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CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

February 12, 2007

Reverend Brenda White, of New Hope African Methodist Episcopal 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: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President, and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke

1 vacant seat

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Officers Darlene Crider and Karen Long, from the Baltimore City Police Department, delivered a presentation about the mentoring group "From Girls to Young Ladies."

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of January 29, 2007 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 6, 2007

Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President
and Members of the City Council

Dear Council Members:

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

- C.C. Bill 05-0229** - An Ordinance concerning - Planned Unit Development – Designation – Chimes School - For the purpose of approving the application of The Chimes, owner of certain property located at 4810, 4814, and 4815 Seton Drive, to have that property designated an Industrial Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.
- C.C. Bill 06-0318** - An Ordinance concerning - Weapons — Paintball, Pellet Guns - For the purpose of prohibiting the possession, sale or transfer, or discharge of paintball guns and similar devices; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain related provisions governing gas- and air-pellet devices; and generally relating to guns and other devices that discharge pellets and other objects.
- C.C. Bill 06-0470** - An Ordinance concerning - Planned Unit Development – Amendment – Benhurst Park - For the purpose of approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Benhurst Park Planned Unit Development.
- C.C. Bill 06-0508** - An Ordinance concerning - Urban Renewal – Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program – Amendment 10 - For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program to provide that the provisions of the Cylburn Hills Planned Unit Development ~~supercede~~ supersede the provisions of 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.
- C.C. Bill 05-0513** - An Ordinance concerning - Zoning – Conditional Use Convalescent, Nursing, and Rest Home (Assisted Living) – 3702 Gwynn Oak Avenue - For the purpose of permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a convalescent, nursing, and rest home (assisted living) on the property known as 3702 Gwynn Oak Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.
- C.C. Bill 06-0529** - A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning - The Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan for Baltimore City - For the purpose of adopting a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan for Baltimore City; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0533 - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Opening – Certain Streets and Alleys Lying Within the Area Bounded by Biddle Street, Collington Avenue, Preston Street, and Patterson Park Avenue and Lying Within the Broadway East Urban Renewal Project - For the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets and alleys lying within the area bounded by Biddle Street, Collington Avenue, Preston Street, and Patterson Park Avenue and lying within the Broadway East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 346-A-57 in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0534 - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Closing – Certain Streets and Alleys Lying Within the Area Bounded by Biddle Street, Collington Avenue, Preston Street, and Patterson Park Avenue and Lying Within the Broadway East Urban Renewal Project - For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys lying within the area bounded by Biddle Street, Collington Avenue, Preston Street, and Patterson Park Avenue and lying within the Broadway East Urban Renewal Project, as shown on Plat 346-A-57A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon
Mayor

February 7, 2007

Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President
and Members of the City Council

Dear Council Members:

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

C.C. Bill 06-0415 - An Ordinance concerning - Building Code – Visitability Requirements for Publicly Assisted Dwellings - For the purpose of requiring certain visitability features for certain dwellings newly constructed with public assistance; setting certain standards for accessible entries and interior features; authorizing waivers under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to visitability requirements for publicly assisted dwellings.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon
Mayor

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

PIERCE J. FLANIGAN, III, as a member of the Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, for a term expiring December 31, 2010, as a member who is a City resident with transportation experience.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon
Mayor

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. 07-0579 - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$815,000 to the Fire Department (Account #9920-209-031), to provide funding for improvements to the 800 Megahertz Emergency Response System; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Planning Commission, Fire Department, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0580 - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Loan Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$30,000,000 to the Department of Transportation (Account #9950-514-800), to provide capital appropriations for resurfacing various roadways within the City; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Planning Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0581 - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance creating a community benefits district, to be known as the Waterfront Management District; specifying the boundaries of the District; creating an Authority and providing for its rights, duties, and powers; designating the initial interim board of the Authority

and providing for the selection and approval of a full board; providing for an Administrator for the Authority; mandating the financial responsibilities of the Authority and the City in conjunction with the operation of the District; providing for the assessment, collection, and enforcement of a supplemental tax to be collected by and for the Authority; specifying the City's role in maintaining and enhancing existing services; encouraging the creation of partnerships among the Authority, the City, the State, the Federal Government, and property owners not subject to the supplemental tax; designating the Board of Estimates as the agency charged with reviewing and approving various matters relating to the District and the Authority; providing for the renewal, expiration, termination, and approval of the District and the Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the existence, operation, and control of the Waterfront Management District and Authority.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Finance, Urban Affairs and Aging Committee.

Bill No. 07-0582 - By Councilmember Kraft, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Holton, Clarke, Harris, Curran, Spector, Branch:

An Ordinance renaming the Commission on Resource Conservation and Recycling to be the Commission on Resource Sustainability; reconstituting the Commission's membership; restating and modifying the Commission's duties; expanding the information to be included by City agencies in their annual energy consumption reports; requiring City agencies to submit an annual greenhouse gas emissions reduction report; providing for the Commission to develop a comprehensive recycling plan for the City; and generally relating to resource conservation, recycling, and sustainability.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Health Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Baltimore City Public School System, Environmental Control Board, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0583 - By Councilmembers Kraft, Young, Holton, Reisinger, Clarke, Harris, Conaway, Welch:

An Ordinance 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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Health Department, Environmental Control Board, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0584 - By Councilmembers Kraft, Young, Curran, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Holton, Reisinger, Clarke, Mitchell, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Branch, D'Adamo, Welch:

An Ordinance extending the provisions governing a tenant's right of first refusal to apply to the proposed transfer of a reversionary (ground rent) interest; deleting certain exemptions as applicable to both rental properties and leaseholds subject to a reversionary interest; providing for certain civil relief and penalties; correcting, conforming, and clarifying certain language; and generally relating to tenants' rights of first refusal.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Finance, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0585 - By Councilmembers Conaway, Young, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Reisinger, Clarke, Harris, Kraft, Holton, Spector, Branch, D'Adamo:

An Ordinance providing for notice to the Director of Public Works of structures determined to be vacant; and requiring the Director to take immediate action to cut off the water from vacant structures for which bills are in arrears.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0586 - By Councilmember Spector (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as Ward 28, Section 02, Block 4264 (portions of Lots 1 through 12), Ward 28, Section 02, Block 4265 (portions of Lots 1 through 15), Ward 28, Section 02, Block 4267 (portions of Lots 17 through 25), Ward 28, Section 02, Block 4275 (portions of Lots 12 through 21) and portions of public right-of-ways of Wabash Avenue, Vincennes Avenue, Ridge Avenue, Spring Avenue, and Armstrong Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-1-1 Zoning District to the R-4 Zoning District.

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

Bill No. 07-0587 - By Councilmember Kraft (by request):

An Ordinance approving the application of South Broadway Properties, LLC, owner of 600, 606, 610, 616, 622, 607, 609, 611, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, and 627 South Broadway, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, and 623 South Bethel Street, 1621, 1625-1631, and 1641 Fleet Street, and 608 and 614 South Regester Street; John E. Demirjian, the owner of 602 South Broadway; and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the owner of 1640 and 1641 Aliceanna Street and 1641 Lancaster Street (collectively the “Property”), to have that Property designated a Business Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

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, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Transportation, Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 07-0588 - By Councilmembers Kraft, Holton, Reisinger, Clarke:

An Ordinance requiring certain additional information to accompany an application for a zoning variance; and generally relating to the procedures for obtaining a variance.

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

Bill No. 07-0589 - By Councilmembers Kraft, Holton:

An Ordinance increasing the number of off-street parking spaces that must be provided for various dwellings, apartment hotels, rooming houses, hotels, motels, and schools.

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, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Bill No. 07-0590 - By Councilmember Reisinger (by request):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as Block 7027D, Lots 9-12 (100 block of Riverside Road), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-1 Zoning District to the R-6 Zoning District.

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

Bill No. 07-0591 - By Councilmembers Holton, Kraft, Curran, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Young, Spector, Conaway, Branch:

An Ordinance prohibiting the investment of public pension or retirement funds in Sudan or in companies doing business in or with Sudan.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Employees' Retirement System, Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System, Labor Commissioner, Taxation and Finance Committee.

Bill No. 07-0592 - By Councilmembers Clarke, Curran, Harris, Young, Conaway, Mitchell:

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldstream Homestead Montebello to authorize the acquisition by purchase or by condemnation of certain properties for urban renewal purposes, amend Appendix A and revise certain exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, transfer administrative and other authority over the Plan from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Planning, delete certain regulations, controls, and restrictions from the Plan, repeal Appendix B and replace it with new Appendix B, require that redevelopment of land acquired for clearance and redevelopment is subject to the provisions of new Appendix B, clarify, correct, and conform certain language, and correct certain references; 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 City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Transportation, Urban Affairs and Aging Committee.

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

Bill No. 07-0249R - By Councilmembers Harris, Curran, Holton, Kraft, Reisinger, Mitchell, Conaway:

Introduced: February 12, 2007
(Referred to Committee)

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

**Baltimore City Police Department – Overtime Budget Expenditures –
Quarterly Detailed Reports**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Baltimore Police Commissioner to submit quarterly detailed reports to the City Council on actual and anticipated overtime expenditures for police personnel and to submit the information by number of personnel, district deployment, and type of duty assignment.

Recitals

Newspaper leads of **November 2000**: the Police Department is projecting a \$10 million deficit for the year brought on by overtime costs....; **February 2001**: the Police Department is projected to be \$15.9 million over budget this year, most of that because of overtime costs; **February 2002**: ...overtime costs in the police and fire departments are running millions of dollars over budget, contributing to a projected \$8.9 million general fund shortfall...; **February 2003**: Largely because of overtime costs, the Baltimore Police Department expects to exceed its budget by \$14.3 million.....

And continuing, **February 2004**: The Police Department will exceed its budget by \$9.8 million...mainly due to overtime; **May 2004**: budget was overspent by about \$9 million, mostly due to overtime; **June 2005**: the Baltimore Police Department's overtime budget for fiscal year 2005 is \$7.4 million, by June 30, the department is projected to have spent \$18.2 million for overtime; **May 2006**: the Baltimore Police Department needs more money to cover overspending...\$13.4 million, mostly for overtime; **January 2007**: so far this fiscal year, the department has spent \$21 million on overtime, significantly more than the \$8.7 million budgeted to last through June.....

Reports of police overtime spending each budget season follow like night follows day and come as no surprise to Baltimore's taxpaying public, news reporters, or elected officials. Unfortunately, those responsible for preparing and implementing the Police Department budget have not shown a similar prescience.

The Police Department must be held accountable for how taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are being spent. Every person in our City appreciates the selfless efforts of our men and women in blue; however the Department administration's duty to protect and serve extends to the fiscal well-being of the City as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore Police Commissioner is requested to submit quarterly detailed reports to the City Council on actual and anticipated overtime expenditures for police personnel and to submit the information by number of personnel, district deployment, and type of duty assignment.

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

Councilmember Harris made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - Councilmembers Curran, Harris, Conaway, Mitchell - Total 4.

Nays - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Spector, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 10.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the motion to suspend the Rules failed.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Police Commissioner, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0250R - By Councilmembers Curran, Young:

Introduced: February 12, 2007
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2007 – Program 187 (Department of Planning) – Release of Withheld Funds

FOR the purpose of approving a report by the Department of Planning on its efforts to allocate capital expenditures among the various Council Districts; and authorizing the release of appropriations withheld pending that report.

Recitals

The Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007 {Ord. 06-293} conditioned the appropriations for Program 187 (Department of Planning) as follows:

Of the amount appropriated for Program 187, \$500,000 shall be withheld for at least 3 months and may be expended after that period only if (i) the Department has reported to the City Council on its efforts to allocate and spend capital

improvement appropriations among the various Council Districts, and (ii) the City Council has approved the report by Council Resolution.

The Department of Planning has since reported to the City Council on the Department's efforts to allocate capital expenditures among the various Council Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council accepts and approves the report of the Department of Planning on its efforts to allocate capital expenditures among the various Council Districts.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all funds withheld from Program 187 under the condition imposed by the Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007 {Ord. 06-293} are released.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Planning, and the Director of Finance.

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 07-0251R - By Councilmembers Holton, Reisinger, Welch:

A Resolution inviting parents, students, teachers, elected officials, education professionals, and other stakeholders to join the City Council in a discussion of the efficacy of changing the current method of selection of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners from appointment by the Mayor and the Governor to majority membership election by the citizens of Baltimore.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore City Public School System, Board of Elections Supervisors, Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee.

Bill No. 07-0252R - By Councilmembers Holton, Kraft, Young, Curran, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Reisinger, Mitchell, Harris, D’Adamo, Conaway, Welch:

Introduced: February 12, 2007
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Support of State Legislation – Senate Bill 488 - Voter Registration Protection Act

FOR the purpose of supporting this legislation that would restore voter registration rights to ex-felons who have completed the court-ordered sentences imposed for their convictions; urging the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to give the legislation a favorable report; requesting the Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the legislation; and petitioning the Governor to sign the measure into law.

Recitals

The Sentencing Project, a national non-profit organization that promotes sentencing reform and conducts research on criminal justice issues, reports that, nationally, an estimated 5.3 million Americans are denied the right to vote because of laws that prohibit voting by people with felony convictions and that this fundamental obstacle to participation in democratic life is exacerbated by racial disparities in the criminal justice system, resulting in an estimated 13% of African American men – 1.4 million – unable to vote.

In Losing the Vote: The Impact of Felony Disenfranchisement Laws in the United States, a joint report of officials of *The Sentencing Project* and *Human Rights Watch*, it is reported that “disenfranchisement laws in the U.S. are a vestige of medieval times when offenders were banished from the community and suffered ‘civil death.’ Brought from Europe to the colonies, they gained new political salience at the end of the nineteenth century when disgruntled whites in a number of Southern states adopted them and other ostensibly race-neutral voting restrictions in an effort to exclude blacks from voting.”

In current times, the laws have no discernable legitimate purpose. “Deprivation of the right to vote is not an inherent or necessary aspect of criminal punishment nor does it promote the reintegration of offenders into lawful society. Indeed, defenders of these laws have been hard pressed to justify them: they most frequently cite the patently inadequate goal of protecting against voter fraud or the anachronistic and politically untenable objective of preserving the ‘purity of the ballot box’ by excluding voters lacking in virtue.”

In Maryland, current State law allows for first-time offenders who have completed their sentences to register to vote. After a second felony conviction, an ex-offender cannot vote again unless pardoned by the governor, a process that can take from 17 to 27 years from the last day of the sentenced served. For all intents and purposes, twice- convicted felons permanently lose the right to vote in this State.

According to a report released in 2002, by a Maryland General Assembly task force, about 135,700 people – both incarcerated and released – are denied the right to vote. This figure, which represents 3.6% of the adult population in Maryland, disproportionately affects Baltimore City residents because of the historically high rate of incarceration of our young male adults. Being forever banned from participation in a fundamental exercise of democratic participation should not be a lifetime consequence of youthful indiscretions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body supports this legislation that would restore voter registration rights to ex-felons who have completed the court-ordered sentences imposed for their convictions; urges the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to give the legislation a favorable report; requests the Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the legislation; and petitions the Governor to sign the measure into law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Honorable Chairs of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and House Ways and Means Committees are respectfully requested to include this Resolution as part of the Committee record of support for legislative proposals to restore the voting rights of ex-felons.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Mayor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and House Ways and Means Committees, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the Honorable Gwendolyn Britt, the Honorable Joan Carter Conway, the Honorable Ulysses Currie, the Honorable Lisa A. Gladden, the Honorable Delores G. Kelley, the Honorable Catherine E. Pugh, the Honorable Jim Rosapepe, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of State Relations, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Holton made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Holton made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 07-0253R - By Councilmembers Conaway, Clarke, D'Adamo, Curran:

A Resolution requesting that a statue of Barbaro be erected near the Pimlico Race Track, in honor of his achievements as a race horse and for being a model to us all by showing that we should strive to have the courage to fight to the finish, never give up, and work to leave our mark in whatever we may try and achieve.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Finance, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0254R - By Councilmembers Curran, Young, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Mitchell, Kraft, Reisinger, Clarke, Holton, Spector, Harris, D'Adamo, Conaway, Welch, Branch:

Introduced: February 12, 2007
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Support of Federal Legislation – The Employee Free Choice Act

FOR the purpose of expressing support for this legislation that provides for the recognition of a union when the majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations, offers mediation and binding arbitration to resolve first contracts, and strengthens penalties for violations during organizing and first contract efforts; and urging the Maryland Congressional Delegation to secure enactment of the provisions of the Employee Free Choice Act.

Recitals

In 1935, the United States established by law that workers must be free to form unions, and the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights internationally recognized as a fundamental human right the freedom to form or to join a union.

Unions are known to benefit communities by strengthening living standards, stabilizing tax bases, promoting equal treatment, and enhancing civic participation. Union workers receive better wages and benefits, are 35% more likely to have access to health insurance, and are 4 times more likely to have access to a guaranteed defined-benefit pension.

Unions also help raise workers' pay and narrow the income gap for minorities and women, increasing median weekly earnings by 31% for women and African Americans, 50% for Latinos, and 9% for Asian American workers. When efforts to impede or prevent unionization are successful, wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases, and job safety standards disappear.

Despite the benefits to employees, workers across the nation are routinely denied the freedom to form unions and bargain for a better life, with 25% of private-sector employers illegally firing at least one worker for union activity during organizing campaigns.

However, 77% of the general public believe it is important to have strong laws protecting the freedom of workers to make their own decisions about having union representation, and 58% of workers polled would join a union if they were afforded the opportunity.

Employers are still known to refuse to bargain fairly with workers after a union has been formed, by dragging out first contract bargaining for up to 2 years in 45% of successful campaigns and spending millions each year to frustrate workers' efforts to form unions.

A worker's fundamental right to choose a union, free from coercion and intimidation, is a public issue that requires public policy solutions, including legislative remedies as embodied in the Employee Free Choice Act that is now before Congress, in order to restore a worker's freedom to join a union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body supports this legislation that provides for the recognition of a union when the majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations, offers mediation and binding arbitration to resolve first contracts, and strengthens penalties for violations during organizing and first contract efforts; and urges the Maryland Congressional Delegation to secure enactment of the provisions of the Employee Free Choice Act.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Honorable Members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation, the Assistant Director, AFL-CIO Politics and Field Department, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of State Relations, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

Bill No. 07-0255R - By Councilmembers Holton, Spector, Kraft:

Introduced: February 12, 2007

(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

In Support of State Legislation – Senate Bill 218/House Bill 49 - Communication Towers - Zoning and Other Regulatory Approval - Adjacent Local Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of expressing support for this legislation that prohibits a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of the each jurisdiction; respectfully requesting the Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees to give the legislation a favorable report; urging the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the measure, and entreating the Governor to sign the measure into law.

Recitals

Wireless telecommunications providers need to locate their antennas wherever they can serve large numbers of people. As recent as a few years ago, this usually meant along major highways, but today, with an increasing number of technologies dependent on the antennas, wireless telecommunication facilities are being erected along secondary roads, on neighborhood streets, in schoolyards, and in parks.

As the competition for locations continues, providers will vie to place their facilities on any available land. Left unchecked, this proliferation of wireless telecommunication facilities, or communication towers, can lead to visual chaos and impinge on the standard of life in residential neighborhoods.

Communities with poorly worded, or nonexistent policies, run the risk of having towers being placed in or near residential or scenic areas. Passage of this legislation will go a long way toward providing protection against that unfortunate end.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body supports this legislation that prohibits a local jurisdiction from granting zoning or other regulatory approval to a communications tower located 500 yards or less from another local jurisdiction unless that tower satisfies the zoning and other regulatory requirements of the each jurisdiction; respectfully requests the Chairs and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees to give the legislation a favorable report; urges the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly to support passage of the measure, and entreats the Governor to sign the measure into law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Mayor, the Honorable Chairs and Member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees, the Honorable Lisa A. Gladden, the Honorable Samuel I. Rosenberg, the Honorable T. Nathaniel Oaks, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Holton made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Pass - Councilmember Harris - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Holton made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Pass - Councilmember Harris - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 07-0256R - By President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Kraft, Young, Curran, Holton, Reisinger, Mitchell, Clarke, Harris, D’Adamo, Spector, Conaway, Welch, Branch:

Introduced: February 12, 2007

(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Black History Month – February 2007

FOR the purpose of paying tribute to people of African descent by celebrating their indomitable spirit, sustaining faith, and indefatigable psyche that enabled them to overcome the horrors of their plight in the diaspora, celebrating the many positive contributions that they have made to our nation and to our City despite the nearly insurmountable odds of legislatively sanctioned bigotry, prejudice, and segregation, and encouraging residents of, and visitors to, our great city to visit the many historical and cultural attractions that are the legacy of our proud black ancestors.

Recitals

During Black History Month and in every month of the year, we in the great City of Baltimore have much to celebrate as our Black population, which is now the proud majority, has played an essential role in the rich past, the exciting present, and the promising future. To become acquainted with this rich cultural, religious, and education history, one need only partake of the offerings of the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.

The Center proudly offers the *Baltimore’s African American Heritage & Attractions Guide’s*:

Welcome To Baltimore!

“Baltimore is a city where legends are made and legacies are born. During the 1930s and 1940s, jazz legends like Pearl Bailey, Count Basie and Duke Ellington performed at the legendary Royal Theatre on Baltimore's Pennsylvania Avenue. Baltimore-born composer and pianist Eubie Blake is honored, along with many of his colleagues, at the Eubie Blake Cultural

Center on North Howard Street. All of these stories have helped shape Baltimore's, and our nation's, history.

Baltimore is also the proud birthplace of Thurgood Marshall, one of our early pioneers in the movement for civil rights. You'll also find The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, the country's first wax museum of African American history, and the Baltimore Civil War Museum, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad. And—just opened in 2005, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture is the East Coast's largest museum chronicling the history of African Americans, housing artifacts and exhibits covering more than 350 years of Maryland African American history and culture.

Now open is the Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park. The park honors Frederick Douglass, considered one of the most prominent African American leaders of the 19th century, and Isaac Myers, the first black owner of a marine railway shipyard in the United States. We hope you will discover some of these stories while you are here, and come back to Baltimore again to create a legacy of your own.”

With an almost endless amount of museums, churches, monuments, statues, tours, etc., Baltimore hopes to further continue its homage to black history and the people and events that made an impact on the city and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body hereby pays tribute to people of African descent by celebrating their indomitable spirit, sustaining faith, and indefatigable psyche that enabled them to overcome the horrors of their plight in the diaspora, celebrates the many positive contributions that they have made to our nation and to our City despite the nearly insurmountable odds of legislatively sanctioned bigotry, prejudice, and segregation, and encourages residents of, and visitors to, our great city to visit the many historical and cultural attractions that are the legacy of our proud black ancestors.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Center, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Rules be suspended.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Holton - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules “Suspended”.

Then Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Holton - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 3274, 3275, 3276, 3277, 3278, 3279, 3280, 3281, 3282, 3283, 3284, 3285, 3286, 3287, 3288, 3289, 3290, 3291, 3292, 3293, 3294, 3295, 3296, 3297, 3298, 3299, 3300, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3306, 3307, 3308, 3309, 3310, 3311, 3312, 3313, 3314, 3315, 3316, 3317, 3318, 3319, 3320, 3321, 3322, 3323, 3324, AND 3325 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 Kraft, D'Adamo, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Curran - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

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

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was seconded, to journalize the State of the City Address given by Mayor Sheila Dixon, at the Special Meeting of the City Council, Committee of the Whole, on February 5, 2007. The motion was approved.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS BY MAYOR SHEILA DIXON

President Rawlings-Blake,

Members of the Council,

It is great to be back in this chamber, the place where I began my public service to the citizens of Baltimore.

I want to say to the members of this council, I have a lot of fond memories of our time and our work together.

State Comptroller Franchot,

Comptroller Pratt,

State's Attorney Jessamy,

Other Distinguished Guests,

Family and Friends,

And most importantly, the citizens of Baltimore.

Thank you for inviting me here this afternoon.

It was here as president of the Baltimore City Council that I fought for the issues I believed in -

It was here that I led the effort that resulted in the creation of a \$60 million Affordable Housing program to support the dreams and aspirations of hard working Baltimoreans.

I also worked very hard to open wider the doors of opportunity for minority and women owned small businesses ensuring their talents and gifts were put to work for the city of Baltimore. I intend to ensure that continues to happen.

Just over two weeks ago, I had the honor of becoming the 48th Mayor of Baltimore.

The city where I was born and raised, received a public education and where I took the first steps to become a public servant.

When I took the oath of office, I promised you that I would lead a government that solved problems.

It is my pleasure to tell you that my team has hit the ground running and this afternoon I am pleased to report that the State of our city is strong - and getting stronger each and every day.

Yes, there are challenges and there is much work to be done, but working together - there is no problem or issue too great for us to overcome.

William Jennings Bryant said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance; but a matter of choice."

Together, let us choose to live in a cleaner, greener and healthier city.

Let us choose to work in a city where private investment and opportunity flourish in every neighborhood, every Main Street, and every business district.

And let us choose to raise our children in a city that values public education; for only the educated are truly free.

As I have traveled throughout this city, I have witnessed first hand a renewed energy - people from every corner of Baltimore offering their advice, their suggestions and, most importantly, asking what they can do to help Baltimore become the city we dream of.

Someone once said, "Dreams are like stars, you may never touch them, but if you follow them, they will lead you to your destiny."

Today, I ask you to walk with me in charting a new destiny for Baltimore.

But before we can even begin to have an honest and frank conversation about a cleaner, greener, and healthier Baltimore, we need to first, be a smarter Baltimore. A better educated Baltimore.

My mother taught me many lessons.

One of the most important was that the key to my future rested in getting a good quality education.

We need to be a City that values the role education will play in taking us to the next level. Government, Parents, and Students must all value it.

Too often we read negative things about our young people. Especially African American males.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you two outstanding Baltimore young people.

Carl Ringgold was a page for the city council in a program I created to bring young people into City Hall to see how government works.

He worked extremely hard and I was always impressed with his dedication to the tasks he was assigned.

This fall Carl will become a freshman at Morehouse College, one of the premiere historically black colleges and universities in the country.

The Baltimore Youth Commission advises the Mayor and City Council about issues of importance to young people.

They take their responsibilities very seriously and I value the things they share with me. I want to introduce the chair of the Baltimore Youth Commission Chantel Clea.

I am very proud of these young people.

That new destiny I spoke of a few minutes ago, has at its core, a school system where all children, regardless of where they live and the economic status of their families - receive a quality education that prepares them to do more than simply survive - I want to equip the next generation of Baltimore students with the skills to thrive!

Today, I am pleased to announce that I have created, at the suggestion of a hardworking and very thorough transition team, a new division within the Mayor's office that will lead our efforts to transform Baltimore's education system.

Within the Mayor's Office of Education and LEARN Initiatives, the Assistant Deputy Mayor for Education will be charged with implementing the LEARN section of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Office will work with our leaders, parents, teachers, students, foundations, businesses, and state and national funders to get beyond finger pointing to a place where we put our students and their needs before any thing else.

You know this, but it is worth repeating. When parents and caregivers are involved in the life of a child and a school, that child and that school is more likely to have higher test scores, higher graduation rates and less violence.

This Office will also work with organizations such as the Baltimore Collegetown Network to implement the recommendations within the Master Plan that call for stronger, mutually beneficial partnerships with our fourteen institutions of Higher Education.

I am particularly interested in partnerships with the public, community and charter schools of our city, as well as partnerships with our city agencies.

Baltimore is blessed to have some of the most respected colleges and universities in the world. I am asking them to invest their talented staffs, their administrative experiences and their exceptional knowledge about how children learn and grow into helping me equip administrators, teachers and students with every tool they need to be successful.

I will not accept that our children can not learn!

I will not accept that our children don't deserve every opportunity to succeed.

And I believe all of us have a role to play in making our school system a leader in the state, and in the nation again. We can do this!

As we move our educational efforts forward, we must confront and defeat challenges that threaten to pull us back. One of these challenges is the toxic danger of lead poisoning.

Lead poisoning is a cruel larceny. It can steal a child's ability to grow up healthy, to learn, to earn, and to play.

Over the last decade, we have seen the numbers of children in Baltimore poisoned by lead fall by more than 90 percent.

We must finish the job.

I support the national goal of ending lead poisoning as a public health crisis by the year 2010.

The key to reaching this goal can be summed up in one word: prevention.

We must prevent lead poisoning ... rather than react only after a child has already been poisoned, when it is too late.

That's why I have asked Dr. Sharfstein, our health commissioner and Janis Parks, the head of the Family League to cross-train all home visitors for pregnant women and newborn babies to identify lead hazards ... and take steps to avert tragedy. I am pleased to report that this effort is already underway.

I and my staff will also work with the city council to review all of our lead laws and regulations.

We need to be sure that when an apartment poses a serious risk of poisoning a child, we take action.

To that end, I have directed Commissioner Graziano to set aside vouchers to immediately assist in relocating children and families exposed to lead poisoning.

A growing concern is the number of children poisoned in owner-occupied homes and apartments. We must work together to find new resources to help abate these risks.

Ending lead poisoning is not just a task for city government. I look forward to working closely with partners like the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, agencies like the Maryland Department of the Environment, and new collaborators in the private sector.

It is what we can do together that will make the difference.

Having served more than 20 years in public office, I know that feeling safe and secure in your home and in your community is a major concern for the citizens of Baltimore.

We have made progress in mediating violence and crime in our city, but speaking frankly, we have a long, long way to go.

I want to be very clear about this point.

I have full faith and confidence in the men and women of law enforcement in the City of Baltimore.

There are few nobler callings than the oath taken by our police officers to protect and defend the citizens of our city.

Working with police commissioner Leonard Hamm, I am calling for a new relationship between our officers and the neighborhoods where they serve.

Sometimes it's not about trying a new theory or strategy; sometimes it's about common sense.

We have to get back to the days when officers knew the people who lived in the communities they patrolled and the people in the community knew and trusted the officers that worked in their neighborhood.

Making our communities safer will take citizens and the police working together - not against each other.

However, new times do call for policing in a different way. Commissioner Hamm will be using every technological tool available to law enforcement to be smart and effective in fighting crime and violence.

Through the use of our COMSTAT system, we will have the ability to map gang and juvenile crime and violence specifically to the areas where they are occurring the most. We will then focus our resources like a laser beam on those communities plagued by this violence.

Not only will these areas get targeted patrolling, but we will develop profiles of these communities and begin to address the needs of the people who live there.

If unemployment, rehabilitation services and a lack of educational opportunities are contributing to the ongoing culture of violence in neighborhoods, then working together, the police department and other agencies will offer additional resources and, more importantly, an infusion of hope.

Commissioner Hamm and I will stand with all of the neighborhoods of this city. A safer Baltimore is our goal and I'm determined we will be successful.

I am pleased to announce today that I have re-established the Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice and I have asked Sheryl Goldstein to lead that Office. Sheryl's local, national, and international work in mediation, court innovation and other criminal justice issues has prepared her well for the work ahead of us. Welcome Sheryl.

The efforts of law enforcement to cut crime, stop gang activity and eliminate the drug trade will not work unless they are coordinated throughout city government and in partnership with the state and federal levels to address the roots of crime and not just the acts of crime.

Thousands of Baltimoreans return to our city each year from incarceration.

We must do a better job at preparing these citizens to re-enter our communities. That preparation must begin before they leave the criminal justice institutions and must be comprehensive enough to provide help and assistance to them throughout their journey to re-entry.

It is obvious to me; we can not allow people to simply be dropped off on corners in Baltimore without any sense of direction or hope. The Baltimore Citywide Ex-offenders Taskforce has done the hard work. We know what needs to be done.

I am pleased to announce that my Office on Criminal Justice will work with this City Council to move forward funding and implementation of the 26 recommendations within the Taskforce's Report. Its smarter and more fiscally and morally responsible to act now.

Furthermore, the Office of Criminal Justice will coordinate my other executive agencies: the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Health Department, the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development and the Baltimore City Police Department to begin to work together to address the issues of unemployment, lack of healthcare and housing and other issues that make some believe they have no viable choices but to participate in criminal activity.

I have also instructed the police department to establish a division that deals solely with outreach to juveniles. Not just those who have already become part of the criminal justice system, but we must touch the lives of young people before they make the bad choices that will impact their entire lives.

To further support these efforts, and to increase public safety within our City, I have instructed my Finance Department to find the resources to increase the number of staff in our recreation centers. If we give young people alternatives, I am convinced they will do the right thing.

If we do not get to them now, gangs, drug dealers and career criminals will.

Time is of the essence and we do not have a moment to loose.

However, it has been said, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can not make it drink."

Today, I am pledging that government will do its part to offer opportunities to those who want to break out of the cycle of crime, drugs, guns and violence. But the final choice will be up to those who have engaged in this activity, many for most of their lives.

If they choose not to become productive and contributing citizens of Baltimore, law enforcement will do its job.

The problem of homelessness confronts us everyday.

We are in the middle of a Baltimore winter and the temperatures are dropping lower and lower each night.

Some people have told me it's impossible to fix this problem. It's too expensive to ensure shelter for all people.

I would argue that the costs associated with providing medical services and other resources to the homeless in Baltimore are too expensive as well.

But at the end of the day, for me, it's not about the costs associated with homelessness that pricks at my heart. It is my sense of responsibility to my fellow man that compels me to act.

I am committed to ending homelessness in Baltimore within the next 10 years.

To help me reach my goal of ending homelessness in Baltimore, I am pleased to introduce the new director of Homeless Services, Diane Glauber.

Diane is a national expert on housing and homelessness who has worked for the last four years directing national initiatives to create and expand affordable housing.

Diane, welcome aboard. I'm looking forward to working with you to do our part to restore dignity and hope to our fellow citizens.

As many of you know, the development of our neighborhoods has always been one of my priorities.

The city's new Master Plan provides a blue print going forward for every community in Baltimore. But a plan does us no good unless it is implemented.

We sometimes forget that the agency that we have grown accustomed to calling Baltimore Housing is legally named the Department of Housing and Community Development. It is time to put the C - D back in HCD.

Under Commissioner Graziano's direction, the housing department will create a new leadership position that focuses on building and sustaining healthy neighborhoods.

I am pleased to announce that Jackie Cornish, who served with distinction as the Executive Director of the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, has agreed to serve as the housing department's new Deputy Commissioner for Neighborhood Investment.

Under a new structure soon to be announced by Commissioner Graziano, the Housing Department will create a team of experienced project managers who will be responsible for partnering with community development corporations and neighborhood groups to implement neighborhood plans.

These project managers will coordinate and advocate for all aspects of neighborhood planning, whether it calls for more affordable housing, a new park or cleaner streets.

This team will help communities and government work together to solve problems. Not just to see that the conversations begin, but to maintain strong lines of communication and face-to-face time with neighborhood leaders to ensure that any hurdles and problems are addressed immediately.

We can never forget who we work for. We work for you, the citizens of Baltimore.

The Housing and Community Development Department has also been directed to get a plan to me within 30 days to create a land bank in Baltimore. Talked about for years, a land bank will allow us to quickly return city owned property to productive use. Its mission will be to strengthen neighborhoods, not maximize profits.

Having housing stock maintained in a computer on a list somewhere in the government bureaucracy doesn't serve citizens or government well. We can do better, and we will.

I also know that property assessments have begun to arrive in your mail boxes. As a homeowner in Baltimore, I know what a difficult burden many of our citizens face.

Too many people have said to me personally that they are making a conscience decision to live and raise their families in Baltimore and they feel like they are being punished for doing so.

Today, I am announcing the creation of a Blue Ribbon Panel on Real Estate Taxes. Working with this Council, in the coming days I will share with you a list of some of the city's brightest and most committed citizens who will be tasked with helping me to establish concrete ways to cut the property taxes in our city.

I am proud to make this commitment to the citizens of Baltimore. It's long overdue and I will not rest until we've made lower property taxes a reality.

Economic and workforce development are priorities for my administration. To aggressively promote the employment connection between our City's job seekers and businesses that do business in the City, I am introducing a new Baltimore City Residents First Program.

This initiative will ensure that companies who are awarded City contracts have immediate access to a full range of professional employment services from our Office of Employment Development - recruitment, screening, assessment and training grants - to bring them the most qualified candidates to fill their job openings.

Increasing employment participation of city residents is good business and a means to improve our employment rate.

Today in my first State of the City Address let me speak directly to city employees for just a moment.

You are on the front lines.

You are the most important part of my Administration.

I will always make decisions based on what I think is in your best interests and in the best interests of the people of the city.

We must also support key industries and workers as they innovate to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

One of our key growth industries is health care. One way to support our health care institutions, our emergency preparedness, and the quality of our medical treatment is by enhancing the training of our health care workforce.

I am committed to collaborating with hospitals and unions, led by the Service Employees International Union, local 1199, to expand educational opportunities for healthcare workers in Baltimore - including those who work for the city.

One of my greatest joys as a public official is spending time with our senior citizens. They share wisdom and knowledge on every subject you can imagine and they are living testaments to the greatness that we come from.

I want the aging population of Baltimore to be able to enjoy life and to have all of the resources available to them to ensure they have a good quality of life. To that end, I want to commend the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education and director John Stewart for the creation of the Urban Aging Institute.

This institute helps us better meet the special needs of seniors who live in the city and gives them opportunities to stay active and informed on issues that impact them.

I recently took a ride with some of the members of DPW Director George Winfield's sanitation staff. I have to tell you, it was quite an adventure on a very cold and early morning.

But it also was a great learning experience.

I strongly believe that a clean city is a thriving city. If we allow trash and debris to clutter our streets, it says a lot about how we feel about our city and about ourselves.

Cities across the country are trying to figure how to address this issue. I want to do more than just study the problem - I want to solve it.

I want the employees of the Department of Public Works to know I believe they are doing a great job. But we can do better.

My Cleaner Baltimore Initiative calls on citizens and city employees to work together to keep our city clean.

The City must lead by example. Our properties and buildings must be kept as clean as possible, including our sanitation yards.

I have grown weary of seeing plastic bags hanging from trees and barb wire fences around the City. It is a small start, but I have instructed DPW to begin to look at alternatives to the wire fencing enclosing our properties. That fencing collects a horrible amount of bags and trash. In this new century, we certainly can do better. And in Baltimore, we will.

Again, government can not do it all alone. As citizens, we have to put our trash out on the right days. We must make sure our cans are secure and we have to honor the schedule for bulk pick up.

But I think this concept is even more basic than that.

When I was a girl growing up in Baltimore, it would have never crossed my mind to throw a can or bottle on the street. This initiative incorporates an educational component in it that will teach us to take pride in our community and not to trash it, literally.

We have to change the mind-set of some of our citizens. This is our city and it is our responsibility to take care of it.

Baltimore's major commuter routes serve as our gateways to our neighbors, tourists and visitors. They are the front door to our home and need to be as clean as possible.

This means, not only special attention by DPW, but also soliciting the corporate residents to become our partners in making the best impression possible at our gateways.

The public and private sectors working together to make a better Baltimore - that is a theme and a practice you will hear a lot about in the Dixon Administration.

I have directed Deputy Mayor Frank to develop a comprehensive plan that enlists all our agencies, neighborhood groups, businesses and foundations in a collective effort to clean up our city.

Within the next 30 days, we will invite community association leaders to City Hall, to listen to their ideas on how the city can best support their individual neighborhood clean up efforts.

Also, I want to thank the Baltimore Community Foundation for taking the lead in convening a Task Force in support of these efforts. In partnership with the Community Foundation and others, our plan will ensure that every citizen, neighborhood, business and institution knows what they can do to make our city shine.

Baltimore is blessed with a great park system that includes 6,000 acres of parkland. We also have 2.8 million trees that have a replacement value of \$3.4 billion dollars.

Many neighborhoods are home to community gardens and local pocket parks.

Parks can be assets to our neighborhoods by providing environmental benefits, attract businesses and strengthen communities.

Well-cared for green space and trees create real economic value and health benefits for people such as clean air and water, moderate air temperatures and reduced energy costs.

This wonderful infrastructure is aging, however, and we need to create new strategic partnerships with health, economic, education, recreation and sports, environmental and philanthropic initiatives to keep Baltimore beautiful.

We need to think of our city as a park and protect it - and its natural environment - as we do our most precious national treasures.

To this end, I am supporting the implementation of the urban tree canopy goal that will double our tree canopy over 30 years - and all partnerships that support a cleaner and greener city.

For a very long time, Baltimore has enjoyed strong relationships with the jurisdictions around us. We recognize that we are part of a strong and growing region and it's important for us to work together to reach our regional goals on transportation and traffic congestion and land use planning.

Maryland is changing and growing and Baltimore is ready to be a regional leader.

Within the next year, it is projected that Maryland will welcome more than 25,000 new households due to federal Base Realignment and Closure, known as BRAC.

I think many of these new families can find affordable housing, a compatible school for their children and a safe and beautiful neighborhood to call home right here in Baltimore.

We're blessed to have an organization in our city whose mission is to promote and celebrate city living. Today I am pleased to announce that we have joined with LIVE Baltimore to reach out to BRAC families.

In this partnership we will make a multi-year financial commitment to LIVE Baltimore to assist their efforts to market our city to these potential new residents.

At the center of a thriving region, Baltimore has the capacity and the need to grow.

I want to use every tool available to us to tell Baltimore's story to the world.

That's what LIVE Baltimore has been doing and I am excited about this new opportunity for us to work together.

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A few weeks ago I attended a gathering of neighborhood leaders and art advocates at the Baltimore Museum of Art. It was a day to celebrate the role the arts can play in creating stable families and communities.

In Baltimore we have some of the most incredible arts institutions and organizations in the world. From dance ministries in church basements to after school photography clubs, from beautiful museums to jazz clubs, the arts is an important part of the life of our city.

Unfortunately, in these times of tight budgets and dwindling resources, too often our arts and cultural programs are the first on the chopping block.

This will not be so in my Administration.

As mayor I am proposing that the city set aside a significant amount of our financial resources to establish a grant program that is open to all of Baltimore's arts and cultural institutions.

It will be a program that is inclusive and has measurable outcomes and it will be a fair and open process.

We must match our words with our deeds and ensure that this important component of city life is both celebrated and funded.

I know that I have laid out an aggressive agenda for the first 10 months of my administration.

But I promised the citizens that I would be about the business of solving problems.

Today, I stand before you as someone who has never been more proud to be a Baltimorean.

In the face of great challenges, Baltimore has always risen to the occasion.

The Dixon Administration wants to start a conversation about out of the box ideas and solutions.

I want Baltimore to be a city that dares to ask "What if..."

What if we truly put our children first and created a school system that was the envy of the world?

What if we clean up the playgrounds and streets across this city?

What if we found a way to provide every man, woman and child a place to lay their head at night?

What if we put the dream of homeownership within reach for all Baltimoreans?

What if we made every Baltimore neighborhood cleaner, greener and healthier?

During my term as mayor, that's exactly what this city is going to do.

I am humbled by the people of Baltimore, whose perseverance and values have shown why this is a wonderful place to live, work and play.

We are a city of different neighborhoods, different religions, different races and different experiences.

But we are connected always by hope and the conviction that together we can make a better tomorrow.

Thank you and may God Bless Baltimore.

**BILL 06-0370 IS WITHDRAWN
FROM THE FILES OF THE COUNCIL**

Councilmember Mitchell made a motion, which was seconded, for reconsideration of the vote at the Council Meeting of January 22, 2007, where the vote on the motion to withdraw Bill No. 06-0370 from the files of the City Council failed. The motion was approved, with Councilmember Conaway Passing and with Councilmember Clarke voting Nay. Then Councilmember Mitchell made a motion, which was seconded, to withdraw the bill. By voice vote, the Council approved the motion to withdraw the bill.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

The Appointment of

GEORGE A. NILSON

CITY SOLICITOR OF BALTIMORE CITY

EXPIRATION OF TERM: December 7, 2007

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of George A. Nilson be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Clarke - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the appointment of George A. Nilson confirmed.

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

The Appointment of

DEBORAH F. MOORE-CARTER

LABOR COMMISSIONER

EXPIRATION OF TERM: December 7, 2007

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Deborah F. Moore-Carter be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the appointment of Deborah F. Moore-Carter confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BILL NO. 06-0548 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Young, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0548 favorably.

An Ordinance providing a Supplementary MVR Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$503,000 and Special Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$526,000 to provide funding for the Sidewalk Reconstruction Project in the Central Business District; and providing for a special effective date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 05-0073 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Curran, for the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee, reported Bill No. 05-0073 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance prohibiting smoking in certain enclosed areas; defining certain terms; providing for certain exceptions and waivers; imposing certain penalties; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to smoking in enclosed areas.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 05-0073

Amendment No. 1

On page 3, strike line 6, in its entirety; and strike beginning with “(B)” in line 10, on page 3, through the period in line 20, on page 4.

Amendment No. 2

On page 4, strike lines 23 through 25, in their entirety, and substitute:

“(1) ANY PART OF A PRIVATE RESIDENCE THAT IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY COMAR 13A.14.01.”.

Amendment No. 3

On page 5, in line 9, strike “AND REGISTERS”; and, on the same page, in line 12, line 19, and line 27, in each instance, strike “TO REGISTER”; and, on page 6, strike lines 4 through 17, in their entireties.

Amendment No. 4

On page 6, strike lines 20 through 24, in their entireties, and substitute:

“ON WRITTEN APPLICATION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE APPLICATION OF A SPECIFIC PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE APPLICANT FOR THE WAIVER ESTABLISHES THAT:

(1) COMPLIANCE WITH THAT PROVISION WOULD CAUSE UNDUE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; OR

(2) OTHER FACTORS EXIST THAT WOULD RENDER COMPLIANCE UNREASONABLE.”;

and, in line 25, strike “LIMITATIONS” and substitute “RESTRICTIONS”; and, strike lines 26 and 27, in their entireties, and substitute:

“THE COMMISSIONER MAY IMPOSE CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE WAIVER AS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO:

(1) MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE WAIVER ON INDIVIDUALS INVOLUNTARILY EXPOSED TO SECOND-HAND SMOKE; AND

(2) ENSURE THAT THE WAIVER IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.”.

Amendment No. 5

On page 7, strike beginning with “GUILTY” in line 14, through “IS” in line 15; and, in line 15, before “FINE”, insert “CIVIL”; and, in the same line, strike “\$500” and substitute “\$250”.

Amendment No. 6

On page 7, strike lines 17 through 25, in their entireties, and substitute:

“(1) ANY EMPLOYER OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR WHO KNOWINGLY ALLOWS A VIOLATION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

(2) IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE THAT THE EMPLOYER, OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE, OR AN AGENT OF THE EMPLOYER OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE:

(i) POSTED A “NO SMOKING” SIGN AT EACH ENTRANCE USED BY THE PUBLIC; AND

(ii) REMOVED ALL ASHTRAYS AND OTHER SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA FROM ALL AREAS WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED; AND

(iii) IN A BAR OR RESTAURANT:

(A) REFUSED TO SEAT OR SERVE ANY PERSON WHO SMOKED WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED; AND

(B) IF THE PERSON CONTINUED TO SMOKE AFTER AN INITIAL WARNING, ASKED THE PERSON TO LEAVE THE ESTABLISHMENT.

(3) EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.”.

Amendment No. 7

On page 8, in lines 25 and 26, strike “July 1, 2006” and substitute “January 1, 2008”.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, Curran, Harris, Spector, Holton, Mitchell, Clarke - Total 8.

Nays - Councilmember D’Adamo - Total 1.

Pass - Councilmembers Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Branch - Total 5.

1 vacant seat.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Then Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was seconded, to adopt a floor amendment.

Amendment No. 1

On page 5, after line 5, insert:

“(7) SMOKING THAT IS PERMITTED IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY UNDER STATE HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE, § 24-205.”.

By voice vote, the amendment was read and adopted, with Councilmember D’Adamo voting Nay and with Councilmembers Kraft, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Young, and Branch Passing.

The roll was called on the adoption of the favorable report, as amended, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Curran, Harris, Spector, Mitchell, Clarke - Total 6.

Nays - Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Young - Total 3.

Pass - Councilmembers Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Branch - Total 5.

1 vacant seat.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 06-0375 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Kraft, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee has complied with the requirements of Article 66B of the Maryland Code and recommends the adoption of the following Findings of Fact and the adoption of Bill No. 06-0375 favorably.

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2/40 East Wells Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

Findings of Fact

**City Council Bill No. 06-0375
Rezoning - 2/40 Wells Street**

1. Boundaries of the Neighborhood:

The boundaries of the neighborhood are approximately Gittings Avenue on the north; Middle Branch River on the south; Webster Street on the east; and Light Street/Hanover Street on the west.

2. Population Change:

Since the enactment of the 1971 Zoning Code, the number of residents in the geographic area of Ward 24, Precinct 4, has decreased by 13% percent.

3. Availability of public facilities:

Adequate public facilities are available for residential activity.

4. Present and future transportation pattern:

Since the enactment of the 1971 Zoning Code, traffic patterns have not changed substantially and can accommodate residential activities.

5. Compatibility with existing and proposed development:

The rezoning is in conformance to the existing and proposed development being done throughout the surrounding Southeast area, which is residential.

6. Recommendations of the Planning Commission:

Approval X

Disapproval _____

7. Recommendation of the BMZA:

Approval X

Disapproval _____

8. Relation of the proposal to the City's Master Plan:

Conforms X

Does not conform _____

9. Changes in the character of the neighborhood:

The character of the neighborhood has changed. The industrial sections of the City and neighborhood have changed as industrial/manufacturing companies have closed and been replaced by professional jobs. Due to the changes in the character of the Port Covington neighborhood and the change in the nature of employment in the City, the rezoning complies with the following comprehensive efforts:

- The rezoning is consistent with the South Baltimore Area Zoning Study as well as concurs with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan: LIVE Goal 1, Objective 1: Expand Housing Choices for all Residents and Objective 5: Increase the City's Population by 10,000 Households in 6 years.

10. A mistake in the existing zoning classification:

The 1971 Zoning Code was correct.

Land Use Committee:

Edward Reisinger
Chair

James B. Kraft
Member

Rochelle Rikki Spector
Member

Mary Pat Clarke
Member

Findings of Fact and favorable report adopted, with Councilmember Welch out of Chambers.

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

**BILL NO. 06-0538 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Kraft, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee has complied with the requirements of Article 66B of the Maryland Code and recommends the adoption of the following Findings of Fact and the adoption of Bill No. 06-0538 favorably.

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 1001 South Lakewood Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-3-2 Zoning District.

Findings of Fact

**City Council Bill No. 06-0538
Rezoning - 1001 South Lakewood Avenue**

1. Boundaries of the Neighborhood:

The boundaries of the neighborhood are approximately Hudson Street on the north; Northwest Basin on the south; Linwood Avenue on the east; and Luzerne Avenue on the west.

2. Population Change:

Since the enactment of the 1971 Zoning Code, the number of residents in the geographic area of Ward 1, Precinct 4, has decreased by 6% percent.

3. Availability of public facilities:

Adequate public facilities are available for residential activity.

4. Present and future transportation pattern:

Since the enactment of the 1971 Zoning Code, traffic patterns have not changed substantially and can accommodate residential activities.

5. Compatibility with existing and proposed development:

The rezoning is in conformance to the existing and proposed development being done throughout the surrounding area, which is residential.

6. Recommendations of the Planning Commission:

Approval X

Disapproval _____

7. Recommendation of the BMZA:Approval X Disapproval **8. Relation of the proposal to the City's Master Plan:**Conforms X Does not conform **9. Changes in the character of the neighborhood:**

The character of the neighborhood has changed. The industrial sections of the City and neighborhood have changed as industrial/manufacturing companies have closed and been replaced by professional jobs. Due to the changes in the character of the Canton community and the change in the nature of employment in the City, the rezoning complies with the following:

- The rezoning conforms to the zoning changes recommended in the Canton Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan.

10. A mistake in the existing zoning classification:

The 1971 Zoning Code was correct.

Land Use Committee:

Edward Reisinger
Chair

James B. Kraft
Member

Mary Pat Clarke
Member

Rochelle Rikki Spector
Member

Findings of Fact and favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 06-0563 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Kraft, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0563 favorably.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 06-343 to revise the Exhibit date.

Favorable report adopted.

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

THIRD READING - TO BE HELD ONE MEETING

The following bill, pursuant to § 16-404 of the Baltimore City Zoning Code, was held over until the next City Council meeting.

C.C. 06-0372 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for certain properties in the Brewer's Hill Area, as outlined in yellow on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District; as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District; as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District; and as outlined in orange on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0371 - An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Canton Industrial Area to revise the boundary of the existing Urban Renewal Plan and revising exhibits to reflect the changes in 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.

It was read the third time.

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

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Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

1 vacant seat.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0509 - An Ordinance approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Cylburn Hills Planned Unit Development.

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, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmembers Harris, Mitchell - Total 2.

1 vacant seat.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Curran, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- CR 3274 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating The Reverend Dr. Frances “Toni” Draper on her loyal dedication and commitment to the teaching and preaching of the Gospel in the community as the Undershepherd of John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church for 5 years.
- CR 3275 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church on its 80th Anniversary celebration of spreading the Gospel in the community.
- CR 3276 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ophelia F.C. Gibbs on her 80th birthday celebration of life, January 12, 2007.
- CR 3277 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Karen S. Bethea on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3278 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Charlotte Clemons on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3279 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Leslie Barnett Davis on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3280 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. Frances “Toni” Draper on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3281 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. LaRessa Smith on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3282 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. Ruth Travis on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.

- CR 3283 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. Peggy E. Wall on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3284 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. Leah E. White on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3285 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Reverend Dr. Alfreda Wiggins on being honored by the NAACP Baltimore Branch for modeling the social and civic actions of Rosa Parks as a faith leader in her community.
- CR 3286 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Louise Williams on the celebration of her 90th birthday.
- CR 3287 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sergeant Major Eugene D. Gillis on the celebration of his 60th birthday.
- CR 3288 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Victoria Dore.
- CR 3289 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Fred D. Stevenson, Jr.
- CR 3290 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Eula Anderson.
- CR 3291 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Jean S. Fugett, Sr. on being the 1st African American Member, and Member of the Board of Managers, of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- CR 3292 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Irene Chambers on the celebration of her 100th birthday.
- CR 3293 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Faul Anderson.

- CR 3294 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Milton and Glenda Boone on their 12th Annual Black Heritage Art Show and their dedication to celebrating African-American culture.
- CR 3295 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Mary Lesser on 36 years of service with Baltimore City.
- CR 3296 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Lendora Wilkins on 39 years of service with Baltimore City.
- CR 3297 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Everette D. Hawkins.
- CR 3298 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Quetta Bryon, Sandi Bryon, Tavon Summons, and James Elliot on their graduation from the Precision Youth Power Program (PYPP) and as a positive rapper, singer or producer.
- CR 3299 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Laura Wilson aka “Sister”.
- CR 3300 Young, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Baltimore City Healthy Start Inc., on the 7th Annual National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day sponsored by the Baltimore City Healthy Start Inc. and the Coalition of Baltimore HIV Providers.
- CR 3301 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Patricia R. Smith, Patricia A. Henry, John S. Hrica, Eva M. Southall, Margaret L. Paul, and Michael S. Bradin on their years of service with Baltimore City.
- CR 3302 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sintia Mesa, 1981 – 2007.
- CR 3303 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on the celebration of its 94th Founders Day and 85th Anniversary of the Chapter.
- CR 3304 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Inez Fabory Ringgold.
- CR 3305 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Kevin B. Evans, Jr.

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- CR 3306 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Edna Mae Day.
- CR 3307 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sandra Frenzel.
- CR 3308 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Elder Thaddeus B. Winkey on his loyal and committed service as Undershepherd of St. Joseph Free Will Baptist Church for 15 years, teaching, preaching and spreading the Gospel in the community since March 18, 1992.
- CR 3309 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Annie Elizabeth Blackwell on her retirement after 22 years of earnest and dedicated service at Members First Credit Union.
- CR 3310 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sharon M. Crosby.
- CR 3311 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Jamal D. Gross.
- CR 3312 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Gertrude Martin on a remarkable 90 years as a trailblazer and paragon of gracefulness.
- CR 3313 Curran**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Beverley Simpson on 20 years of benevolent leadership in Christian Ministry.
- CR 3314 Curran**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Medgar L. Reid on 6 years of exemplary leadership in the Order of Knights of Pythias.
- CR 3315 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sylvester Uyanga on 19 years of earnest and dedicated service with the Baltimore City Department of Audits.
- CR 3316 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Shirlene Maria Peace.
- CR 3317 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Louis Harden, Charles L. Scott, Cicero Baldwin, Roy Parker, Lindsay Washington, Jr., George C.W. McKnight, Jr., Ernest H. Barnes, Charles T. Miller, Earl C. Jones, Lee D. Babb, Edgar Waddell, Thomas Chambers, John Butler, John Johnson, William Nesbit, Randolph Handy, Ben Wood,

Harvey Brown, David Pipken and John Davis as the Baltimore City Fire Department salutes the 1st two classes of 1953, at their 53rd Reunion.

- CR 3318 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Faith Tabernacle Church on the celebration of its 50th Anniversary.
- CR 3319 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Eugene McNeil on the celebration of his 80th birthday.
- CR 3320 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Priscilla M. Kelly on the celebration of her 85th birthday.
- CR 3321 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Marcus Brown on his excellent service in ensuring the safety of the citizens of Baltimore City.
- CR 3322 Conaway**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating John Wesley United Methodist Church and Troop #89 for holding “Boy Scout Sunday” at the church, saluting the positive effects of scouting on young men.
- CR 3323 Conaway**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Bonita Madden.
- CR 3324 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Robert Archie Bunn.
- CR 3325 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Regina Moore.