

SECOND DAY

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CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

January 22, 2007

The Reverend Karen L. Brau, Pastor of Amazing Grace Evangelical Lutheran 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, Acting President, and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger

1 vacant seat

After the election of the new Council President, the Roster should read as follows:

Stephanie Rawlings Blake, President, and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger

1 vacant seat

Councilmember Clarke, duly seconded, made a motion to journalize the invocation. It was so ordered.

Let us bow our heads and open our hearts.

We come together this evening, at the start of a new time in our city –
A time of new leadership, a time of new possibility, a time of new energy for our work for our vast and diverse constituencies, and our one city.

We come together this evening, daring to believe that there is a deep purpose in our being here tonight - That our city with its vast potential is manifesting this potential in a way that benefits our fellow citizens in concrete ways - finding the political solutions and the strong will to make the future year brighter, rather than bleaker, by nurturing our children, supporting our youth, developing our adults and engaging our elders – because all are valuable and integral to life in our fine city.

We give thanks in advance of this meeting: for each comment and question offered, for the risks taken, for the efforts made to search for truth, and for the grace expended when a viewpoint might wound or anger – for every insight that calls us to reconsider our motives and intentions, we give you thanks.

Forgive us in advance, for any unwillingness or lack of discipline that undercuts what we might have been or we might have done together in serving our city.

We come together this evening, elected to serve, ready to work, looking up in hope. Let us all say, Amen.

ELECTION OF NEW CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilmember Bernard “Jack” Young rose to nominate Stephanie Rawlings Blake to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sheila Dixon as Council President. Councilmember Rochelle “Rikki” Spector seconded the nomination.

Acting President Rawlings Blake made a motion, which was seconded, that Councilmember Spector serve as acting president during the election of a new President of the body. The motion carried without exception, whereupon Councilmember Rawlings Blake stepped down, and then Councilmember Spector served as Acting President.

There being no other nominations, a voice vote was called on the election of Stephanie Rawlings Blake. There were none opposed, with Councilmember Mitchell out of Chambers, Councilmember Reisinger absent, and with 1 vacant seat. Acting President Spector then declared Stephanie Rawlings Blake elected to the Office of President of the City Council.

COUNCIL ESCORT APPOINTED

The Acting President, Rochelle “Rikki” Spector, then appointed a Council Escort composed of Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Curran, Harris, and Young to accompany the newly elected President to the Mayor’s Office to be sworn in and to sign the Test Book.

THE COUNCIL RECESSED.

AFTER RECESS

Following the signing of the Test Book, President Stephanie Rawlings Blake was escorted to her seat. President Rawlings Blake then called the Council to order, and the following Councilmembers answered to their names:

Council President Rawlings Blake and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger

1 vacant seat

ELECTION OF A NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Councilmember Harris nominated Councilmember Robert Curran to the Office of Vice President of the Council. Councilmember Mitchell seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, a voice vote was called on the election of Robert Curran. There were none opposed, with Councilmember Reisinger absent and with 1 vacant seat. President Rawlings Blake declared Robert Curran elected to the office of Vice President of the City Council.

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of December 7, 2006 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 8, 2006

Honorable Sheila Dixon, 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 05-0287** - An Ordinance concerning - Towing Services – License Fees - For the purpose of modifying the application, license, and related fees for persons engaged in certain towing services; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of towing services.
- C.C. Bill 05-0296** - An Ordinance concerning - Parking Fines – Penalties for Nonpayment - For the purpose of setting ~~a limit~~ limits on the penalty imposed for nonpayment of a citation issued for certain parking, stopping, standing, and related offenses; and generally relating to fines, penalties, and procedures for certain offenses.
- C.C. Bill 06-0358** - An Ordinance concerning - Baltimore City Commission for Women – Reconstitution - For the purpose of reviving and reconstituting the Baltimore City Commission for Women; providing for the appointment and term of members; providing for staff to the Commission; restating the Commission’s powers and duties; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0411** - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Opening – Certain Alleys Lying Within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Area Project - For the purpose of condemning and opening certain alleys lying within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Area Project, bounded by Lombard Street, Broadway, Baltimore Street, and Ann Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-12 in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0412** - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Closing – Certain Alleys Lying Within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Area Project - For the purpose of condemning and closing certain alleys lying within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Area Project, bounded by Lombard Street, Broadway, Baltimore Street, and Ann Street, as shown on Plat 114-A-12A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0440** - An Ordinance concerning - Baltimore City Veterans Commission - For the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Veterans Commission; providing for the appointment, terms, powers, and duties of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to assisting veterans and their families.
- C.C. Bill 06-0460** - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – Air Rights over a 2-Foot Portion of Wolfe Street - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the air rights over a 2-foot portion of Wolfe Street contiguous to the east side

thereof, extending from Madison Street, Northerly 321.4 feet, more or less, to Ashland Avenue, and at a horizontal plane having an elevation of 109.0 feet and ascending to an elevation of unlimited height and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0461 - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Opening – Certain Streets and Alleys Lying Within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project - For the purpose of condemning and opening certain streets and alleys lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Madison Street, Broadway, Chase Street, and Washington Street, as shown on Plat 348-A-80 in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0462 - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Closing – Certain Streets and Alleys Lying Within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project - For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Madison Street, Broadway, Chase Street, and Washington Street, as shown on Plat 348-A-80A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0499 - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – Certain Alleys Lying Within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Area Project - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former beds of 2 4-foot alleys and 1 3-foot alley lying within the Washington Hill Chapel Urban Renewal Project and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0500 - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – the Former Bed of Montreal Street and 2 Portions of the Former Bed of Mount Royal Avenue - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain parcels of land known as the former bed of Montreal Street and 2 portions of the former bed of Mount Royal Avenue and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0501 - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – 407, 409, 415, 417, 419, and 421 East Chase Street; and Approximately 75 Feet of Warden Street Right of Way from 4-Foot Alley North to East Chase Street - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as 407, 409, 415, 417, 419, and 421 East Chase Street, and approximately 75 feet of the Warden Street right of way from a 4-foot alley north to East Chase Street, no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

- C.C. Bill 06-0502** - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – South Side West North Avenue Southeast Corner West Mount Royal Avenue (Block 386, Lot 11) - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain property known as South Side West North Avenue Southeast Corner West Mount Royal Avenue (Block 386, Lot 11) and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0503** - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Closing – Montreal Street and 2 Portions of Mount Royal Avenue - For the purpose of condemning and closing (1) Montreal Street, extending from North Avenue Southerly to Mount Royal Avenue, (2) a portion of Mount Royal Avenue contiguous to the northeast side thereof, and (3) a portion of Mount Royal Avenue contiguous to the northeast side thereof, extending from McMechen Street, Northwesterly 144.3 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 348-A-87 in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0512** - An Ordinance concerning - Planned Unit Development – Amendment – Brewers Hill - For the purpose of approving a certain ~~amendment~~ amendments to the Development Plan of the Brewers Hill Planned Unit Development; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0516** - An Ordinance concerning - Release of Right-of-Way – a 15.0 Foot Right-of-Way Granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore Through the Property of Loyola – Notre Dame Library, Inc. - For the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the 15.0 foot wide right-of-way heretofore granted to the City of Baltimore through the property of John W. Garrett (and Alice W. Garrett, his wife), currently owned by Loyola-Notre Dame Library, Inc. The location and course of the 15.0 foot wide right-of-way to be released is shown on a plat numbered H-20-16716 prepared by the Department of Public Improvements – Highways Department – Sewer Division; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0517** - An Ordinance concerning - Release of Right of Way – a 6.75 Foot Right-of-Way Granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore Through the Property of 316 Guilford Avenue, L.L.C. - For the purpose of authorizing the release and surrender by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of all of its interests in and to the 6.75 foot wide right-of-way heretofore granted to the City of Baltimore through the property of Market Tavern, Inc., currently owned by 316 Guilford Avenue, L.L.C.; the location and course of the 6.75 foot wide right-of-way to be released being shown on a plat numbered R.W.20-35944; and providing for a special effective date.
- C.C. Bill 06-0520** - An Ordinance concerning - City Streets – Closing – An 85-Foot Wide Portion of Fort Avenue - For the purpose of condemning and closing an 85-foot wide portion of Fort Avenue, extending from Fort McHenry National Monument, northwesterly 130.3

feet, as shown on Plat 346-A-51A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

- C.C. Bill 06-0523** - An Ordinance concerning - Mondawmin Mall Development District - For the purpose of designating a “development district” to be known as the “Mondawmin Mall Development District”; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the development district; creating a special, tax increment fund for the development district; allocating certain property taxes to that fund; making certain findings and determinations; and generally relating to the designation and operation of the development district, the establishment and use of the tax increment fund and the issuance and payment of special obligation bonds issued in connection with the development district.
- C.C. Bill 06-0524** - An Ordinance concerning - Mondawmin Mall Special Taxing District -For the purpose of designating a “special taxing district” to be known as the “Mondawmin Mall Special Taxing District”; providing for and determining various matters in connection with the establishment of the special taxing district; creating a special fund for the special taxing district; providing for the levy of a special tax on all taxable real property located in the special taxing district; and generally relating to the designation and operation of the special taxing district, the establishment and use of the special fund and the issuance and payment of bonds issued in connection with the special taxing district.
- C.C. Bill 06-0525** - An Ordinance concerning - Mondawmin Mall Special Obligation Bonds - For the purpose of providing for the issuance of special obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purpose of financing infrastructure improvements; providing for the method and sources of payment for these special obligation bonds; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve the details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with the special obligation bonds and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and payment of these special obligation bonds; and generally relating to the issuance and payment of special obligation bonds.
- C.C. Bill 06-0532** - An Ordinance concerning - Supplementary Mondawmin Mall Tax Increment Financing Capital Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development – \$15,000,000 - For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Mondawmin Mall Tax Increment Financing Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development (Account #9910-600-359), to provide funds for financing or refinancing the development of infrastructure improvements relating to the redevelopment of the Mondawmin Mall in the City of Baltimore; and providing for a special effective date.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Mayor

December 13, 2006

Honorable Sheila Dixon, 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 06-0347 - An Ordinance concerning - Sale of Property – 400/410 South Broadway - For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property located at 400/410 South Broadway and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0410 - An Ordinance concerning - Franchise – Bridgeway over the 2600 Block of West North Avenue - For the purpose of granting a franchise to Coppin State University to construct, use, and maintain a private pedestrian bridgeway above and across the 2600 Block of West North Avenue, connecting a classroom and laboratory building to be constructed on the south side of West North Avenue, to a parking garage to be constructed on the north side of West North Avenue; subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0530 - An Ordinance concerning - City Property – Renaming Fort Holabird Park to Cimaglia Park at Fort Holabird - For the purpose of changing the name of Fort Holabird Park, located at Ward 26, Section 1, Block 6923, Lots 1/3 and 11, to Cimaglia Park at Fort Holabird; and providing for a special effective date.

C.C. Bill 06-0562 - A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning - A Baltimore City Tribute to Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. – “The Conscience of Maryland” - For the purpose of paying tribute to a storied public servant who has graced the State of Maryland with nearly a half century of dedicated public service on behalf of those least able to help themselves, fighting tirelessly to empower those of unequal power, striving valiantly to protect the vulnerable young and the fragile aged, working courageously to achieve equality for those treated as less equal, battling to secure protection for consumers from exploitation by big business, and holding to account profiteers whose negligence harmed those dependent upon them for sustenance; and providing for a special effective date.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Mayor

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

January 18, 2007

GEORGE A. NILSON, as City Solicitor for Baltimore City, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, succeeding Ralph Tyler.

DEBORAH F. MOORE-CARTER, as Labor Commissioner for Baltimore City, for a term expiring December 7, 2007, succeeding Sean Malone.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon
Mayor

CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED RULE CHANGE ADOPTED

President Rawlings Blake laid before the City Council the proposed Rule Change that had been introduced at the previous City Council Meeting.

By: Councilmembers Kraft, Mitchell, and Reisinger

FOR the purpose of modifying certain provisions that require a public hearing when filling a vacancy in the Council; conforming certain language; and generally relating to the procedures for filling Council vacancies.

BY readopting, with amendments
Rules 5-11(c) and (e)
Rules of the City Council
(2004 - 2007 Council Session)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Rules of the City Council read as follows:

Chapter 5. Councilmembers

Rule 5-11. Vacancy.

(c) *Public hearing.*

- (1) The Nominating Committee must hold a public hearing [to interview applicants for the vacant seat] IN CONNECTION WITH THE FILLING OF THE VACANCY.
- (2) The hearing must be held within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.
- (3) Public notice of the hearing must be given at least 7 days before it is held.

(e) [*Additional interviews*] *INTERVIEWS.*

After the public hearing, the Nominating Committee may conduct [additional] interviews with any of the applicants who appeared at the public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That these amendments take effect on the date that they are adopted.

Councilmember Young made a motion, which was seconded, to adopt the proposed Rule Change. The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Curran - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat

The Rule Change was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

January 9, 2007

FR: Aliza Taylor-Allison, Real Estate Agent
Department of Real Estate
Room 304, City Hall

TO: Honorable Sheila Dixon
President, Baltimore City Council
City Hall, Room 400

RE: Proposed Disposition of Tax Sale Property

Dear Madam President:

In order to expedite the return of tax sale properties to private ownership, Ordinance No. 477 was approved December 6, 1973. This ordinance allows the City Comptroller to sell properties acquired by tax sale at either private or public sale once certain criteria are met.

It is requested that the following property be published in the City Council Journal as promptly as possible in order that we may pursue its disposition:

Councilmanic District No. 10
3001-3003 Washington Blvd.
Block 7822, Lot 002

In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 477, certification of the publication shall be submitted to the Comptroller 30 days after such publication. It would be most helpful and sincerely appreciated if the certification is directed to the attention of the Department of Real Estate.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 410.396.4767.

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. 07-0565 - By President Rawlings Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance condemning and closing a 6-foot wide portion of Maryland Avenue, contiguous to the west side thereof, and extending from the north side of Mt. Royal Avenue, Northerly 200.8 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 347-A-62A in the Office of the Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Highways and Franchises Subcommittee.

Bill No. 07-0566 - By President Rawlings Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as a 6-foot wide portion of the former bed of Maryland Avenue, contiguous to the west side thereof, extending from Mt. Royal Avenue, Northerly 200.8 feet, more or less, and no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of

Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Real Estate, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, Taxation and Finance Committee.

Bill No. 07-0567 - By President Rawlings Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance granting a franchise to Forest City - New East Baltimore Partnership, LLC, to construct, use, and maintain private communications ductbanks under and across the 900 block of North Wolfe Street, the 800 block of North Wolfe Street, and the 1900 block of Ashland Avenue, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Board of Estimates, Highways and Franchises Subcommittee.

Bill No. 07-0568 - By President Rawlings Blake (The Administration):

An Ordinance granting a franchise to 855 N. Wolfe Street, LLC, to construct, use, and maintain a private pedestrian bridgeway above and across East Madison Street right-of-way and a portion of the bridgeway foundation within East Madison Street right-of-way, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Board of Estimates, Highways and Franchises Subcommittee.

Bill No. 07-0569 - By Councilmembers D'Adamo, Kraft, Curran, Young, Mitchell, Harris, Spector, President Rawlings Blake, Councilmembers Conaway, Holton, Welch, Branch, Clarke:

An Ordinance naming the Engine Company 27, Truck 26 Fire Station, located at 4315 Mannasota Avenue, to be the Allan M. Roberts Fire Station.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Fire Department, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0570 - By Councilmembers Clarke, Curran, Mitchell, Harris, Young, D'Adamo, Conaway, Holton:

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Health to designate community or neighborhood associations to remove or abate certain nuisances; providing that the costs and expenses incurred by an association are a lien on the property for which the nuisance was removed or abated; modifying the definition of "nuisance" to encompass expressly certain sanitary maintenance requirements of the Property Maintenance Code; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; and generally relating to the removal or abatement of nuisances.

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

Bill No. 07-0571 - By Councilmember Clarke (by request):

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Hampden Business Area to establish certain standards and procedures for the location and operation of “formula business establishments” and to clarify the duration of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; and providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Transportation, Urban Affairs Committee.

Bill No. 07-0572 - By Councilmembers Conaway, Kraft, Curran, Young, Welch, Harris, D’Adamo, Spector, Holton, Mitchell, Branch, Clarke:

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.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks, Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

Bill No. 07-0573 - By Councilmembers Young, Kraft, Curran, Branch, Clarke, Harris, D’Adamo, Conaway, Holton, Welch:

An Ordinance establishing a local business opportunity program; providing for the certification of local businesses that meet certain criteria; granting certain procurement preferences to certified local businesses; defining certain terms; prohibiting certain conduct; and generally relating local business enterprises.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, Taxation and Finance Committee.

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

Bill No. 07-0244R - By Councilmembers Welch, Conaway, Holton, Kraft, Clarke, Branch, Curran, Young, Mitchell, D’Adamo, Harris, President Rawlings Blake, Councilmember Spector:

Introduced: January 22, 2007
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Request for State Legislation – To Abolish Future Ground Rents and To Limit the
Deleterious Economic Affects of Ground Rent Ejectments
on Property Owners in Baltimore City**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly to introduce legislation to abolish the archaic system of residential ground rents in Baltimore City and to limit the devastating economic impact of ejectment proceedings on persons who own property located on existing ground rent lands; urging the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings and House Environmental Matters Committees to give the legislation favorable consideration; and, should both Houses of the legislature report the measures favorably, fervently calling upon the Governor to sign the legislation into law.

Recitals

On November 7, 2005, the Council adopted a resolution requesting the introduction of State legislation to abolish ground rent, a specialized form of real estate ownership where the land is owned by one party, and the real property located on the land is owned by someone else. Ground rent leases are typically leases for 99 years, renewable forever at the option of the tenant who, in the practical sense, is the owner of the property. The tenant of a ground rent property pays the real property taxes and other real property assessments, has control of the property, and the tenant's interest in the property is usually much more valuable than that of the owner of the ground rent.

The Council sought the change in State law because of dangers inherent in Baltimore's system of ground rents that were brought to light when a house in the increasingly popular area of Washington Village was auctioned off for nearly \$100,000 because the homeowner had failed to pay a few \$100s in ground rent. The owners of the ground rent, who gained control of the property through a legitimate court process, pocketed the net proceeds of the sale, and the homeowners, who owned the property outright but did not live there, got nothing.

Under current Maryland law, if ground rent is more than 6 months overdue, the ground rent owner can file an ejectment action in court to obtain full title to the property. Even though the ground rent owner is required to notify everyone with an interest in the property, if the homeowners cannot be found, all that is required is to post a notification on the property. If the property is vacant or if the tenant of a rental property does not inform the owner of the posting, there is no way to ensure that the owner is aware of the court proceeding that is taking place.

According to published accounts, tens of thousands of Baltimore City residents as well as a lesser number of residents of Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties are affected by this archaic system of residential ground rent, a system that originated hundreds of years ago in England when people paid rent to live on land they could not otherwise afford. Ground rent owners in the past six years have filed nearly 4,000 lawsuits, called ejectments, in Baltimore City alone to redeem their ground rents and "eject" the property owner from the houses built on their land.

Bills have been introduced in past sessions of the Maryland General Assembly in an effort to address the system that can legally be used to take away the homes that people have worked a lifetime to own. In 2006 Senate Bill 471/House Bill 683 – Ground Rents - Actions for Ejectment

-Reasonable Efforts to Locate Tenant, that would have required a landlord under a ground lease who seeks to serve process in an action for ejectment by posting show that efforts to locate the tenant included a person-search using a national skip-trace database received unfavorable report from the House Environmental Matters and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committees.

Senate Bill 489 – Real Property - Ground Rents - Prohibition on Creation of Ground Rent Lease – , that would have prohibited the creation of new ground rents or the sublease of existing ones, after October 1, 2006, failed in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, as did Senate Bill 502 – Real Property - Ground Rents - Limitation on Total Expenses Recoverable in Ejectment Action– , that would have limited the total amount a plaintiff or holder of a ground rent may recover as reimbursement in actions arising from an action.

As long as ground rents exist in Baltimore City and the real estate market continues to attract speculators looking to make exorbitant profits, as well as legitimate home buyers seeking to ‘buy up’ in neighborhoods undergoing gentrification, the existence of ground rents creates a situation ripe for abuse of unsuspecting, uninformed, or unsophisticated homeowners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly are requested to introduce legislation to abolish the archaic system of residential ground rents in Baltimore City and to limit the devastating economic impact of ejectment proceedings on persons who own property located on existing ground rent lands; the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings and House Environmental Matters Committees are urged to give the legislation favorable consideration; and, should both Houses of the legislature report the measures favorably, the Governor is fervently called upon to sign the legislation into law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly following the convening of the 2007 Session on January 10, 2007.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Mayor, the Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2007 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, the Chairs and Members of the House Environmental and Senate Judicial Proceeding Committees, the Executive Director of the Office of State Relations, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Welch 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, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules “Suspended”.

Then Councilmember Welch 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, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution “Adopted”.

Bill No. 07-0245R - By Councilmembers Clarke, Branch, Kraft, Curran, Young, Mitchell, Welch, Harris, D'Adamo, Spector, Holton:

Introduced: January 22, 2007
(Read and adopted)

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Informational Hearing – No Child Left Behind Act – Highly Qualified Teachers – Baltimore City Public School System Compliance

FOR the purpose of requesting the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Academic Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System to brief the City Council on the status of the Baltimore City Public School System’s compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act requirement that, by June 2007, all teachers of core academic subjects in the classroom be highly qualified and on the actions required in June should we fail to comply.

Recitals

Throughout January 2007, the President of the United States will meet with bicameral and bipartisan members of Congress on the 5th anniversary of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to urge reauthorization of the measure that was signed into law, in 2002.

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education holds that one of the most important factors in raising student achievement is a highly qualified teacher and that research shows that teacher subject-matter knowledge is greatly associated with student learning. The No Child Left

Behind Act requires that, by the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, all teachers of core academic subjects in the classroom be highly qualified as determined by 3 essential criteria: (1) attaining a bachelor's degree or better in the subject taught; (2) obtaining full state teacher certification; and (3) demonstrating knowledge in the subjects taught.

The official progress report indicates that, as of 2006, for the first time all 50 States and the District of Columbia have accountability plans in place as well as reading/language arts and mathematics assessments for grades 3-8, plus one assessment in high school, and that the percentage of classes taught by a highly qualified teacher (HQT) has risen to 91%. Despite this reported progress, the U.S. Department of Education found it necessary to allow states that could demonstrate a good faith effort in a Revised State Plan to defer compliance with the HQT requirement until the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Baltimore City's deadline is June 2007.

The 6-point protocol used by the federal Peer Review Committee to evaluate the potential success of a Revised State Plan addressed 6 key issues:

1. A thorough analysis of the data identifying teachers that do not meet HQT requirements, including trends that the State Plan will address;
2. Steps local districts will take to help teachers quickly attain HQT status;
3. Technical assistance, programs, and resources the State Education Agency (SEA) will offer to help Local Education Agencies (LEAs) implement their HQT plans;
4. Action states will take if LEAs do not ensure all teachers of core academic subjects are highly qualified;
5. The use of an alternative method to ensure that all teachers are highly qualified (i.e., the state's use of HOUSSE [High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation] procedures); and
6. Taking steps to ensure that minority students and students from low-income families are not disproportionately taught by inexperienced or unqualified teachers.

In the majority of school districts in the State of Maryland, 75% of core academic classes were being taught by highly qualified teachers, while only 46.8% of core academic classes in Baltimore City were being taught by highly qualified teachers when the Revised State Plan was submitted to the Peer Review Committee. While the City Council appreciates the efforts demonstrated by Baltimore City Public School System that led to federal approval of the State's plan, a more thorough knowledge of the particulars of that plan will give added assurance that our schools and our students will not face wholesale teacher transfers in June 2007, as narrowly avoided in the case of Teacher Assistants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Academic Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System are requested to brief the City Council on the status of the Baltimore City Public School System's compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act requirement that, by June 2007,

all teachers of core academic subjects in the classroom be highly qualified and on the actions required in June should we fail to comply

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the State Superintendent of Education, the CEO and CAO of Baltimore City Public Schools, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of State Relations, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Clarke 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, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Pass - Councilmember Conaway - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Rules "Suspended".

Then Councilmember Clarke 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, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Pass - Councilmember Conaway - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 3134, 3135, 3136, 3137, 3138, 3139, 3140, 3141, 3142, 3143, 3144, 3145, 3146, 3147, 3148, 3149, 3150, 3151, 3152, 3153, 3154, 3155, 3156, 3157, 3158, 3159, 3160, 3161, 3162, 3163, 3164, 3165, 3166, 3167, 3168, 3169, 3170, 3171, 3172, 3173, 3174, 3175, 3176, 3177, 3178, 3179, 3180, 3181, 3182, 3183, 3184, 3185, 3186, 3187, 3188, 3189, 3190, 3191, 3192, 3193, 3194, 3195, 3196, 3197, 3198, 3199, 3200, 3201, 3202, 3203, 3204, 3205, 3206, 3207, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3211, 3212, 3213, 3214, 3215, 3216, 3217, 3218, 3219, 3220, 3221, 3222, 3223, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3227, 3228, 3229, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3233, 3234, 3235, 3236, 3237, 3238, 3239, 3240, 3241, 3242, 3243, 3244, 3245, 3246, 3247, 3248, 3249, 3250, 3251, 3252, 3253, 3254, 3255, 3256, 3257, 3258, 3259, 3260, 3261, 3262, 3263, AND 3264 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, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - 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.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

The Appointment of

PATRICIA L. WELCH

Member

COMMISSION:

Compensation Commission for Elected Officials

EXPIRATION OF TERM:

December 7, 2007

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Young made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Patricia L. Welch be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

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

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat

The President declared the appointment of Patricia L. Welch confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BILL NO. 06-0533 REPORTED FAVORABLY AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Harris, for the Highways and Franchises Subcommittee, reported Bill No. 06-0533 favorably.

An Ordinance 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.

Favorable report adopted.

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

BILL NO. 06-0534 REPORTED FAVORABLY AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Harris, for the Highways and Franchises Subcommittee, reported Bill No. 06-0534 favorably.

An Ordinance 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.

Favorable report adopted.

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

**BILL NO. 06-0509 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Kraft, for the Land Use and Transportation Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0509 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Cylburn Hills Planned Unit Development.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 06-0509

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, after line 19, insert

“outdoor table service as an accessory use to a restaurant”.

Amendment No. 2

On page 2, in line 22, strike “wine storage cellar” and substitute “warehouse/storage area not to exceed more than 2,500 square feet”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

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

BILL NO. 06-0454, LISTED ON THE PRINTED AGENDA, TO BE HELD IN COMMITTEE

Councilmember Holton, for the Taxation and Finance Committee, requested that Bill 06-0454, which was listed on the printed Agenda, be held in Committee. It was so ordered.

**BILL NO. 06-0508 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Branch, for the Urban Affairs Committee, reported Bill No. 06-0508 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldspring Neighborhood Development Program to provide that the provisions of the Cylburn Hills Planned Unit Development supercede 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.

Amendments to City Council Bill No. 06-0508

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 3, in the blank, insert “10”; and on page 2, in line 16, in the blank, insert “10”.

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, in lines 6 and 21, in each instance, strike “supersede” and substitute “supersede”.

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 - 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. 05-0229 - An Ordinance 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.

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 05-0294 - An Ordinance modifying certain limitations on amusement devices as an accessory use in certain zoning districts; ~~repealing certain posting, hearing, and related requirements for amusement device location permits;~~ and generally relating to amusement devices ~~and amusement device location permits.~~

Then Councilmember Curran made a motion, which was seconded, to return the bill to Committee. The motion was approved.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0318 - An Ordinance 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.

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, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch, Clarke - Total 13.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0415 - An Ordinance 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.

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, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Clarke - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0470 - An Ordinance approving certain amendments to the Development Plan of the Benhurst Park 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, Harris, Spector, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Clarke - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0513 - An Ordinance 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.

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, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Clarke - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 06-0529 - A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council adopting a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Plan for Baltimore 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, Conaway, Holton, Welch, Mitchell, Young, Branch - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Out of Chambers - Councilmember Clarke - Total 1.

Absent - Councilmember Reisinger - Total 1.

1 vacant seat.

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

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW BILL 06-0370 FAILS
AND THE BILL REMAINS IN THE FILES OF THE COUNCIL**

At the request of the sponsor, a motion was made by Councilmember Curran to withdraw Bill 06-0370 from the files of the Council.

“An Ordinance providing a new deferred retirement option plan (DROP 2) for certain members of the Fire and Police Employees’ Retirement System; clarifying certain provisions pertaining to the System’s existing DROP; mandating the performance of a cost savings test by the System’s actuary with regard to the DROP 2 benefit; providing the City with the option of legislatively modifying or terminating the DROP 2 benefit if certain cost savings are not realized; providing certain transitional rules; clarifying, correcting, and conforming certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Fire and Police Employees’ Retirement System.”

A vote on this motion was taken, with Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Harris, Conaway, Welch, Mitchell, Branch, and Clarke voting Nay. The motion failed, and the bill remains in the files of the Council.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO FILL THE
VACANT SEAT ON THE CITY COUNCIL**

President Rawlings Blake appointed Councilmembers Kraft, Curran, Harris, Spector, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, Young, and Clarke as members of the Nominating Committee, with herself as its Chair. The Council recessed while the Committee met, and after the Committee’s return, President Rawlings Blake announced that the Committee will meet on February 14, 2007, to hold a public hearing in connection with the filling of the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Curran, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

- CR 3134 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Darnell and Crystal Butler, Officers of Pedestal Garden Apartments, Association, on their hard work in the community and support for the children going to Summer camp.
- CR 3135 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Park School of Baltimore on its dedication in addressing the “Why We Teach” Conference.
- CR 3136 Holton, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Dr. Joan Wharton on 25 years in the Ministry and 20 years as a Pastor.
- CR 3137 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating William Donald Schaefer on his dedication and service to the citizens of Baltimore and the State of Maryland as Mayor, Governor and Comptroller.
- CR 3138 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating KAGRO of Maryland, Inc. on hosting the 11th Annual KAGRO Scholarship Award and Banquet.
- CR 3139 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Kwang Hee Choi – Chairman, Kap Yung Park – President, and Kwang So Lee – Vice Chairman on their hard work and dedicated efforts awarding scholarships to worthy and qualified young men and women in the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.
- CR 3140 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Mike Ferreira, Mike Donaldson, Steve Donaldson, Devin Green, Craig Scott, Nate Moyd, Gary Brown, Waverly Carter, Undrey Full3er, Howard Oliver, and Mr. Moyd on being volunteers with Banner Neighborhoods’ Community Football League.
- CR 3141 D’Adamo, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Shirome L. Barrett, Steven C. Cabral, Jonas A. Calvillo, David E. Ciotti, Timothy S. Copeland, Gregory L. Depalma, Kenneth W. Ditroia, Sharone Dixon, Ellis Goode, Patrick J. Huter, Nalen M. Jackson, William Jackson, IV, William C. Janu, III, Danna D. Jones, William A. Keitz, Jr., Damion M. Krauss, Kelvin Q. Manrich, Miguel Martinez, Gaston Melendez, Sharod A. Molock, Ericka N. Mullins, William R. Olsen, Antonio A. Queen, Danielle N. Robinson, hassan Rodriguez, Kevin R. Roeser, Steven J. Slack, Stephon Smith, Jared E. Stern, Darryl E. Strange, Michael J. Sylvester, Tanesha A. Todd, and Sheila Williams on the occasion of their successful completion and graduation from the Baltimore City Police Academy, Class 2006-01.
- CR 3142 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of James Earl Smith, May 26, 1932 – December 5, 2006.

- CR 3143** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Maryland Public Employees AFSCME AFL-CIO Retiree Chapter One on its 11th Annual Holiday Luncheon.
- CR 3144** Rawlings Blake, Harris, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Tammi Regina Martin.
- CR 3145** Branch
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Toni Seldon on the celebration of her 50th birthday.
- CR 3146** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Robert Ryles, Jr., August 25, 1956 – December 9, 2006.
- CR 3147** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Millicent Johnson, February 6, 1968 – December 7, 2006.
- CR 3148** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School on its 38 – 23 victory for the 2006 Class 1A State Title Championship.
- CR 3149** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Edmondson-Westside High School on its 37 – 9 victory for the 2006 Class 2A State Title Championship.
- CR 3150** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Park Heights Community Health Alliance on the Grand Opening of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Afya Center at Park Heights.
- CR 3151** Welch
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Lillian Sydnor on her hard work and dedicated efforts assisting seniors and hosting the Annual Senior Christmas Celebration.
- CR 3152** Welch
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Carolyn Myers on her hard work and dedicated efforts as a community advocate, working with the disadvantaged and providing information and services.
- CR 3153** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Michael Erwin, July 21, 1946 – December 7, 2006.
- CR 3154** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Nya Ferrell, Kevin Simpson, and Marvin Cole on their outstanding and dedicated service to the Youth United For Success 20th Annual Toy Drive.

- CR 3155 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Theresa Bailey-Holmes on the celebration of her 47th birthday on December 10, 2006.
- CR 3156 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Frank A. Murphy on the celebration of his 26th Pastoral Anniversary and his dedicated service to the community.
- CR 3157 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Miracle Baptist Church on the celebration of its 26th Anniversary.
- CR 3158 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Keith Barney, Jr.
- CR 3159 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Freedom Bible College and Seminary: Noel Ministries Baltimore, LLC on the celebration of its 1st Anniversary.
- CR 3160 Mitchell**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sgt. Ronald Weinreich, Jr. and Officer Wayne Early.
- CR 3161 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Carmelo Anthony on the Grand Opening of the Carmelo Anthony Youth Development Center.
- CR 3162 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Ruth L. White, March 16, 1921 – December 13, 2006.
- CR 3163 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Catholic Relief Services on the Grand Opening of its New World Headquarters and its contribution towards making the Westside a vibrant and exciting part of Baltimore.
- CR 3164 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Reverend Dr. Kwame O. Abayomi on the celebration of his retirement from Unity United Methodist Church after 18 years of service as Pastor.
- CR 3165 Spector**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Will Bowling on many years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Baltimore City.
- CR 3166 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Nina Scott on the occasion of her retirement after 34 years of dedicated service with the City of Baltimore.
- CR 3167 Reisinger, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Major Jessie Oden on his dedication and excellent work provided to the community of Cherry Hill.

- CR 3168 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Terri Fulp- Greenmount Recreation Center Director, Randy Wells, Michael Hitchens, and Karen Miller; Oliver Recreation Center Staff; and from Reaching the Unreachable Outreach Ministries, Rhonda Watties and Sierra Watties on their continued commitment and dedication to the youth in their community.
- CR 3169 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Nina Rosita Bonaparte on the celebration of her 40th birthday.
- CR 3170 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Ethel McColl.
- CR 3171 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Eric Garland Jamison on the celebration of his retirement after 30 years of service with McCormick and Company, Inc.
- CR 3172 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Hugh S. Harvin on the celebration of his 90th birthday.
- CR 3173 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Francis “Mickey” Roach on the celebration of his retirement after 54 years of dedicated service with the United States Postal Service.
- CR 3174 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating John Burch on the celebration of his retirement after 42 years of service with the Department of Transportation.
- CR 3175 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Robert Ellsworth Larkins on the celebration of his 80th birthday.
- CR 3176 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Edna Kane Aiden on the celebration of her 70th birthday.
- CR 3177 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Shequita and James Williams, Jr. on the celebration of their 21st Wedding Anniversary.
- CR 3178 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Donte B. Simmons, Ophelia Griffin, Dr. Lindiwe Greenwood, M.D., Dr. William Ben Hand, M.D., and Camille Campbell on their outstanding service to the Oldtown – Council “A” PAC.
- CR 3179 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Deacon Bernard Fleming on the celebration of his 94th birthday on December 20, 2006.

- CR 3180 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of David Charles Dixon.
- CR 3181 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Carol Powell on her retirement from the Social Security Administration on December 22, 2006 after 37 years of loyal and dedicated service.
- CR 3182 Mitchell**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Cecelia Fisher.
- CR 3183 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating William P. Miller on his dedication and commitment to the citizens of the Northern District, his tireless efforts, which have clearly strengthened the communities to make them safer, and for the many successful programs to serve the community.
- CR 3184 Harris**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Edna Greer on the celebration of her 60th birthday – may she continue to receive blessings to have many more birthdays.
- CR 3185 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Dorothy Chavis.
- CR 3186 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dorothy Coleman on the celebration of her 50th birthday on December 14, 2006.
- CR 3187 Clarke, Harris**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ruth F. Silverstone on her retirement after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the State of Maryland and its citizens.
- CR 3188 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Healthcare for the Homeless on its service and commitment on the day of the Homeless Persons Memorial Commemoration Ceremony.
- CR 3189 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Charles William Carnes, May 19, 1943 – December 17, 2006.
- CR 3190 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Deborah Jones-Lawson, August 2, 1948 – December 16, 2006.
- CR 3191 Curran**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Joseph F. Burns, Sr.
- CR 3192 Curran**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Elizabeth Virginia Burke.

- CR 3193 Clarke, Conaway, Harris, Rawlings Blake and Spector**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Officers Jon Walter and Doug Gibson on their exemplary friendship and service to Northern District and the Pen Lucy neighborhood.
- CR 3194 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Libby Harris on her commitment and dedication to the community that she serves.
- CR 3195 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Walter K. Cunningham.
- CR 3196 Reisinger, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Angelicia Perry on the dedication of her new home – may she and her family find peace and happiness.
- CR 3197 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Corporal Terrell Jerome McClain, 3rd BN 2nd MAR Division on his active duty in the Marines protecting the rights, freedom and safety of his beloved country and for his 2nd deployment to Iraq - welcome home and have a speedy recovery.
- CR 3198 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating James Smith and Rodney Pelgram on their outstanding service to Baltimore's youth.
- CR 3199 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Warden Lehrman W. Dotson, Sr. on the celebration of his retirement after 34 years of dedicated service with the State of Maryland.
- CR 3200 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Berdie Mae McKelvin.
- CR 3201 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ravenwood's Mose Lodge International Day on its tireless efforts and continued donations to the residents of Ravenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- CR 3202 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Northrop Grumman on its outstanding and dedicated service to Ravenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
- CR 3203 Conaway**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Oak Street AME Church on the Oak Street African Methodist Episcopal Church burning its mortgage – congratulations to a historical, spiritual institution in Baltimore City.
- CR 3204 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating John H. Brunson on 30 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the State of Maryland.

- CR 3205** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sarah Harrod.
- CR 3206** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Joan B. Williams, October 23, 1940 – December 22, 2006.
- CR 3207** Welch
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Freddie Thornton.
- CR 3208** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Gary Wendell Clark, May 26, 1964 – December 26, 2006.
- CR 3209** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Junia P. Thomas, June 8, 1926 – December 21, 2006.
- CR 3210** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Keith Scott Robinson, January 24, 1966 – December 23, 2006.
- CR 3211** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Lelia Louis Ford, October 6, 1936 – December 19, 2006.
- CR 3212** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Charles G. Bernstein on his Investiture as Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.
- CR 3213** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Fred L. Greenhill on the celebration of his 80th birthday.
- CR 3214** Spector
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Isaac Neal on the celebration of his 70th birthday and his many years of dedicated community service.
- CR 3215** Welch
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Marcus Adams.
- CR 3216** Kraft
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Maryland Athletic Club and Wellness Center on its expansion to Inner Harbor East.
- CR 3217** Young
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Sister Irene Tyler.
- CR 3218** President Dixon, All Members
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Dr. Angela Thornton, January 9, 1963 – December 27, 2006.

- CR 3219 Young, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Karen A. Kolodziejski on her retirement from the City of Baltimore after 36 years of loyal and dedicated service.
- CR 3220 Young, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Joseph A. Kolodziejski on his retirement from the City of Baltimore after 32 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of Baltimore.
- CR 3221 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Gloria Hatchett.
- CR 3222 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Kevin Kelly on his outstanding and dedicated service as Legislative Officer with the Department of Transportation.
- CR 3223 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Tina Milio on the celebration of her 90th birthday.
- CR 3224 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Bernadine Scruggs on the celebration of her 60th birthday.
- CR 3225 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Lourene N. Wildy, February 5, 1930 – December 31, 2006.
- CR 3226 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Orlando Franklin Johnson, April 20, 1918 – January 2, 2007.
- CR 3227 Rawlings Blake**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Adele V. Holden.
- CR 3228 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sister Loretta Rosendale on bringing joy, inclusion and hope to Marian House and all of Better Waverly.
- CR 3229 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Elizabeth Embry on the flowering of Gorsuch Gardens, with courage, vision and commitment.
- CR 3230 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Angel Entner, Cassie Boykin, Annie B. Dixon and Hampton Shields on their election as Officers of the Pen Lucy Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- CR 3231 Clarke**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Major Michael Pristoop, Commander, Northern Police District, on his responsive and effective “Major” –ing on behalf of Northern’s neighborhoods.

- CR 3232 Spector**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Michael Thompson on 21 years of dedicated service to Advanced Packaging, Inc. and the citizens of Baltimore city.
- CR 3233 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Edward A. Johnson.
- CR 3234 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Thomas Joseph Mackenney, Jr.
- CR 3235 Mitchell**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Bernetta Dyson on her retirement after 39 years of service at the Social Security Administration.
- CR 3236 Mitchell**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Yolanda Wise on her retirement after 40 years of service at the Social Security Administration.
- CR 3237 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher Lee, Antonio Jones, Curtina Blue, Seaquoya Howard, and Damonya Green on receiving the Parent Against Drugs, Inc. Kelvin M. Benton Essay Award 2007.
- CR 3238 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Charles R. Owens, New Executive Director, on the “NEW” Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce.
- CR 3239 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Cora M. Stoneclark, March 23, 1923 – January 7, 2007.
- CR 3240 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Jerry Davis on the celebration of his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service with the City of Baltimore.
- CR 3241 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Peggy Jackson-Jobe on the celebration of her retirement after 36 years of service with the Baltimore City Public School System.
- CR 3242 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Leif Dormsjo on his outstanding and dedicated service as Chief of Staff with the Department of Transportation.
- CR 3243 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Sgt. Major Eugene D. Gillis on the celebration of his 60th birthday.
- CR 3244 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ann Winder on the celebration of her 45th birthday.

- CR 3245 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Marcus McDowell.
- CR 3246 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating H & R Block on its efforts to serve the citizens of Baltimore City through Tax Advice Day.
- CR 3247 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Major Michael Kundrat on his outstanding and unwavering excellence in serving the citizens of Baltimore while Commander of the Southeast Police District.
- CR 3248 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Morton B. Plant, April 18, 1936 – January 10, 2007.
- CR 3249 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Officer Troy Lamont Chesley, November 29, 1972 – January 9, 2007.
- Cr 3250 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Charles Cooper Boston on receiving the Champion Dream Award from the Baltimore Conference Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore.
- CR 3251 Holton**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Marie Houck Barnes.
- CR 3252 Welch**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew D. Jackson and Carmen L. Wise on the occasion of their marriage, January 12, 2007.
- CR 3253 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Jack Danna on his election as president of the Mount Vernon-Belvedere Association Board of Directors for 2007.
- CR 3254 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Harlow Fullwood, Jr.
- CR 3255 Branch**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of W. William Nicholsonne.
- CR 3256 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Bishop Rudolph Anderson, June 12, 1931 – January 10, 2007.
- CR 3257 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Mary Violet “Vi” Piracci.
- CR 3258 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Hannah Rose Tabor.

- CR 3259 Kraft**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Leigh Ratinger on her outstanding community service for the Year 2006 to the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners.
- CR 3260 President Dixon, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Ralph S. Tyler on his tireless and dedicated service to the City and the Citizens of Baltimore.
- CR 3261 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Nikiya T. Harper on her courageous action in seeking medical attention for her mother and stepping up as the eldest child to care for her brother until help arrived, all while remaining calm, and for her continuous display of strong leadership skills toward our youth – Congratulations to the City of Baltimore’s heroine!
- CR 3262 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Jerome Patrick Hill.
- CR 3263 Young**
A City Council RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher Tasley on the celebration of his 66th birthday.
- CR 3264 Harris, All Members**
A City Council RESOLUTION on the death of Anthony Ridgely Harrod.