



**VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE
Council Regular Meeting - 12/9/25**

December 09, 2025
5:30 PM

Minutes

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Mayor Aaron Patterson - HERE, Mr. Richmond - HERE, Mr. Cook - HERE, Ms. Hefner - HERE, Mr. Engard - HERE, Mr. Sweat - HERE, Ms. Beaupry - HERE

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Hefner to approve the Council meeting minutes of the November 12th, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Engard.

Motion by Mr. Cook to approve the Special Council meeting minutes of the November 25th, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Engard.

IV. Public Participation (5-min limit)

Nothing of note.

V. Letters and Communications

Nothing of note.

VI. Administrative Reports

1. Fiscal Officer:

Report Submitted.

2. EMS Chief:

3. Fire Chief:

Report Submitted.

Mr. Engard reported that the Toys for Tots event hosted by the Fire Department was successful, and that they had filled all their toy boxes.

4. Police Chief:

Report Submitted.

Sergeant Broshious reported that a serviceman was currently working on the repeaters for Police Department vehicles.

5. Utility Director:

6. DPW Superintendent:

7. Village Administrator:

Report Submitted.

Administrator Bender reported that the East Broadway Street road reconstruction was at a point of substantial completion. Temporary crosswalk striping had been completed, and permanent striping will occur in the Spring.

Administrator Bender provided updates on the Village Park and Reservoir stormwater projects, which are being designed by Colliers Engineering. He is currently reviewing funding opportunities alongside Cindy Brooks of the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership. They have identified a low-interest loan through the Ohio EPA, with the potential for principal loan forgiveness.

The Combined-Sewer-Overflow (CSO) modification project agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers was signed prior to the meeting.

Administrator Bender and Ms. Brooks are collaborating to complete a Water Supply Revolving Loan (WSRLA) application to replace the 84 lead service lines throughout the Village. He anticipated that a bidding process would take place in March 2026 for a contractor for this work.

8. Clerk:

9. Appointed Legal Counsel:

10. Mayor:

Mayor Patterson inquired about the Council's opinion on 2026's America250 celebration events. He asked which subcommittee would be most appropriate to assign this task to.

VII. Standing Committee

1. Economic and Community Development (Cook) –
Nothing of note.

2. Public Safety (Hefner) –
Nothing of note.

3. Personnel, Policy and Ordinance Review (Richmond) -
Event application and policy

3. Public Works (Beaupry) –
Nothing of note.

5. Public Utilities (Sweat) -

Council action by motion to authorize the Village Administrator to terminate the Neptune My360 agreement with NECO Water under the terms of the contract.

Mr. Sweat made a motion to terminate the agreement, seconded by Mr. Cook. All approved.

6. Finance and Technology (Engard) –

Nothing of note.

Executive Session: ~~To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official under ORC 121.22(G)(1), with potential action to follow.~~

The executive session outlined in the original agenda was not taken.

VIII. New Legislation

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2025–36 - AN ORDINANCE, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AMENDING SECTION 1127.07(c) TO ALLOW ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS AS A CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE IN THE B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 1105.03 TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS.

IX. Second Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION NO. 38–2025: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE BODY-WORN CAMERAS, TASERS, IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOLLOWING A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Hefner made a motion to suspend the second and third readings of Resolution No. 38–2025, seconded by Mr. Sweat. All approved.

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 38–2025 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cook. All approved.

X. Third Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions

1. RESOLUTION NO. 37–2025: A RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Mr. Cook made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 37–2025 as an emergency, seconded by Ms. Beaupry. All approved.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 37–2025, seconded by Mr. Engard. All approved.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2025–32: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mr. Engard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025–32, seconded by Ms. Hefner. All approved.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-33: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Mr. Engard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025–33, seconded by Ms. Richmond. All approved.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-34: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Ms. Hefner stated that she was concerned about the Local Initiatives fund, formerly termed the Mayor’s Discretionary fund, in the budget. She stated that Council had been advised to remove this line item from the budget from the Village’s legal counsel, Mr. Paul Skaff.

Mr. Skaff stated that he was concerned that funds could be spent without Council oversight, creating a lack of accountability for taxpayer funds.

Mayor Patterson provided a brief history of the Village emergency purchasing policy.

There was a council-wide discussion of how this policy applied to the Mayor and department heads.

This policy will be revisited in 2026 for potential revisions.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025–34, seconded by Ms. Hefner. All approved.

- 4. ORDINANCE NO. 2025–35: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-18 TO MODIFY THE CONTAINER REQUIREMENT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE NORTH BALTIMORE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

Ms. Hefner and Mayor Patteron deliberated on whether or not branded DORA cups were necessary within the DORA area.

Mr. Engard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025–35, seconded by Mr. Richmond. Ms. Beaupry – NO, Mr. Richmond – YES, Mr. Cook – NO, Ms. Hefner – NO, Mr. Engard – YES, Mr. Sweat – NO. 2 yeas, 4 nays. Ordinance failed.

XI. Other New Business

Nothing of note.

XII. Other Old Business

Nothing of note.

XIII. Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Ms. Beaupry to pay the bills in the amount of \$465,584.48. Seconded by Ms. Hefner. All approved

XIV. Adjournment

Ms. Beaupry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Richmond. All approved.

Approved:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Paul Skaff, Attorney

Dee Hefner, Pres of Council