTHORIZED.*”; and, in line 3, after “LINES”, strike the comma and substitute “AND”; and strike beginning with the last comma in line 3 through “INFORMATION” in line 4.

Amendment No. 3

On page 2, in line 5, strike “MAPS” and substitute “ON CERTIFICATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE MAPS”; and, in the same line, after “SUBSECTION”, insert a colon and the subunit designator “(I)”; and, in line 6, after “LEGALIZED”, insert “FOR PURPOSES OF THE ZONING CODE OF BALTIMORE CITY.”; and, in the same line, before “MAY”, insert the subunit designator “(II)”. 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. 06-0359 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Harris, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0359 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance conforming the zoning classifications of second-hand stores and antique shops to that of pawnshops; allowing second-hand stores and antique shops in the B-2 and B-3 districts only as conditional uses requiring approval by ordinance; defining and redefining certain terms; and generally relating to the zoning use classification of pawnshops, second-hand stores, and antique shops.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 06-0359

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in lines 3 and 4, strike “and antique shops” both times that it appears.

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, in line 15, after “Section(s)”, insert “1-110.1,”; and, in the same line, strike “(1a) and ” both times that it appears; and, in line 25, after “Section(s)”, insert “6-306(2)”.

Amendment No. 3

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“§ 1-110.1 ANTIQUE SHOP.

“ANTIQUÉ SHOP” MEANS A PLACE OF BUSINESS OF A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING FOR RESALE, TRADE, OR TRANSFER PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT HAS SPECIAL VALUE BECAUSE OF ITS AGE, INCLUDING CARVINGS, CLOTHES, CERAMICS, FURNITURE, GLASS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, JEWELRY, PAINTINGS, RUGS, SCULPTURES, SILVERWARE, AND OTHER MOVEABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, BUT EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, RECORDS, TAPES, COMPACT DISCS, AND BOOKS.”

Amendment No. 4

On page 2, in line 20, strike both brackets; and, on the same page, strike line 24, in its entirety; and, on page 3, strike line 8, in its entirety. 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.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0333 - An Ordinance granting a franchise to Gia A. Blattermann, Eric B. Blattermann, and Steven C. Blattermann, the owners or contract purchasers, to ~~construct~~, use, and maintain a single-story building addition projecting into a portion of the Eastern Avenue right-of-way, attached to and extending from the southern exterior wall of 410 South High Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; 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 Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Conaway, Holton, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0417 - An Ordinance providing a tax for the use of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007; setting the semiannual payment service charge for that period; and providing for a special effective date - Property Tax rate.

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 D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Conaway, Holton, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 11.

Nays - Councilmembers Kraft, Mitchell - Total 2.

Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0421 - A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2007: providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; 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 D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Rawlings Blake, Holton, Mitchell, Branch - Total 9.

Nays - Councilmembers Kraft, Clarke - Total 2.

Pass - Councilmember Conaway - Total 1.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Young - Total 1.

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Absent - Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger - Total 2.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Rawlings Blake, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, July 10, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.