City of Philadelphia City Council Calendar Thursday, December 19, 2024

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.

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.

240834

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Thomas

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board and the Office of Prison Oversight and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors 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.

241134

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution renaming the1500 block of South 17th Street "Carl Vann Wilson Way" in honor of Deacon Carl Vann Wilson Sr. for his extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship, and unwavering commitment to his Church and community.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 3900 block of Haverford Avenue between Lancaster Avenue and 40th Street, "Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Triangle" to commemorate the location of his 1965 Freedom Now Rally.

241142

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution a Resolution urging the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate and further regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems, known as drones, over private property after an increase of unidentified drone use in the greater Philadelphia area.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

240963

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending the existing Gallery at Market East Tax Increment Financing District, being the area generally bounded by Filbert Street on the north, 8th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south, to remove certain portions of such property generally bounded by Filbert Street on the north, 10th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the north, 10th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south from such District, and approving the amended project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for the redevelopment of the Gallery at Market East Tax Increment Financing District and making certain findings and declarations, all in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act, being the Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465, No. 113, as amended, and authorizing the Director of Finance and other offices of the City to execute documents and do all things necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

240964

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Arena Services District Authority, pursuant to the terms of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, all under certain terms and conditions.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance to grant the necessary authorizations for the City to help facilitate development, construction, and operation of a new arena for the Philadelphia 76ers professional basketball team and for other uses, including authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and such other City officials as may be appropriate, on behalf of the City, to enter into the following agreements and take the following actions: (1) acquire fee simple title to all or portions of 1001-1025 Filbert Street, 1001-1019 Market Street, and 1025 Market Street (together, the "Market and Filbert Street Properties"); (2) acquire fee simple title to other parcels of land, aerial areas and subsurface areas in the vicinity of the Market and Filbert Street Properties including, without limitation, those areas reverting to the City or other parties in connection with the striking of certain aerial portions of Tenth Street between Market Street and Filbert Street (the "Additional Properties") and certain other nearby parcels and areas; (3) enter into a ground lease agreement (the "Lease") with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") under which the City would lease to PAID all or a portion of the Market and Filbert Street Properties and the Additional Properties, if any, and other parcels and subsurface areas the City now owns in the vicinity of those properties, all of which collectively would constitute the "Arena Site"; (4) join in or consent to a sublease and development agreement (the "Sublease") between PAID and either CBL Arena LLC ("ArenaCo"), an entity affiliated with the Philadelphia 76ers, L.P. (the "76ers"), or another entity affiliated with the 76ers, under which ArenaCo or other 76ers related entity would sublease the Arena Site and cause an arena to be constructed on it, including a multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility and ancillary, accessory, and related amenities, improvements, and infrastructure (the "Arena") and agree to other related conditions; (5) upon the expiration or termination of the Sublease or other circumstances set forth in the Sublease, convey fee simple title to the Arena Site to PAID for disposition to ArenaCo; (6) grant, accept, amend, relocate and extinguish easements, agreements, conditions, covenants and restrictions encumbering or benefitting the Arena Site and any City owned property adjacent to the Arena Site for the benefit of the Arena Site to facilitate construction and operation of the Arena; (7) enter into a direct operating covenants agreement among the 76ers, PAID and the City, under which the 76ers agree to play substantially all of their regular season and playoff home games in the Arena; and (8) take all actions necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent and purpose of this Ordinance; all under certain terms and conditions.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between The City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the provision by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of certain project-related services to promote, among other things, the growth and expansion of business, commerce and tourism within The City of Philadelphia in connection with the development of a multipurpose sports and entertainment facility, including an arena to accommodate National Basketball Association games, and family entertainment, community, retail and other uses; authorizing and approving the obligation of The City of Philadelphia to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement and covenanting to make necessary appropriations for such purposes; and authorizing City officials to take necessary or appropriate actions to accomplish the intent and purpose of the ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

240968

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Filbert Street from 10th Street to 11th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

240969

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and vacating certain aerial portions of Tenth Street between Market Street and Filbert Street, under certain terms and conditions.

240970

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing CBL Arena, LLC. and its successor(s) in interest to construct, own, and maintain various right of way encroachments in the vicinity of 1001-19 Market Street, 1025 Market Street and 1001-25 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, under certain terms and conditions.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled Zoning and Planning, by amending certain definitions relating to signs; creating an "Arena Area" within the "/CTR, Center City Overlay District" overlay; and making related changes, including a master plan requirement and changes to accessory sign controls; all in connection with zoning rules for a proposed arena in Center City; and approving a master plan for the Arena Area; all under certain terms and conditions.

240972

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising certain provisions of section 14-906, entitled "Market Street East Sign Regulations," all under certain terms and conditions.

240973

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance approving the amendment of a neighborhood improvement district in the area generally bounded by, and including, 11th Street to the West, Filbert Street to the North, 8th Street to the East and Market Street to the South, with the exception of certain condominium units at 801 Market Street Condominium not included in the District, known as the Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District, to remove certain portions of such property generally bounded by Filbert Street on the north, 10th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south from such District in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

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.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts," by amending Section 14-502, entitled "CTR/Center City Overlay District and 14-702, Floor Area, Height, and Dwelling Unit Density Bonuses, and creating Section 14-542, entitled "/PCH, Philadelphia Chinatown Overlay District," and making related changes all under certain terms and conditions.

241084

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 from the General Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Grants Revenue Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Transportation Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the Water Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the Water Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the Water Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and to the Transportation Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and to the Transportation Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and commissions for Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and to the Transportation Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and to the Transportation Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

240817

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Thomas

An Ordinance 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.

241022

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease agreement with 2401 Walnut LP, for use by the City of a portion of the premises located at 2401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain terms and conditions.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease agreement with AC HSS Office Ventures II, LLC, for use by the City, of a portion of the premises located at 1930 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145, under certain terms and conditions.

240304

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.