

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA



Thursday, October 30, 2025

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 2 - Councilmembers Brooks and Gilmore Richardson

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

PASTOR WANDA NOVALES OF CITY REACH CHURCH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of Thursday October 23, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmembers Brooks and Gilmore-Richardson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

October 27, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY

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

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to enter into a provider agreement with Citizens Bank National Association for provision of payroll banking services to the City, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250938)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 29, 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

Authorizing the Procurement Department, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Energy Authority for implementation and evaluation of energy conservation capital measures designed to reduce energy, water, wastewater, or other consumption or operating costs at specified City properties, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250939)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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:

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 14-602 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Tables” by defining building types and clarifying uses permitted in the RTA-2, Residential Two-Family Attached base zoning district, all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250940)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 29, 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 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” by revising certain definitions; adding a new Section 12-926, entitled “Fee for Use of Bus Loading Zones and Facilities,” to impose a fee on certain activities by intercity buses; authorizing the installation and use of camera-based monitoring systems for administration of the fee system; and authorizing an agreement with the Philadelphia Parking Authority for enforcement and collection of certain fees for intercity buses; all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250941)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA: I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable

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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. 250942)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA: I am pleased to advise you that on October 29, 2025, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on October 23, 2025:

Bill No. 250718-A

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250943)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 29, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA: I am pleased to advise you that on October 29, 2025, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on October 16, 2025:

Bill No. 240872
Bill No. 250575
Bill No. 250576

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Bill No. 250652

Bill No. 250653

Bill No. 250706

Bill No. 250710

Bill No. 250711

Bill No. 250712

Bill No. 250713

Bill No. 250714

Bill No. 250715

Bill No. 250716

Bill No. 250719

Bill No. 250723

Bill No. 250724

Bill No. 250725

Bill No. 250770

Bill No. 250772

Bill No. 250774

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250944)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 29, 2025

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

I am returning herewith, as requested by your Resolution adopted today, Bill No. 250493-A, 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 Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street,” for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 250945)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250946: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 4435-37 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25094600](#)

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

Bill No. 250947: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by N Frazier St., Master St., N Ithan St., and Media St.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25094700](#)

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

Bill No. 250948: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-1600 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Housing Trust Fund” to add a new Chapter requiring the Housing Trust Fund to submit an annual report to Council that details the geography of the revenue and disposition of funds in the Housing Trust Fund, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25094800](#)

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

Bill No. 250949: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” to establish Seventh District Overlay District and restrict certain residential uses, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25094900](#)

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

Bill No. 250950: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095000](#)

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

Bill No. 250951: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by revising certain definitions; adding a new Section 12-926, entitled "Fee for Use of Bus Loading Zones and Facilities," to impose a fee on certain activities by intercity buses; authorizing the installation and use of camera-based monitoring systems for administration of the fee system; and authorizing an agreement with the Philadelphia Parking Authority for enforcement and collection of certain fees for intercity buses; all under certain terms and conditions.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095100](#)

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

Bill No. 250952: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-602 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use Tables" by defining building types and clarifying uses permitted in the RTA-2, Residential Two-Family Attached base zoning district, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095200](#)

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

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Bill No. 250953: An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Department, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Energy Authority for implementation and evaluation of energy conservation capital measures designed to reduce energy, water, wastewater, or other consumption or operating costs at specified City properties, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095300](#)

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

Bill No. 250954: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to enter into a provider agreement with Citizens Bank National Association for provision of payroll banking services to the City, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095400](#)

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

Resolution No. 250955: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 250956: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania State Senate to approve House Bill 304, the Community Energy Act, and the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass this legislation to allow for the creation of community energy programs in Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 250957: Resolution Recognizing and honors the Exhibition “Ruth E. Carter: Afrofuturism in Costume Design” at the African American Museum in

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Philadelphia and Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Ruth E. Carter.

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

Resolution No. 250958: Resolution Recognizing October as Black Male Educators Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring the Center for Black Educator Development and the National #WeNeedBlackTeachers Campaign for their leadership in the recruitment, development, and retention of Black male educators.

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

Resolution No. 250959: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia for over four decades of dedicated service to victims and survivors of violence.

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

Resolution No. 250960: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Sixx King for his accomplishments as a film director and for his contributions to the community and small-business ecosystem in Philadelphia's 4th Councilmanic District.

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

Resolution No. 250961: Resolution Recognizing November 2025 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in 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. 250962: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Independence Business Alliance (IBA) for being named the 2025 National LGBT Chamber of the Year by the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

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

Resolution No. 250963: Resolution Philadelphia City Council calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to add medetomidine to the list of controlled substances in Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 250964: Resolution Recognizing the devastating impacts of Hurricane Melissa on the islands of Jamaica and Cuba, and calling on the City of Philadelphia to support hurricane relief efforts and provide assistance to Philadelphia's Jamaican community.

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

Resolution No. 250965: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dr. Alycia Marshall on her appointment as President of the Community College of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250966: Resolution Honoring and Recognizing SELF Incorporated for Its Transformative Work in Addressing Homelessness and Empowering Lives Across Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250967: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to 1807 N. 8th Street, 1809 N. 8th Street, 1811 N. 8th Street, 1813 N. 8th Street, 1817 N. 8th Street, 1819 N. 8th Street, 1821 N. 8th Street, 1823 N. 8th Street, and 1825 N. 8th Street, located in the 5th Councilmanic District, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

Resolution No. 250968: Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 250493-A, 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 Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street," for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage

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Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers O'Rourke and Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250969: Resolution Commending the Department of Licenses and Inspections for launching its new Virtual Inspection Program and celebrating its continued efforts to develop proactive rental property inspections to ensure that all Philadelphians have safe and healthy homes.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Driscoll, Phillips, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Squilla and Bass:

Resolution No. 250970: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

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

Resolution No. 250971: Resolution Honoring the Saint Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls' soccer team for winning the 2025 Philadelphia Catholic League Championship.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Bill No. 240873: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: N. 2nd street between Roosevelt Blvd and Ashdale street; Champlost street between N. 3rd street and N. 4th street; N. 6th street between Grange avenue and Chew avenue; Fairhill street between Grange avenue and Chew avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240873.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250830: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 5015 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143, under certain terms and conditions.

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COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250830.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25083000](#)

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

Bill No. 250835: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1526-32 N American St, Philadelphia, PA 19122, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250835.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25083500](#)

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

Bill No. 250887: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Philadelphia to construct, own, and maintain right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250887.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25088700](#)

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 240873: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: N. 2nd street between Roosevelt Blvd and Ashdale street; Champlost street between N. 3rd street and N. 4th street; N. 6th street between Grange avenue and Chew avenue; Fairhill street between Grange avenue and Chew avenue.

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

Bill No. 250830: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 5015 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143, under

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certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25083000](#)

Bill No. 250835: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1526-32 N American St, Philadelphia, PA 19122, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25083500](#)

Bill No. 250887: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Philadelphia to construct, own, and maintain right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25088700](#)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Councilmember Young

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Resolution No. 250968: Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 250493-A, 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 Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street," for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 250968.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

I am returning herewith, as requested by your Resolution adopted today, Bill No.

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250493-A, 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 Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street,” for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 250945)

Bill No. 250493-A, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard, 9th Street, Erie Avenue, and Broad Street.

THE BILL WAS RECONSIDERED.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Perez 240303
Zachary Wilcha Landau Introducing
Pamela Rainey Lawler - Landau Introducing
David Alexannder Jenkins 250303
Jake & Sarah Adams 250930
Nancy Rimmer Landau Introducing
Robert Simms 250303
Lynn Landes 250646
Alison Houghton Landau Introducing
Ogbonna Hagins 250709
Jeremy Blatstein 250648
Dawn Chavous Johnson Introducing
SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 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.

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 Young called up:

Resolution No. 250930: Resolution Also naming Oxford Street between Broad Street and 15th Street as “Jake and Sarah Adams Avenue.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 250572: An Ordinance Amending Section 2-112 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “City Commissioners,” by removing the powers and duties of the Department of Licenses and Inspections over matters relating to weights and measures; amending Title 9, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” by removing provisions relating to amusement devices, and weights and measures and making related technical changes; and amending Title 19, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” by eliminating provisions related to amusement licenses and weights and measures registration; all under certain conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

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Bill No. 250577: An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety the following Ordinance, approved December 23, 2024: Bill No. 240964-A02 (authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Arena Services District Authority, pursuant to the terms of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, all under certain terms and conditions).

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250722, as amended: An Ordinance Adding a new Chapter 21-3500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Utility Meters," to prohibit provision of a second utility meter by a public utility at a residential property without evidence of a valid housing rental license for the property, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25072200](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250767, as amended: 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 READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076700](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250773, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags by Retail

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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 READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25077300](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 10 Councilmembers Bass, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke and Council President Johnson

Nays: 5 Councilmembers Driscoll, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips and Young

Bill No. 250800: An Ordinance Amending Title 14-602, entitled “Use Tables,” by prohibiting drug paraphernalia sales in certain industrial districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25080000](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250802: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25080200](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250803: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO Fourth District Overlay District” by clarifying allowed uses, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Attachments: [Bill No. 25080300](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250808, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25080800](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250810: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by clarifying certain provisions related to mixed income housing, revising the quality standards for affordable units within mixed income developments and making related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25081000](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250811, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ardleigh Street, East Sedgwick Street, the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line and East Gorgas Lane.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25081100](#)

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The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250957: Resolution Recognizing and honors the Exhibition “Ruth E. Carter: Afrofuturism in Costume Design” at the African American Museum in Philadelphia and Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Ruth E. Carter.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250958: Resolution Recognizing October as Black Male Educators Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring the Center for Black Educator Development and the National #WeNeedBlackTeachers Campaign for their leadership in the recruitment, development, and retention of Black male educators.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250959: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia for over four decades of dedicated service to victims and survivors of violence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250960: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Sixx King for his accomplishments as a film director and for his contributions to the community and small-business ecosystem in Philadelphia’s 4th Councilmanic District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250961: Resolution Recognizing November 2025 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250962: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Independence Business Alliance (IBA) for being named the 2025 National LGBT Chamber of the Year by the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250964: Resolution Recognizing the devastating impacts of Hurricane Melissa on the islands of Jamaica and Cuba, and calling on the City of Philadelphia to support hurricane relief efforts and provide assistance to Philadelphia's Jamaican community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250965: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dr. Alycia Marshall on her appointment as President of the Community College of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250966: Resolution Honoring and Recognizing SELF Incorporated for Its Transformative Work in Addressing Homelessness and Empowering Lives Across Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250969: Resolution Commending the Department of Licenses and Inspections for launching its new Virtual Inspection Program and celebrating its continued efforts to develop proactive rental property inspections to ensure that all Philadelphians have safe and healthy homes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

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Resolution No. 250971: Resolution Honoring the Saint Hubert's Catholic High School for Girls' soccer team for winning the 2025 Philadelphia Catholic League Championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Phillips, and Councilmember Squilla

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday, November 13, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.