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**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Imam Muhammad Abdul-Aleem, Imam Emeritus of the Masjidullah, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages from the Mayor as follows:

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 14, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 06, 2024:

Bill No. 240059

Bill No. 240330 (File No. 240729)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 14, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240179

Bill No. 240180

Bill No. 240181

Bill No. 240182

Bill No. 240376

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Bill No. 240377  
Bill No. 240426  
Bill No. 240466  
Bill No. 240492  
Bill No. 240494 (File No. 240730)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 18, 2024, I signed the following bill, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240018  
Bill No. 240434 (File No. 240731)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 18, 2024, I signed the following bill, which were passed by Council at its session on June 06, 2024:

Bill No. 240472 (File No. 240732)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 26, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240371  
Bill No. 240372  
Bill No. 240373  
Bill No. 240374  
Bill No. 240375  
Bill No. 240378  
Bill No. 240380  
Bill No. 240417  
Bill No. 240429  
Bill No. 240433  
Bill No. 240467  
Bill No. 240470  
Bill No. 240475 (File No. 240733)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on June 26, 2024, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on June 06, 2024:

Bill No. 240370 (File No. 240734)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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Transmitting a message advising you that on July 19, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240382

Bill No. 240415

Bill No. 240473

Bill No. 240496

Bill No. 240497 (File No. 240735)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on August 12, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240414

Bill No. 240468

Bill No. 240474

Bill No. 240476

Bill No. 240498 (File No. 240736)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 9-6300 (“Consumer Protection Ordinance”) of The Philadelphia Code to clarify the statute of limitations and provide for retroactivity, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240737)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Section 14-303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Common Procedures and Requirements,” to clarify provisions related to public hearings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and make technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240738)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 9-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Trades,” by adding requirements and establishing certain limits related to electrical contractors, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240739)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Keystone Opportunity Zone, Economic Development District, and Strategic Development Area,” to provide for additional extensions of certain benefits, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240740)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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Transmitting a message advising you that on September 04, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 06, 2024:

Bill No. 240060

Bill No. 240280 (File No. 240741)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on September 04, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2024:

Bill No. 240157

Bill No. 240305

Bill No. 240332

Bill No. 240384

Bill No. 240385

Bill No. 240418

Bill No. 240419

Bill No. 240420

Bill No. 240421

Bill No. 240424

Bill No. 240469

Bill No. 240493

Bill No. 240495

Bill No. 240500 (File No. 240742)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 240058, introduced by Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, and passed by City Council on June 13, 2024. The Philadelphia City Planning Commission considered Bill Number 240058 at its public meeting on March 21, 2024, and they recommended the bill not be approved.

For this reason, I am returning Bill Number 240058 unsigned. (File No. 240743)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 240061, introduced by Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, and passed by City Council on June 06, 2024. Bill Number 240061 would provide for submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter. This amendment would increase the minimum amount that must be appropriated for spending on Housing Trust Fund (HTF) purposes in the City's operating budget each year. Specifically, it would require that an amount equal to total

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receipts by the City in the preceding calendar year of payments made in lieu of providing affordable housing for any purpose under the Zoning Code be appropriated to the HTF. This amount would be in addition to the current requirement for a mandatory annual appropriation for the HTF in the amount of at least one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the City's total General Fund appropriations, as required by another Charter change enacted in 2021.

As the Administration testified at the hearing on this bill, the administration opposes this and any similar Charter amendments that attempt to bind the hands of future Mayors and City Councils by requiring specific budgetary appropriations as opposed to proceeding through the normal budget process. We agree that housing funding is essential, but so are other portions of the budget such as education funding and funding for violence prevention. We project that this Charter change would cost the City's General Fund up to \$5 million annually and up to \$25 million over the course of the Five Year Plan, an amount that would be added to our already high level of fixed costs, further limiting our budgetary flexibility.

In FY24, more than 57% of the General Fund is dedicated to fixed or inflexible costs such as pension payments and debt service, leaving less than half for the Mayor and the City Council to allocate each year to respond to the evolving needs of the City and its residents. This proposed change would take away even more flexibility from the budget process, hurting our shared ability and responsibility to remain responsive to community needs over time.

It is crucial that the Mayor and City Council maintain flexibility to respond to unanticipated changes and provide the best possible mix of services to the residents of Philadelphia. For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 240061 unsigned. (File No. 240744)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 240336, introduced by Councilmember Cindy Bass, and passed by City Council on June 13, 2024. The Philadelphia City Planning Commission considered Bill Number 240336 at its public meeting on June 06, 2024, and they recommended the bill not be approved.

For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 240336 unsigned. (File No. 240745)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 240428, introduced by Councilmember Jeffery Young, and passed by City Council on June 13, 2024. Bill Number 240428 is intended to prohibit the Commissioner of Public Property, or any other official of the City of Philadelphia acting on behalf of the City, from entering into, executing, or authorizing a lease extension, lease amendment, lease renewal, or new agreement by and between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for or on behalf of any Commonwealth Department or Agency, at the property located at 2100 W. Girard Avenue.

This administration is committed to making Philadelphia safer, cleaner, and greener, with economic opportunity for all. Bill Number 240428 does not align with that vision nor the administration's commitment to providing long-term care, treatment, and housing to our most vulnerable residents who are struggling with homelessness and addiction.

Further, we must ensure that the administration and City Council, presently and in the future, have every available resource at their disposal to respond to any unprecedented challenge facing the City of Philadelphia. For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 240428 unsigned. (File No. 240746)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that I am hereby returning Bill Number 240379 unsigned, introduced by Councilmember Katherine Gilmore-Richardson, and passed by City Council on June 13, 2024. Bill Number 240379 would remove the nonprofit vendor exemption codified in Section 17-1400 of the Philadelphia Code.

The nonprofit vendor exemption allows select City departments to swiftly secure and provide health, public safety, and social services during crises, natural disasters, public health emergencies, unforeseen infrastructure failures, and other emergent or time-sensitive situations. The nonprofit vendor exemption has been crucial during health emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic, during mpox (formerly known as Monkeypox) outbreaks in certain communities, and when we have had a measles

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exposure at the PHL Airport. The exemption has also been needed in time-sensitive efforts to provide legal support to Philadelphians wrongfully denied benefits, when a child in our DHS system has required immediate hospitalization in a psychiatric hospital, and when we quickly put Zero Fare cards in the hands of immigrants, refugees, and asylees who were ineligible for most other public benefits. The exemption has also been used in housing emergencies, such as when residents have been negatively affected by adjacent construction to a property (such as a partial or total building collapse) and when tenants have been forced out of their units after a catastrophic apartment fire. These are just a few examples of when the nonprofit vendor exemption was needed; what these examples all have in common is that they demonstrate the need for an expedited contracting process in time-sensitive situations where a lengthier competitive bidding process is not feasible or practical.

As public servants, we must provide these essential services without compromising accountability and integrity. Majority Leader Gilmore Richardson should be commended for introducing Bill Number 240379 in this spirit. But, as the Inspector General testified during the Committee hearing on this bill, “Bill 240379, in its current form, is overly broad and unnecessarily penal - especially to departments who have been using the exemption with due care and responsibility,” and “there is still underlying policy behind the original exemption that should not be totally disregarded.”

By definition, emergencies, as well as other emergent situations, require swift and decisive action to mitigate harm and ensure safety, often for our most vulnerable citizens. The administration has significant concerns around limiting the City’s ability to effectively respond to unforeseen circumstances, as this bill would do.

Throughout the legislative process, many of our City’s nonprofit partners cautioned against the consequences this bill would produce, including reduced services and gaps in service, added administrative costs for nonprofits, and the inability of smaller nonprofits to adequately handle a competitive bidding process. Since Day One, this administration has been committed to ensuring Philadelphia is open for business, especially for our nonprofit partners that provide crucial services to Philadelphians. This bill, however, is antithetical to that vision.

While this administration remains committed to ensuring the City’s procurement process becomes more efficient, transparent, accessible, and responsive to Philadelphians’ needs, the administration remains concerned that this bill could limit such progress. For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 240379 unsigned. Furthermore, this administration remains committed to working with the Majority

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Leader, and all other members of Council, to mitigate any unintended consequences of this legislation before its implementation date of July 1, 2025. (File No. 240747)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Bill No. 240654:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1320 Cottman Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19111, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 240655:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-3200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Keystone Opportunity Zone, Economic Development District, and Strategic Development Area,” to provide for additional extensions of certain benefits, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 240656:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Common Procedures and Requirements,” to clarify provisions related to public hearings of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and make technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harry, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Bass and Ahmad:

**Bill No. 240657:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to prohibit stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bicycle lane and



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to increase monetary penalties for illegally stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bicycle lane, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 240658:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 3527-31 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 240659:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 3200 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 240660:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1301.2 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Homestead Exclusion,” to revise the deadline by which applications for designation of property as homestead property are due, and making conforming changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Bill No. 240661:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO, Fourth District Overlay District,” to include certain areas of land within the Morris Park neighborhood, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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Councilmember Landau Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Bill No. 240662:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-6300 (“Consumer Protection Ordinance”) of The Philadelphia Code to clarify the statute of limitations and provide for retroactivity, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Bill No. 240663:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to provide for a mechanism for informal review of individual property assessments, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Lozada:

**Bill No. 240664:** An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by adding prohibitions and penalties related to litter near mobile providers of goods, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Lozada:

**Bill No. 240665:** 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.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

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**Bill No. 240666:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Trades”, by adding requirements and establishing certain limits related to electrical contractors, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

**Bill No. 240667:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Permit Parking Districts," by amending the boundaries for certain permit parking districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Squilla:

**Bill No. 240668:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1601 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Squilla:

**Bill No. 240669:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a marquee canopy in the vicinity of 2654 South Alder Street Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Squilla:

**Bill No. 240670:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to add a bicycle lane on South 3rd street; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

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Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Bill No. 240671:** An Ordinance Amending Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parks and Recreation," to add new Chapter 15-800, entitled "Events Permits," to encourage applicants for event planning permits to establish contingency measures, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Bill No. 240672:** An Ordinance Amending the Philadelphia Code to add to Chapter 15-500, entitled "Libraries," a new section entitled "Book Sanctuaries" to ensure unrestricted access to books and information and to protect against censorship, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Bill No. 240673:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations, one-way regulations and the designation of a bicycle lane in the vicinity of Maplewood Avenue from Greene Street to Wayne Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Ahmad:

**Bill No. 240674:** An Ordinance Rescinding Bill No. 240500 and amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions", by adding a new Chapter creating requirements related to the operation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations installed at certain commercial and residential parcels, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

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Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240675:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing The Honorable Stephen Kinsey for his exceptional service and leadership as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 2013 to 2024. Elected to represent the 201st Legislative District, Stephen Kinsey proudly served for six terms, demonstrating unwavering dedication to his constituents and community.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240676:** Resolution Recognizing September 2024 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” to raise awareness about the importance of screening for and treatment of prostate cancer, to encourage prostate cancer research, and to encourage Philadelphians to take an active role in the fight to end prostate cancer.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240677:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Philadelphia Youth Network (“PYN”) as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240678:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Youth Action for over two decades of inspiring leadership and community service in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240679:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Brown's Linens, Inc. For its historic contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence across four generations.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240680:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Buccann for its significant contributions to the local culinary landscape and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in modern Dominican cuisine.

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Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240681:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Bally's Pizzeria for its significant contribution to the culinary landscape and its unwavering dedication to quality, community, and authenticity.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240682:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Bruce R. Hawkins Funeral Home for its remarkable contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence over the past 40 years.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240683:** Resolution Honoring And Recognizing Cathryn's Cake Salon For Its Dedication To Exceptional Service, Community Engagement, And Its Contribution To The Local Economy.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240684:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Eatable Delights Catering and its founder, David Simms, for their extraordinary contributions to the culinary arts and their unwavering commitment to community service.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240685:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Island Friday for its outstanding contributions to the local culinary scene and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in Haitian Caribbean cuisine.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240686:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Paul Beale's flowers for its remarkable 50-year history and its enduring impact on the community.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

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**Resolution No. 240687:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Ron's Caribbean Cuisine for its significant contribution to the culinary landscape and its unwavering dedication to quality, community, and authenticity.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Phillips:

**Resolution No. 240688:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Dermatology, Laser, and Aesthetic Surgery, and its owner, Dr. Louis A. Brown, Jr., for their extraordinary contributions to the Rising Sun Avenue Business Corridor and the broader Philadelphia community.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 240689:** Resolution Recognizing the recent partnership between PhilaPort and Norwegian Cruise Line and celebrating the return of cruising in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 240690:** Resolution Recognizing, honoring and celebrating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated on the Occasion of Zeta Day at City Hall.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240691:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3914, 3917, 3927, 3935, 3936, 3937, 3938, 3940, 3946, and 3948 Folsom St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240692:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3837, 3917, 3938, 3940, 3944 Mt Vernon St; 612 Union St; and 3607, 3830, and 3832 Melon St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

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**Resolution No. 240693:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 839 N 39th St; 3517 Mount Vernon St; 524 N 35th St; 3605 Melon St; 3833 and 3915 Brown St; 735 N DeKalb St; and 740 and 765 N 38th St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240694:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3731 and 3940 Aspen St; 3936 and 3959 Brown St; 3958 Parrish St; 3900 and 3972 Reno St; and 773 Sloan St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240695:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3539 Aspen St; 682 N 33rd St; 3624 Brown St; 3405, 3830, and 3832 Wallace St; 610, 612, and 614 N Shedwick St; and 620 N 35th St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240696:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3801, 3803, 3811, 3814, 3816, 3850, 3852, 3960, 3962, and 3964 Reno St located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

**Resolution No. 240697:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless to hold hearings on how setting affordable housing program eligibility according to the metric of regional Area Median Income (AMI) fails to reflect the true state of housing affordability needs of Philadelphians, how this leads to City housing programs not providing enough funding to those who need it most, and how the adoption of a more locally defined AMI can be utilized to create and sustain genuinely affordable housing across the City of Philadelphia.



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Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 240698:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating The Rex 6 Basketball Team for winning the 2024 Brotherly Love Basketball Championship.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 240699:** Resolution Honoring and Congratulating Preparatory Charter High School Graduate Kahleah Copper on winning the Gold Medal in Women's Basketball during the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris France.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Resolution No. 240700:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings investigating the City's progress towards achieving its Vision Zero goals and examining opportunities to increase safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

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Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Squilla:

**Resolution No. 240722:** Resolution Continuing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District (“District”), in the area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the west side of Delaware Avenue to the southwest side of Lehigh Avenue, both sides of North Front Street from the north side of Poplar Street to the south side of Diamond Street, both sides of East Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue continuing to the west side of East Berks Street, the north side of West Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue to North 2nd Street, and the south side of West Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue to Howard Street, and certain blocks of streets that intersect portions of these streets; approving an extension of the boundaries of the District to include North Front Street from Montgomery Street to Diamond Street, East Girard Avenue from East Fletcher Street to East Berks Street, and the north side of West Girard Avenue from Front Street to North 2nd Street; continuing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district management association for the District; approving a plan for and report concerning the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and re-authorizing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be

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used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

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Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Resolution No. 240724:** Resolution Calling upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to strengthen enforcement against illegal activity in merchants that impact neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Resolution No. 240725:** Resolution Renaming the Waterview Playground to the “Donna Reed Miller Playground” to honor the life and contributions of former Councilmember Donna Reed Miller.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Ahmad:

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**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ben Wilcox Bike Safety Resolution  
Hazami Sayad 240629  
Chris Gale Bike Safety Resolution  
Kate Perez 240629  
Nicole Brunet Bike Safety Resolution  
Suzanne Hagner Bike Safety Resolution  
Anisa George 240629  
Noah Raven Bike Safety Resolution  
Holly Ian Winter Bike Safety Resolution  
Kelsey Leon 240242  
Brion Shreffler Bike Safety Resolution  
Jacob Rusell Bike Safety Resolution  
Dan Chabanov Bike Safety Resolution  
Nick Di Taranto Bike Safety Resolution  
Andrew Posmontier Bike Safety Resolution  
Zac Benjamin Bike Safety Resolution  
Ted Zellers Bike Safety Resolution  
**Alicia Santiago** Bike Safety Resolution  
Jonathan Hessney 240242  
Strothers Thimpson 240427  
Joe Cox Johnson Resolution  
Ogbonna Hagins 240629  
Lynn Landes 240368  
Jasmine Hoffman Bike Safety Resolution  
Kimberlee Model Bike Safety Resolution  
Emilio Flores Lozada Resoluton  
Wanda Walker 240416-A  
Christopher Dascher Bike Safety Resolution  
Davis Simms Phillips Resolutions

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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**

Councilmember Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 240629:** Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania State Senate to enact House Bill 2370 to fairly fund schools in Philadelphia and across the Commonwealth to ensure fair allocation of resources for all students.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL  
PASSAGE**

**Bill No. 240368:** An Ordinance Continuing a neighborhood improvement District, known as the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of East Passyunk Avenue from the south side of Federal Street to the east side of South Broad Street, certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of East Passyunk Avenue, both sides of South Broad Street from the north side of McKean Street to the north side of Snyder Avenue, and the west side of South Broad Street from the south side of Mifflin Street to the north side of McKean Street; designating the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District,

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THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 0*

## RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240675:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing The Honorable Stephen Kinsey for his exceptional service and leadership as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 2013 to 2024. Elected to represent the 201st Legislative District, Stephen Kinsey proudly served for six terms, demonstrating unwavering dedication to his constituents and community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240676:** Resolution Recognizing September 2024 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” to raise awareness about the importance of screening for and treatment of prostate cancer, to encourage prostate cancer research, and to encourage Philadelphians to take an active role in the fight to end prostate cancer.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 240677:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Philadelphia Youth Network (“PYN”) as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240679:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Brown's Linens, Inc. For its historic contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence across four generations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240680:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Buccann for its significant contributions to the local culinary landscape and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in modern Dominican cuisine.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240681:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Bally's Pizzeria for its significant contribution to the culinary landscape and its unwavering dedication to quality, community, and authenticity.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240682:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Bruce R. Hawkins Funeral Home for its remarkable contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence over the past 40 years.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 240683:** Resolution Honoring And Recognizing Cathryn's Cake Salon For Its Dedication To Exceptional Service, Community Engagement, And Its Contribution To The Local Economy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240684:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Eatible Delights Catering and its founder, David Simms, for their extraordinary contributions to the culinary arts and their unwavering commitment to community service.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 240685:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Island Fritay for its outstanding contributions to the local culinary scene and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in Haitian Caribbean cuisine.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 240686:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Paul Beale's flowers for its remarkable 50-year history and its enduring impact on the community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 240688:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Dermatology, Laser, and Aesthetic Surgery, and its owner, Dr. Louis A. Brown, Jr., for their extraordinary contributions to the Rising Sun Avenue Business Corridor and the broader Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

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**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.