

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, January 23, 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**240724****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to strengthen enforcement against illegal activity in merchants that impact neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia.

241097**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring the Simon Gratz High School Football Team for winning the 2024 Public League Championship and celebrating their resilience and excellence.

241098**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring Central High School for Winning the 2024 PIAA District 12 AAA Team Title for the fourth consecutive year and celebrating their impressive sweep of team, singles, and doubles championships.

241099**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring Imhotep Charter High School for winning the 2024 Public League 6A and PIAA District 7 Football Championships and celebrating their legacy of excellence.

241144**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1212 S 17th St; 1317 and 1511 S 20th St; 1904 S 23rd St; 1216 S 31st St; 1911 Gerritt St; 1932 and 2044 Titan St located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

240427**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Nonconformities,” by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

240304-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Young, Squilla and Harrity

An Ordinance amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), to require proof of certain insurance certificates; all 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**RESOLUTIONS****250010**

Resolution a Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, recognizing its pivotal role in securing equal voting rights for African Americans and other marginalized groups, and advancing civil rights in the United States.

250011

Resolution a resolution celebrating the life, legacy, and unwavering commitment of Rabbi Solomon Isaacson, leader of Congregation Beth Solomon and dedicated advocate for Jewish as well as broader faith-based and social services communities.

250012

Resolution recognizing January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia

250013

Resolution honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the Occasion of its 33rd Annual African American Children's Book Fair.

250015

Resolution honoring and congratulating School District of Philadelphia Superintendent Dr. Tony Watlington for being recognized as Superintendent of the Year by the District Administration Leadership Institute.

250016

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on the existence, purpose, use and procedures surrounding the School District of Philadelphia's reassignment rooms - sometimes called the rubber room.

250017

Resolution requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 240817, entitled "Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election; all under certain terms and conditions" for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

250020

Resolution authorizing City Council's Committee of the Whole to conduct hearings to assess the implementation of a mandatory millage rate adjustment review in response to city-wide property assessments conducted by the Office of Property Assessment, with the goal of maintaining revenue neutrality to alleviate increasing tax burdens on Philadelphia taxpayers.

250023

Resolution congratulating the Temple University men's basketball team for winning their 2,000th game

250024

Resolution honoring the Life and Legacy of President Jimmy Carter

250025

Resolution honoring and congratulating Jackie Pettyjohn, the “First Lady of SEPTA,” on her retirement after forty years as SEPTA’s first female train engineer.

250026

Resolution honoring the work of The Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking Coalition and The Salvation Army to raise awareness of victims and survivors of human trafficking during National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

250028

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Labor to Hold Hearings Exploring the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax and its Impact on Philadelphia Businesses, Trades, and Consumers