



**Thursday, March 21, 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.

of the meeting of March 14, 2024

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages to Mayor as follows:

(File No. 240236)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

(File No. 240237)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

(File No. 240238)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 240222:** Resolution Honoring Super Bowl champion Fletcher Cox on the occasion of his retirement from the National Football League, and recognizing Fletcher's historic career with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by

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Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 240212:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Green street and N. 40th street; N. 41st street and Spring Garden street; N. 41st street and Powelton avenue; N. 32nd street and Haverford avenue; Brandywine street and N. 36th street.

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. 240213:** An Ordinance Authorizing Rekhabe Patel, owner and operator of the newsstand at the northwest corner of 30th and Market Streets to construct, use, and maintain conduits in, under, and across the northwest corner of 30th and Market Streets for the purpose of supplying electrical service to said newsstand, 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. 240214:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Hazel avenue and S. 55th street; Cedar avenue and S. 51st street; Cedar avenue and S. 55th street; Hazel avenue and S. 46th street; Hazel avenue and S. 47th street; Hazel avenue and S. 48th street; St. Bernard street and Pine street; St. Bernard street and Spruce street.

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

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

**Resolution No. 240223:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 644-646 North Fortieth street, a portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 827 North Fortieth street, 843 North Fortieth street, 847 North Fortieth street, 849 North Fortieth street, 851 North Fortieth street, 865 North Fortieth street and 867 North Fortieth street, and a portion of the Sarah Allen Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 818 North Fortieth street and 830 North Fortieth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with North 40th Street LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

**Resolution No. 240224:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Champions of the Week, the Lincoln University Lions for winning the 2024 CIAA Food Lion Men's Basketball Tournament Championship.

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

**Resolution No. 240225:** Resolution Honoring Dr. Kahlila Johnson, Principal of Overbrook High School, for her years of dedicated service to the students of West Philadelphia and further commemorating the story of Overbrook High School's success.

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

**Resolution No. 240226:** Resolution Recognizing March 31, 2024 as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Philadelphia, a day to celebrate and recognize the achievements and contributions of Transgender people, and to lift up the joy, triumphs, and pride that Transgender people experience and bring into our communities.

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

**Resolution No. 240227:** Resolution Calling on President Biden and Congress to prioritize a permanent reauthorization and funding of the bipartisan Affordable Connectivity Program ("ACP").

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

**Bill No. 240215:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Allegheny Avenue, American Street, Lippincott Street, 2nd Street, Gurney Street, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street, Gurney Street, Clearfield Street, and 5th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

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**Bill No. 240216:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Somerset Street, Orkney Street, Cumberland Street, and 5th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Resolution No. 240228:** Resolution Honoring our Women's History Month heroes, principals Sherri Arabia, Charlotte Gillum, Awilda Balbuena, Diana Garcia, Regina Tanghe, Mama Tameka Bowman, Mama Marika Meekins and Erica Green. These are eight women in leadership who are dedicated to serving the children of the School District of Philadelphia, investing in a better Philadelphia for all.

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

**Resolution No. 240229:** Resolution Authorizing the participation of Philadelphia in the 2024 cohort of the Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities Program.

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

**Bill No. 240217:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Parrish street between N. 16th street and N. 17th street; Perkiomen street between Vineyard street and N. 19th street; Gratz street between Jefferson street and Harlan street; Cambridge street between N. 30th street to a dead end; Jefferson street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; Newkirk street between Thompson street and Stiles street; Brown street between N. 16th street and N. 15th street; Seybert street between N. 24th street and N. 25th street. Flora street between N. 29th street and N. 30th street; Olive street between Shirley street and N. 19th street.

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

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

**Bill No. 240218:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Watts street between Cambria street and Rush street; Camac street between Cambria street and Glenwood avenue; Cambria street between N. 13th street to N. 12th street; Silver street between N. 13th street and Broad street; Rush street between N. 12th street and N. 13th street; N. 12th street between Cambria street and Somerset street;

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Marvine street between Susquehanna avenue and Diamond street; Thompson street between N. 27th street and N. 28th street; Montgomery avenue between Uber street and N. 20th street; N. 19th street between Montgomery street and Berks street.

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

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

**Bill No. 240219:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Bailey street between Poplar street and Parrish street; N. 20th street between Oxford street and Jefferson street; N. 27th street between Girard avenue and Thompson street; Folsom street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; Uber street between Parrish street and Poplar street; N. 19th street between Master street and Jefferson street; Harold street between N. 22nd street and N. 23rd street.

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

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

**Resolution No. 240230:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2903 Cecil B Moore Avenue, 2907 Cecil B Moore Avenue and 2925 Cecil B Moore Avenue 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 Brooks Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Brooks:

**Resolution No. 240231:** Resolution Honoring the life, work and dedication to teaching of JoAnn Seaver, whose decades of community activism and constant presence as a teacher, tutor and mentor for students, particularly students learning to read, has enriched and nourished the minds of young people across Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 240232:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the life, work, and accomplishments of Mercedes Reyes, whose inspiring energy and insistence on creating safety, dignity, justice, and support for domestic workers in Philadelphia has

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protected and enriched the lives of people across the country.

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

**Resolution No. 240233:** Resolution Commending the work and life of Eva Gladstein, whose tireless efforts to make our city more just and our city government more efficient, have improved the lives of all Philadelphians.

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

**Resolution No. 240234:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Officer Tony Long, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Philadelphia Police Department, commending his commitment to law enforcement and public service after 37 years of employment with the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Bill No. 240220:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Red Lion Road, the Montgomery County line, the Bucks County line, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Bill No. 240221:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of a sewer and appurtenant work required to provide public sewer service in the 600 and 700 blocks of Hendren Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 240235:** Resolution Honoring former Philadelphia Flyers All-Star Wayne Simmonds who, after playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs, will retire as a Flyer after signing a ceremonial one-day contract with the team.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Bill No. 240087:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses”, by adding a new section regulating the operation of establishments providing tax preparation services and providing for remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240087.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY’S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 240119:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of two new light poles and three existing light poles in the vicinity of the Southeast and Northwest corners of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and North Broad Streets and the Northeast corner of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and N. Juniper Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY’S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

**Bill No. 240087:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses”, by adding a new section regulating the operation of establishments providing tax preparation services and providing for remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 240119:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of two new light poles and three existing light poles in the vicinity of the Southeast and Northwest corners of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and North Broad Streets and the Northeast corner of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and N. Juniper Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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.**



**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**

**Resolution No. 240194:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to allocate full funding for Governor Shapiro's proposed Office of Gun Violence Prevention and the anti-violence initiatives that the Office would coordinate to address the epidemic of gun violence across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240195:** Resolution Also naming the 5400 block of Woodland Avenue as “Dr. Minnie Moore Johnson Way” to honor the life and legacy of community service of Dr. Minnie Moore Johnson to the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240196:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 809 N. 40th Street, 827 N. 40th Street, 830 N. 40th Street, 843 N. 40th Street, 847 N. 40th Street, 849 N. 40th Street, 851 N. 40th Street, 865 N. 40th Street, 867 N. 40th Street, 1105 N. 41st Street, 1115 N. 41st Street, 607 N. 53rd Street, 625 N. 53rd Street, 3927 Folsom Street, 3946 Folsom Street, 3948 Folsom 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240200:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property

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to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 61 E. Ashmead Street, 65 E. Ashmead Street, 77 E. Ashmead Street, 23 E. Ashmead Street, 24 E. Ashmead Street, 44 E. Ashmead Street, 49 E. Ashmead Street, 51 E. Ashmead Street, 53 E. Ashmead Street, 55 E. Ashmead Street, 57 E. Ashmead Street, 67 E. Ashmead Street, 73 E. Ashmead Street, 78 E. Ashmead Street, 89 E. Ashmead Street, 93 E. Ashmead Street, 106 E. Ashmead Street, 18 Collom Street, 34 Collom Street, 61 Collom Street, 87 Collom Street, 69 E. Wister Street, 71 E. Wister Street, 89 E. Wister Street, 91 E. Wister Street, 93 E. Wister Street, 95 E. Wister Street in the Eighth 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 240010-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-5900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Prohibition on Certain Gambling Machines and Skills Games,” to add additional prohibitions and provide for remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

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*

**Bill No. 240008:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ainslie street and Vaux street and Conrad street; Calumet street and Dobson street.

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*

**Bill No. 240009:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Gross street and Arch street; Dewey street and Market street; Arch street to N. 57th

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street; N. 61st street between Arch street and Race street; N. 57th street and Market street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 240013-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses”, by adding a new section regulating the hours of operation of certain establishments and providing for penalties within an area bounded by East Lehigh Avenue, Kensington Avenue, D Street, E Tioga Street and Frankford Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPEECHES**

**ADJOURNMENT**