

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, April 24, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
- **Telephone number where you can be reached**

Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**250303****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring The Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center School celebrating its 20th bi-annual “Carpe Diem” honoring all the judges and students who participate in this remarkable and beneficial event.

250337**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 705, 709, and 713 N 35th St; 3712 and 3714 Wallace St; and 3810 Haverford Ave located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

250339**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Education to create a taskforce investigating the current state of higher education as this pillar of the Philadelphia regional economy and cultural landscape undergoes generational change.

250342**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau for Council President Johnson

Resolution calling on the Trump Administration to reverse the mass termination of Health and Human Services (HHS) staff that manages the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which distributes \$4.1 billion annually to state governments to assist low-income households in paying their utility bills, threatening the health and safety of vulnerable populations in extreme temperatures.

250343**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution calling on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass the Ready to Rent Act and increase housing opportunities for Pennsylvanians by automatically sealing most eviction records.

250347**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution calling on the National Football League to abandon proposed rule changes to halt the usage of the Philadelphia Eagles' signature quarterback sneak, better known as the "Brotherly Shove" or the "Tush Push."

250348**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young for Council President Johnson

Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Special Committee on Reform of ACT 135, the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, to develop recommendations for reforming the Act to prevent its use for exploitation of vulnerable communities.

250353**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke for Council President Johnson

Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to draft and pass bipartisan legislation that will secure necessary funding for SEPTA to prevent service closures, fare increases, and a decline in mobility and economic activity for the citizens of Philadelphia and neighboring counties.

250354**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll for Council President Johnson

Resolution approving the appointment of James Lamont Rozier to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

250355**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll for Council President Johnson

Resolution approving the appointment of Myra Ralph to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

250356**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll for Council President Johnson

Resolution approving the appointment of Dave Jannette to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

250357**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll for Council President Johnson

Resolution approving the appointment of Darby Ford to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

250358**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll for Council President Johnson

Resolution approving the appointment of Angela Dunston to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

250361**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing the creation of a "Special Committee on Child Separation in Philadelphia" to review child separation practices in Philadelphia's child welfare system and develop recommendations to ensure compliance with state child protective services law, protect children, uphold due process rights of families, and prevent the unnecessary break-up of families.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**250102****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220639), approved January 10, 2023, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 27-S by striking from the City Plan the easterly twenty feet wide portion of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Snyder Avenue, striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Vandalia Street from Wolf Street to Weccacoe Avenue, and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes within the portion of Swanson Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the beds of the remaining unopened portions of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Jackson Street and from Jackson Street to Snyder Avenue," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

250148**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

An Ordinance amending Chapter 12-3400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System to Improve Safety,” by providing for the use, administration and enforcement of automated speed cameras on routes located within specified school zones, under certain terms and conditions.

250176**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 118 by striking from the City Plan and vacating a widened portion of Warnock Street, on the westerly side thereof between Berks Street and Norris Street, and relocating the westerly houseline of said Warnock Street so as to align with the westerly houseline of the unaffected portions of Warnock Street as extending from Berks Street to Norris Street, under certain terms and conditions.

250177**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 22 Wolf St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

250203**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ogden street between N. 13th street and Camac street; Wood street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; N. 21st street between Hamilton street and Pennsylvania avenue; Franklin Town boulevard between Callowhill street and Wood street.

250208**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance amending Section 12-1117 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking,” as it will take effect pursuant to Bill No. 240613-AA (approved December 18, 2024), by revising the definition of disability parking space and further amending The Philadelphia Code by updating cross-references to Section 12-1117 that now appear in Title 9, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” and Title 12, “Traffic Code,” all under certain terms and conditions.

250209**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to clarify penalties and procedures associated with smart loading zone parking enforcement, under certain terms and conditions.

250240**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

An Ordinance amending Chapter 12-900 (“Parking Regulations and Penalties”) and Chapter 12-2800 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”) of The Philadelphia Code revising penalties related to parking certain large vehicles, including boats, motor homes, house coaches, house trailers, truck campers, recreational cargo trailers, and recreational trailers, under certain terms and conditions.

250241**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

An Ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220454), approved November 30, 2022, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Krewstown Road from Norwalk Road to its terminus southwestwardly therefrom, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

250266**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on 47th Street between Chestnut Street and Kingsessing, all under certain terms and conditions.

250267**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of a travel lane on 47th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

250271**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

An Ordinance amending The Philadelphia Code by increasing the penalties for the prohibited parking or maintaining of semitrailers and truck tractors at residential properties, all under certain terms and conditions.

250272**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 322-40 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, under certain terms and conditions.

250274**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 219 West Rittenhouse St, Philadelphia, PA 19144, under certain terms and conditions.

240665**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," by adding a new chapter concerning vehicular mobile service providers, and providing for penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS

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250386

Resolution calling for the Committee for Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to examine the feasibility of a citywide daylighting initiative, and help determine best practices to protect cyclists, ensure pedestrian safety, and prevent needless traffic deaths.

250387

Resolution celebrating the selection of The Upcycled Self: A Memoire on the Art of Becoming Who We Are by Tariq Trotter for the 2025 One Book, One Philadelphia program

250388

Resolution honoring and congratulating the first graduating class of the West Philadelphia Zoo Scholars program for their outstanding accomplishments, leadership, and dedication to the values of conservation, community, and lifelong learning.

250389

Resolution declaring April 2025 as Second Chance Month in the City of Philadelphia.

250390

Resolution recognizing and honoring the Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) for their collaborative efforts in providing healing and justice to child abuse victims during Child Abuse Prevention Month in Philadelphia.

250391

Resolution honoring and congratulating principals from the 7th Councilmanic District for their excellence in leadership as recipients of the 2025 Lindback award for Distinguished Principals.

250394

Resolution authorizing the Council Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to investigate rail operators' responsibilities for cleanup, maintenance, and beautification of transit entry points into Philadelphia

250395

Resolution honoring and expressing gratitude to Philly Black Pride for its ongoing work to center and support underserved Black and Brown folks in the LGBTQ+ community, and recognizing Thursday, April 24th through Sunday, April 27th as Philly Black Pride Weekend in the City of Philadelphia.

250397

Resolution a Resolution Authorizing The Committee on Labor and Civil Service and The Committee on Parks and Recreation to Hold Joint Hearings Investigating the City's Enforcement of the Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces (HOPS) Law and the Risks That Exposure to Synthetic Pesticides Pose to the Public and City Employees

250399

Resolution honoring SEPTA transit workers, the unsung heroes of Philadelphia, for their essential daily work to transport Philadelphians throughout the city, no matter the conditions.

250400

Resolution honoring the life and legacy of His Holiness, Pope Francis, the 266th Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, known for his commitment to peace, social justice, and humility, on the occasion of his passing on April 21, 2025.

250409

Resolution recognizing Monique Moore Pryor's vision, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the Free Library Foundation of Philadelphia and ensuring that the Free Library of Philadelphia remains a beacon of hope, education, and opportunity for all Philadelphians.