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Reverend Angelique Mason led the Council in Prayer.

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

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The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President, and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke

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**SHOWCASE BALTIMORE**

Mark Cameron, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Design Center, delivered a presentation.

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of April 30, 2007 was read and approved.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

May 1, 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 07-0598** - An Ordinance concerning - Revenue Obligations – Water Projects – Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount - For the purpose of increasing the maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that may be issued by the City under Ordinance 04-687; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 07-0599** - An Ordinance concerning - Revenue Obligations — Wastewater Projects — Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount - For the purpose of increasing the maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that may be issued by the City under Ordinance 02-332; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 07-0601** - An Ordinance concerning - Employees’ and Elected Officials’ Retirement Systems – Post-Retirement Benefit Increases - For the purpose of altering the process under which the frequency of the distribution of retirement benefits is determined; requiring retirement dates to be on a certain day of the month; recodifying certain provisions dealing with member contributions; consolidating and altering the accounting procedures for certain funds; providing for a sunset date for certain existing post-retirement benefit provisions; altering certain retirement payment options; altering certain post-retirement increases to periodic benefits; authorizing the Board, under certain circumstances, to serve in a fiduciary capacity for other City trust funds; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; and generally relating to the administration of retirement benefits.
- C.C. Bill 07-0640** - An Ordinance concerning - Sanitary Maintenance – Responsibility - For the purpose of specifying certain situations in which owners are **primarily** responsible for exterior sanitary maintenance; generally relating to the allocation of responsibility for sanitary maintenance between tenants and owners; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 07-0641** - An Ordinance concerning - Environmental Citations – Property Registration or Licensing - For the purpose of making violations of certain property registration and licensing requirements enforceable by environmental citations; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 07-0642** - An Ordinance concerning - Environmental Citations – Electronic Signatures - For the purpose of authorizing the use of single documents and of electronic signatures for the issuance and verification of environmental citations; and providing for a special effective date.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME**

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

**Bill No. 07-0662** - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2008: providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and Committee of the Whole.

**Bill No. 07-0663** - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance changing the zoning for certain properties in the Charles/North Revitalization Area: as outlined in yellow on the accompanying plat, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District; as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat, from the M-1-3 Zoning District to the B-5-2 Zoning District; as outlined in orange on the accompanying plat, from the B-5-1 Zoning District to the B-5-2 Zoning District; as outlined in purple on the accompanying plat, from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the B-5-2 Zoning District; and as outlined in green on the accompanying plat, from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the O-R-2 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. 07-0664** - By President Rawlings-Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance defining certain terms to clarify and conform certain provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally related to the application of the hotel room tax.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Center, Department of Finance, Baltimore Hotel Corporation, Taxation and Finance Committee.

**Bill No. 07-0665** - By Councilmembers Harris, Clarke, Young, Holton, Curran, Kraft, D'Adamo, Middleton, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Crider:

An Ordinance providing for the disposition of certain eviction chattels; requiring certain notice prior to execution of a warrant of restitution; providing for a tenant's right to reclaim property within a certain period; providing that unclaimed property is deemed abandoned under certain circumstances; prohibiting the placement of eviction chattels in certain public ways; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to the removal and disposition of property from leased dwellings.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Department of Finance, Committee of the Whole.

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

**Bill No. 07-0294R** - By Councilmembers Holton, Young, Curran, Kraft, Crider, D'Adamo, Welch, Middleton, Clarke, Harris, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Spector, Conaway, Reisinger, Mitchell:

Introduced: May 7, 2007  
(Read and adopted)

#### **A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

#### **In Support of National Family Month**

FOR the purpose of expressing support for the national celebration of the family and recognizing the importance of the more than 125,000 families in Baltimore City that provide the spiritual, economic, and social "threads" that secure the fabric of our many diverse neighborhoods.

#### **Recitals**

U. S. Census figures show that, in 2005, there were 243,000 households in Baltimore City with an average household size of 2.5 people. Families make up to 52% of these households – this figure includes both married-couple families (24 percent) and other families (28 percent) – , and nonfamily households made up 48 percent. In homage to the families of Baltimore, the Baltimore City Council endorses House Concurrent Resolution # 302:

Recognizing the importance of children and families in the United States and expressing support for the goals of National Kids Day® and National Family Month®.

Whereas, there is an epidemic of children in crisis in the United States caused by the increased stresses on children from contemporary society, which can even include instances of child abuse and neglect;

Whereas, newspaper headlines, news reports, and various studies provide evidence that children are more frequently committing acts of violence, taking illegal drugs, and committing suicide, indicating that the future of the children of the United States, and therefore the future of the Nation, is at risk;

Whereas, all families in the United States, regardless of their economic status, ethnic or cultural heritage, or geographic location, are experiencing the pressures caused by contemporary society while trying to raise and nurture their children;

Whereas, it is imperative that the people of the United States act boldly to secure the future of the Nation by halting and healing the pain of children in crisis;

Whereas, KidsPeace is the oldest, most successful, and most comprehensive not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to helping children attain the confidence and develop the courage necessary to confront and overcome crises;

Whereas, KidsPeace has more than 1,500 caregivers helping more than 2,000 children each day in 25 locations across the United States;

Whereas, KidsPeace established National KidsDay and National Family Month to recognize and focus attention on relationships between parents and children;

Whereas, National KidsDay is celebrated on the third Saturday of September, during the period when children are returning to school, when children are subject to a very high level of stress, and when there is a critical need for children to feel honored, valued, supported, and loved;

Whereas, National Family Month is celebrated during the five-week period between Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June, which is a critical adjustment period for families to prepare for children to return to the home at the end of the school year and can provide a wonderful opportunity for families to prepare to use their time together during the summer to grow and strengthen as a family unit; and

Whereas, these celebrations can provide opportunities for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to recognize the importance of being involved in the physical and emotional lives of their children: Now, therefore be it

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Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

recognizes the importance of children and families to the future of the United States;

expresses support for the goals of National KidsDay and National Family Month, as established by KidsPeace; and

encourages the people of the United States to participate in local and national activities and celebrations recognizing National KidsDay and National Family Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this Body supports the national celebration of the family and recognizes the importance of the more than 125,000 families in Baltimore City that provide the spiritual, economical, and social “threads” that secure the fabric of our many diverse neighborhoods.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Maryland Congressional Delegation, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of State Relations, and the Mayor’s 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, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Harris - Total 1.

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, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Harris - Total 1.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

**Bill No. 07-0295R** - By Councilmembers Conaway, Young, Kraft, Curran, D’Adamo, Crider, Clarke, Holton, Harris, Middleton, Welch, Reisinger:

Introduced: May 7, 2007

(Read and adopted)

**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Request to the Governor – Special Session on BGE Rate Increases**

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to convene a special session of the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation to address the 48% increase that BGE is scheduled to impose on electric power customers in the State of Maryland beginning July 1, 2007.

**Recitals**

In 1999, legislation was introduced to de-regulate Maryland’s electric utility market. The plan capped electricity prices for Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) customers at 1993 levels until July 1, 2006. As a result, rates were held at an artificially low level despite increases in global energy prices. These below-market prices prevented suppliers from entering the Maryland electricity market to sell electricity at competitive rates.

In 2006, the rates of electricity were set to jump 72%, an increase that would have made many Baltimore City citizens unable to afford their BGE bills. Instead of this increase, the legislature agreed to ease in the new rates. They created a program in which they capped the increase at 15% in 2006, and the remaining 48% increase would not occur for another year. Now that time has arrived, and BGE customers are dreading a 48% increase in their electric bills on July 1, 2007.

This increase is simply unacceptable. The fact is that an increase of this magnitude will make it impossible for many citizens to pay their bills over the upcoming hot summer months. This rate hike will affect everyone in Baltimore City, and there is little relief in sight. More than ever we need legislation to combat these rate increases and keep our citizens safe and healthy through the summer months. Without affordable power, everyone pays the price. Citizens on fixed incomes will no longer be able to pay their bills, while families working hard to earn a living will not be able to afford to cool their homes over the long hot Baltimore summer.

Five years ago de-regulation did not work. With a properly legislated effort, the General Assembly can repeal the existing de-regulation and re-regulate BGE rates so that the Citizens of

Baltimore City can have affordable energy. Now is the time for this legislation. Lessons from the first de-regulation legislation have been learned and we, as a State, should work to make sure that each and every Baltimore City citizen has the ability to pay his or her bills, be healthy, and not concerned that an increase in electric bills will cause detriment to his or her daily life. By convening a special session, these problems can be looked at without the pressures of regular session business, and a reasonable answer can be found among the deluge of questions that are currently on the minds of every Baltimore City citizen.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this Body urges the Governor to convene a special session of the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation to address the 48% increase that BGE is scheduled to impose on electric power customers in the State of Maryland beginning July 1, 2007.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Chair and Members of the Public Service Commission, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Conaway 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, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Crider, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Young - Total 1.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Conaway 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, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Crider, Clarke - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Young - Total 1.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

**Bill No. 07-0296R** - By Councilmembers Welch, Young, Kraft, Spector, Holton, Curran, D'Adamo, Clarke, Crider, Spector, Middleton, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Conaway, Reisinger, Mitchell:

A Resolution requesting the Executive Director of the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education and the Director of the Waxter Center to report to the City Council on the physical condition of the facility, the prognosis for a building upgrade, and plans for future delivery of services to Baltimore's aged population at the Center.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, Urban Affairs and Aging Committee.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 3633, 3634, 3635, 3636, 3637, 3638, 3639, 3640, 3641, 3642, 3643, 3644, 3645, 3646, 3647, 3648, 3649, 3650, 3651, 3652, 3653, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 3659, 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3666, AND 3667 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, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

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

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **BILL NO. 06-0241R REPORTED FAVORABLY AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Curran, for the Public Safety Subcommittee, reported Bill No. 06-0241R favorably.

## A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Informational Hearing – Baltimore City Gang Violence Reduction Plan**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to present to the City Council *The Baltimore City Gang Violence Reduction Plan*, as submitted to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, describing Baltimore City’s public health and law enforcement strategies for reducing violence and presenting a comprehensive approach for combating the growing problem of gang violence in our neighborhoods.

**Recitals**

“Maryland Gangs Information and Prevention”, a website presented by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, presents information on local youth gangs that originate in a particular neighborhood and locally operated gangs with national gang affiliation. For Baltimore City, it is reported that hundreds of gangs exist, “including youth gangs that operate in neighborhoods or schools and drug gangs. Youth gangs are motivated by a sense of brotherhood, more than just as an organization to sell drugs. Many youth gangs are generational; fathers or uncles were members of gangs, and then their sons or nephews join as they grow up. Children join these gangs for many reasons: to have a sense of belonging and friendship; to gain protection and respect; and the opportunity to make money through the drug trade.”

“ The vast majority of youth gangs are neighborhood gangs composed of 8 to 15 youth who focus their activities in a specific housing area. These gangs are responsible for street level drug sales, opportunistic robberies, and assaults and do not hesitate to use violence to protect their drug turf. There are probably hundreds of such gangs in the city. A smaller proportion of gangs follow the “culture” of nationally recognized gangs such as Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), Bloods, and Crips. These gangs may use the colors, clothing, and tattoos of the national gang; however, their membership and criminal activity are entirely local. No reliable statistics are available to determine how much of the crime in Baltimore City is committed by these street gangs.”

“School gangs exist in a limited number of schools in Baltimore. These gangs are school based and are responsible for robberies, assaults, and intimidation/bullying in some schools. These gangs operate mainly in the school and in the surrounding neighborhoods before and after school.”

“A significant number of gangs are primarily motivated to sell and distribute drugs. These gangs operate as drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and are generally responsible for a larger portion of serious crime in Baltimore than are street gangs. Drug gangs are primarily motivated to make money, are more likely to be controlled by older males, and are more willing to use extreme violence to protect their drug market. The U.S. Attorney’s Office in Baltimore has

targeted a number of these drug gangs because they are responsible for a high level of violence in the city.”

“ In July 2004, three members of the Lexington Terrace Boys were sentenced to life in prison for the murder of nine people and the distribution of crack cocaine. The same month seven men from the North Avenue Boys were indicted for drug conspiracy and firearms charges related to a series of shootings and murders from November 2000 through May 2001. These two cases are just some examples of the violence drug gangs are capable of committing. Also, drug gangs often use youth gangs to distribute drugs and act as enforcers on their turf.”

Because of the proliferation of gang activity in Baltimore City and the threat of increased gang-related crime and violence, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) awarded a grant to the Mayor’s Office on Criminal Justice to develop an approach to address this threat to the health and safety of our citizens. *The Baltimore City Gang Violence Reduction Plan* is contained in a document that describes the City’s strategies for reducing violence that requires a citywide collaborative effort that includes local, state, and federal agencies, community faith-based organizations, business groups, neighborhood associations and residents, advocacy groups, academic institutions, and youth.

The strategies presented in this document are of paramount importance to the future of the City of Baltimore. As stewards of the City, it is critical that the Council be included at the genesis of Baltimore’s response to the predatory gangs infiltrating our neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is requested to present to the City Council *The Baltimore City Gang Violence Reduction Plan*, as submitted to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, describing Baltimore City’s public health and law enforcement strategies for reducing violence and presenting a comprehensive approach for combating the growing problem of gang violence in our neighborhoods.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore City State’s Attorney, the Baltimore Health Commissioner, the CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board Youth Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Youth Violence, the Baltimore City Youth Commission, the Executive Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families, the organizations listed in the Planning Department Directory of Community Associations, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 07-0597 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Holton, for the Taxation and Finance Committee, reported Bill No. 07-0597 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance extending the automatic termination of the tax credit for certain improvements to historic properties; requiring certain submissions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to tax credits against the Baltimore City real property tax.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 07-0597

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 4, after the first semicolon, insert “requiring certain submissions”.

**Amendment No. 2**

On page 1, in line 8, strike “10-8(m)” and substitute “10-8(f), (g)(2), and (m)”.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 1, after line 16, insert:

“(f) Continuing eligibility.

The property owner shall:

- (1) maintain the major historic features of the property; [and]
- (2) ensure that the property for which the credit was granted is in full compliance with the City Building Code and Property Maintenance Code; AND
- (3) SUBMIT ALL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (G)(3) OF THIS SECTION.

(g) Projects exceeding \$3.5 million in development costs.

(2) To be eligible for this limited tax credit:

(I) THE DEVELOPER MUST:

(A) SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR; AND

(B) SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION REVIEWED BY THE DEVELOPER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION TO SUPPORT A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF VALUE FOR TAX PURPOSES BASED ON CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND PROJECTED INCOME; AND

(II) EITHER:

(A) [(i)] the existing building in question must have been at least 75% vacant for at least 3 years; or

(B) [(ii)] the developer must otherwise demonstrate to the Director of Finance that the credit is necessary in order for the project to proceed.”. The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

### THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 05-0246** - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1834 and 1841-1847 Jackson Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 06-0450** - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 1500 Woodall Street, 1605 Key Highway, a portion of 1801 Key Highway, and a portion of 1215 East Fort Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District.

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, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

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

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 06-0451** - An Ordinance approving the application of ~~Key Woodall~~ Chesapeake Paperboard Centre, LLC, which is the owner ~~or contract purchaser and developer~~ of 1500 Woodall Street, 1605 Key Highway, ~~a portion of and~~ 1801 Key Highway, ~~and a portion of~~ 1215 East Fort Avenue (collectively, the "Property") ~~and Chesapeake Paperboard Centre, LLC, which is the developer of the Property~~, to have the Property designated a Business Planned Unit Development; and approving the Development Plan submitted by the applicant.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 06-0464** - An Ordinance changing the zoning for certain properties in Historic Southeast Baltimore: as outlined in yellow on the accompanying amended plats, from the B-1-1 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-1-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-2-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-3-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the M-1-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the M-3 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the R-9 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the R-10 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District, from the B-2-3 and R-8 Zoning Districts to the R-8 Zoning District, and from the B-3-3 and R-8 Zoning Districts to the R-8 Zoning District; as outlined in purple on the accompanying amended plats, from the B-1-3 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, from the B-2-2 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, from the B-3-2 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District, and from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-1-2 Zoning District; as outlined in orange on the accompanying amended plats from the B-1-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District, from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District, from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-2-2 Zoning District, and from the B-3-3 and R-8 Zoning Districts to the B-2-2 Zoning District; ~~as outlined in brown on the accompanying plats from the B-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-1 Zoning District;~~ as outlined in red on the accompanying amended plats from the B-2-2 Zoning District to the B-3-2 Zoning District, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the B-3-2 Zoning District, from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-3-2 Zoning District, and from the B-3-3 and B-2-3 Zoning Districts to the B-3-2 Zoning District; as outlined in blue on the accompanying amended plats from the B-2-3 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District, from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District, and from the R-8 Zoning District to the O-R-2 Zoning District; as outlined in green on the accompanying amended plats ~~from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-1-1 Zoning District,~~ and from the M-3 Zoning District to the B-1-1 Zoning District; as outlined in pink on the accompanying amended plats from the M-2-2 Zoning District to the B-2-3 Zoning District; and as outlined in brown on the accompanying amended plats from the B-3-3 Zoning District to the M-2-2 Zoning District.

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, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Young, Crider - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Pass - Councilmembers D'Adamo, Clarke - Total 2.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 06-0515** - An Ordinance limiting the size of campaign signs permitted in residential areas; increasing the penalties for violating the laws governing these signs; imposing certain civil fines; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; and generally relating to campaign signs in residential areas.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Crider, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - Councilmember Conaway - Total 1.

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

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 06-0556** - An Ordinance expanding the definition of "youth" for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Office of Children, Youth, and Families and the Baltimore City Youth Commission.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0572** - An Ordinance changing the name of the location of the entrance of the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore from Beechwood Drive in Druid Hill Park to One Safari Place.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0578** - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as Block 7762, Lots 1-7 (1700 Block of Letitia Avenue), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-4 Zoning District to the R-6 Zoning District.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0585** - An Ordinance providing for notice to the Director of Public Works of structures determined to be vacant; and requiring the Director under certain circumstances to take immediate action to cut off the water from vacant structures for which bills are in arrears.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0587**- 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 Register 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.

It was read the third time.

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

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

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Mitchell - Total 1.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0634** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$720,700 to the Department of Transportation – Program 239 (Traffic Safety), to provide funding for the Safe Routes to Schools project; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0635** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$78,000 to the Department of Transportation – Program 230 (Administration), to provide funding for the Community Traffic Safety Program; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 07-0636** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Special Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 to the Department of Transportation – Program 230 (Administration), to provide funding for conducting traffic impact studies within the City; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

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

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Middleton, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Young, Crider, Clarke - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULE 10-2  
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 07-0654**

Councilmember Holton made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rule 10-2 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 07-0654.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Holton announced a hearing date for the bill.

**ERRATA**

On page 2195, in the Journal of April 23, 2007, Bill No. 07-0283R was erroneously listed as having been reassigned from the Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee to the Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee. Bill No. 07-0283R remains in the Budget and Appropriations Committee where it was originally assigned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Curran, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- CR 3633 Conaway**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Deacon Russell E. White on his outstanding service to his church, Greater Faith Baptist Church, and the Remington community.
- CR 3634 Conaway**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Carolane Williams, Ph.D., on her Inauguration as president of Baltimore City Community College.
- CR 3635 Kraft, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Colomba Esposito.
- CR 3636 Young**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Mother Margie A. Terry on the celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, May 5, 2007.
- CR 3637 Reisinger, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Isaac Harrison on the dedication of his new home – may he and his family find peace and happiness.
- CR 3638 Reisinger, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Octavia Dozier on the dedication of her new home – may she and her family find peace and happiness.
- CR 3639 Reisinger, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Earl (Jim) and Gloria M. Kurth on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – may their union last eternally.
- CR 3640 Harris**  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Charles Rogers, Sr.
- CR 3641 Welch**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Moses and Cynthia Davis on the celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
- CR 3642 Welch**  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Robert L. Green on his graduation from Morgan State University.
- CR 3643 President Rawlings-Blake, All Members**  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Dewitt A. Smith, May 28, 1981 – April 27, 2007.

- CR 3644** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating W. Fay Johnson on her retirement after 32 years of service with the Baltimore City Public School System.
- CR 3645** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Marsden Rawlings on 40 years of service to the Baltimore City Public School System and winning the 1966 Swimming Championship at Douglass High School.
- CR 3646** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Charlene E. Bratton on her retirement after nearly 40 years of service to the Baltimore City Public School System.
- CR 3647** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Pastor David R. Schell on the celebration of his 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary, "Parkville Baptist Church".
- CR 3648** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Staff Sgt. Jay E. Martin, March 1, 1978 – April 29, 2007.
- CR 3649** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Donnettea Conney on the celebration of her birthday on May 6, 2007.
- CR 3650** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Samuel Dennis Sheppard on the celebration of his birthday on May 19, 2007.
- CR 3651** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ellen Gordon on the celebration of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- CR 3652** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Mamie M. Williams on the celebration of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- CR 3653** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Walinda P. West on the celebration of her birthday on May 1, 2007.
- CR 3654** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Hispanic Business Association of Baltimore on the tremendous community service the organization provides by educating, informing and empowering Hispanic America.

- CR 3655** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating the Flower Mart on 90 glorious years of dedication, celebration, and tradition of making Baltimore beautiful.
- CR 3656** Spector  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Shimmy and Batsheva Messing on receiving the Young Adult Leadership Award from Suburban Orthodox Congregation.
- CR 3657** Spector  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. David and Lynn Sidransky on receiving the Community Leadership Award from Suburban Orthodox Congregation.
- CR 3658** Middleton  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Clarence Edward Brunt, Sr., June 28, 1928 – April 28, 2007.
- CR 3659** Welch  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating James Edward Ford, III on the occasion of his graduation from Howard University with a Doctorate of Pharmacy.
- CR 3660** Young  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Elizabeth James.
- CR 3661** Kraft  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Jon M. Laria on being recognized for Excellence in the Legal Profession by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business and the Best Lawyers in America 2007.
- CR 3662** Crider  
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sylvia D. Tilghman.
- CR 3663** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Linda Hall on 20 years of service with Baltimore City College.
- CR 3664** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Officer David B. Rainey on his retirement after 24 years of service with the Baltimore City Police Department.
- CR 3665** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sylvia Cooper-Carter on her retirement after 33 years of service with the Baltimore City Housing Code Enforcement Division.
- CR 3666** President Rawlings-Blake, All Members  
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating AWKA Union Baltimore/Washington Chapter on its Biennial Fund Raising Gala.

**CR 3667 Conaway**  
**A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Carolyn Trent.**