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Thursday, September 18, 2025

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, Young and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember O'Rourke

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

REVEREND CAROLYN CAVANESS, SENIOR PASTOR OF MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of Thursday, September 16, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Brooks requested leave of absence for
Councilmember O'Rourke

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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September 16, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Approving the 2025-2026 Housing Opportunities Made Easy (H.O.M.E.) Program Annual Program Statement and Budget, which addresses expenditures by various agencies in the first year of the H.O.M.E. Program.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250761)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

September 15, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Officers and Employees," by changing the compensation of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

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Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250762)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

September 15, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4152 Viola Street, 4154 Viola Street, 4200 Viola Street, 4202 Viola Street, 4204 Viola Street, 4220 Viola Street, 4227 Viola Street, 4153 Leidy Avenue, 4157 Leidy Avenue, 4205 Leidy Avenue, 1703 N. 42nd Street, 1711 N. 42nd Street, 1129 N. 41st Street, 1135 N. 41st Street, 1201 N. 41st Street, 1205 N. 41st Street, 1207 N. 41st Street in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250763)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

September 05, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution

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entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2806, 2903, 2907, 2913, 2917, 2919, 2925, 2937, and 2939 Cecil B Moore Avenue, located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250764)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

September 15, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1811 N. Bucknell Street, 1818 N. 23rd Street, 1805 N. Ringgold Street, 1850 N. Ringgold Street, 1937 N. 19th Street, 1939 N. 19th Street, 1945 N. 19th Street, 1935 N. 19th Street, 1947 N. 19th Street, 1907 N. 19th Street, 1913 N 19th Street, 1931 N 19th Street, 1909 N. Van Pelt Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this

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Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250765)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

September 16, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on September 16, 2025, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on September 11, 2025:

Bill No. 250530-A

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250766)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250767: An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety Bill No. 240415 (approved July 19, 2024), entitled “An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Island Avenue, the Delaware Expressway, and Bartram Avenue.”

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076700](#)
 [L240415 - Exhibit A, As Ammended](#)

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

Bill No. 250768: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling

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or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076800](#)

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

Bill No. 250769: An Ordinance Amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Officers and Employees,” by changing the compensation of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076900](#)

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

Bill No. 250770: 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 designated state routes, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077000](#)

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

Bill No. 250771: An Ordinance Authorizing 3419 KENSINGTON PARTNERS or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077100](#)

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

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Bill No. 250772: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 3423 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077200](#)

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

Bill No. 250773: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags by Retail Establishments,” to modify certain definitions, require retail establishments to charge a fee for the provision of a bag to customers, and require signage, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077300](#)

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

Bill No. 250774: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-3903 of The Philadelphia Code (“Certificate of Rental Suitability; Required Tenant Documents”) to include the provision of voter registration information to tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077400](#)

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

Resolution No. 250775: Resolution Renaming the 2100 Block of McClellan Street “Christine E. Thomas Way” in honor of Christine E. Thomas for her extraordinary service to her community and to the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Young, Brooks, Harrity,

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O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250776: Resolution Condemning President Donald Trump's recent efforts to whitewash, suppress, and rewrite American history by removing slavery related content from national parks - including an exhibit at Independence National Historical Park honoring the nine individuals enslaved by President George Washington, developed by the Avenging the Ancestors Coalition - thereby attempting to erase Black history from the national narrative.

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

Resolution No. 250777: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4152 Viola Street, 4154 Viola Street, 4200 Viola Street, 4202 Viola Street, 4204 Viola Street, 4220 Viola Street, 4227 Viola Street, 4153 Leidy Avenue, 4157 Leidy Avenue, 4205 Leidy Avenue, 1703 N. 42nd Street, 1711 N. 42nd Street, 1129 N. 41st Street, 1135 N. 41st Street, 1201 N. 41st Street, 1205 N. 41st Street, 1207 N. 41st Street in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 250778: Resolution Recognizing Jane Golden, honoring her life's work, legacy, and contribution as a fundamental pillar in the arts and culture community in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250779: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4947-49, 4951, 4953, 4955, 4957, 4967, 4969-73, 4979, 4981, 4983, 4985, 4987, 4989, 4989 ½, 4991, 4991 ½ W. Girard Avenue located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

Resolution No. 250780: Resolution Renaming the 3900 Block of Conshohocken Avenue "Bishop Keith Reed Way" to honor Bishop Keith W. Reed Sr. for his incredible work as a preacher, teacher, lecturer, and counselor.

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

Resolution No. 250781: Resolution Authorizing the committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to examine the potential establishment of the Office of Freedmen Affairs within the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250782: Resolution Recognizing the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as Diaper Need Awareness Week in Philadelphia, and acknowledging the outstanding efforts of community-based organizations working to ensure that all children have the essential items needed to thrive and survive.

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

Resolution No. 250783: Resolution Recognizing and honoring the Education Law Center-PA on its 50th anniversary for its outstanding contributions and lasting impact to ensure access to quality public education for all children in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 250784: Resolution Recognizing the week of September 15 through September 21, 2025, as National Coding Week in the City of Philadelphia, highlighting the essential nature of coding skills in a rapidly evolving digital world.

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

Resolution No. 250785: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1811 N. Bucknell Street, 1818 N. 23rd Street, 1805 N. Ringgold Street, 1850 N. Ringgold Street, 1937 N. 19th Street, 1939 N. 19th Street, 1945 N. 19th Street, 1935 N. 19th Street, 1947 N. 19th Street, 1907 N. 19th Street, 1913 N

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19th Street, 1931 N 19th Street, 1909 N. Van Pelt Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 250786: Resolution Recognizing September 21, 2025 as “Sun Day” in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the Philadelphia Solar Energy Association and Third Act PA for their advocacy for a solar-powered Southeastern Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 250787: Resolution Recognizing September 17th, 2025, as “National Workforce Development Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250788: Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration’s deployment of the National Guard to American cities and calling on leaders across the country to defend democratic governance and civil liberties through every lawful means.

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

Resolution No. 250789: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold a hearing on the Federal attacks and local challenges facing reproductive healthcare in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250790: Resolution Recognizing the third week of September 2025 as National Construction Appreciation Week in the City of Philadelphia, honoring the contribution of the construction industry to the vitality of our City.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

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Resolution No. 250791: Resolution Approving the reappointment of McCullough Williams III to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

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

Resolution No. 250792: Resolution Recognizing Steve Jamison, owner of Blue Sole Shoes, an exceptional minority small business owner, for his creativity, resilience, and uniquely Philadelphian response to adversity.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Committees today.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

There were no Bills on First Reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daryn Forgeron 250743
Deborah Gordon Klehr Landau Resolution
Roseann Kirlin 250734
Emaleigh Doley 250730
Michael Martin 250735
Kate Perez 250743
Tamar Riley 250734
Randolph Smith 250734
Benjamin Hover 250303
Eddy Young 250730
Maggie Foster 250730
Jane Golden Thomas Introduction
Steve Jamison Bass Introduction
Dee Dukes 250741
Eric Pumray Young Introduction
Danae Mobley Landau Introduction
Ogbonna Hagins 250741
Lacinda Trotter 250752
Mohammed Rushdy 250730
Michael Smith Landau Introduction
SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.

Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>

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.

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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 Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250730: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1316 and 1318 South Cleveland Street, 2714 and 2716 Oakford Street, 1225 S. 17th Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250734: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4200, 4202, 4204 Viola Street and 4205 Leidy Avenue located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250735: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 5417 and 5425 Florence Avenue located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

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Resolution No. 250736: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1610 S. 56th Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250741: Resolution Authorizing Councilmember Jones’s appeal, on behalf of and as representative of City Council (“Council”), of the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) with respect to 5052-56 City Avenue.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250743: Resolution Condemning Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration for their dramatic, ill-advised, and harmful cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Nay Councilmember O'Neill

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250749: Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 250587 (adopted May 29, 2025) which also named Jefferson Street between Broad Street and 13th Street as “Donald ‘Ducky’ Birts Way.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250750: Resolution Also naming Jefferson Street between Broad Street and 13th Street as “Donald ‘Ducky’ Birts Way”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250752: Resolution Also naming N. 9th Street between Clearfield Street and Indiana Avenue as “LGP Qua Way”; and also naming the 900 block of W. Clearfield Street as “Voice of the Youth”

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 250755: Resolution Also naming the 3300 block of Tilton Street as “Czerw Way” to honor the life and legacy of John Czerw.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Neill called up:

Bill : An Ordinance Also naming the 800 block of Rhawn Street "Hugh Joseph McIntyre Way" in recognition of his sacrifice during the 1975 Gulf Oil Refinery Fire.

THE BILL WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 250373-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3500 of Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Criminal Record Screening Standards,” to amend definitions, add clarifications, and enhance remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037300](#)

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250778: Resolution Recognizing Jane Golden, honoring her life’s work, legacy, and contribution as a fundamental pillar in the arts and culture community in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 250781: Resolution Authorizing the committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to examine the potential establishment of the Office of Freedmen Affairs within the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 250786: Resolution Recognizing September 21, 2025 as “Sun Day” in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the Philadelphia Solar Energy Association and Third Act PA for their advocacy for a solar-powered Southeastern Pennsylvania.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 250790: Resolution Recognizing the third week of September 2025 as National Construction Appreciation Week in the City of Philadelphia, honoring the contribution of the construction industry to the vitality of our City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250792: Resolution Recognizing Steve Jamison, owner of Blue Sole Shoes, an exceptional minority small business owner, for his creativity, resilience, and uniquely Philadelphian response to adversity.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Phillips, and Councilmember Bass.

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADJOURN

until September 25, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.