

City of Philadelphia

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402 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107*



Meeting Minutes (Long)

Thursday, January 29, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: 2 - Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Squilla

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

Bishop Derric J. Wright, Senior Pastor of Infinite Wonders Ministries, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, January 22, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Thomas requested leave of absence for

Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Squilla.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

January 22, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on January 22, 2026, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on January 22, 2026:

Bill No. 251065

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Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260053)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 27, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on January 27, 2026, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on January 22, 2026:

Bill No. 251027

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260054)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 260055: 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Bill No. 260056: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code by adding a new Chapter 21-3600 entitled “Non-Intervention with Respect to Immigration Enforcement” to place certain restrictions on the collection and use of information related to citizenship and immigration status, prohibit certain forms of discrimination in City services, and provide for remedies for violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260057: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code by adding a new Chapter 21-3600 entitled “Non-Intervention with Respect to Immigration Enforcement” to establish certain limits on how personal information may be handled by the City with regard to immigration enforcement, create reporting

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requirements, and provide for remedies for violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260058: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination," to add protections against discrimination on the basis of citizenship and immigration status, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260059: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Procurement Contracts," and Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," to prohibit the acceptance of bids on City contracts from, or the execution of contracts with, entities that do business with immigration enforcement authorities; bar City participation in, resource expenditures to, and involvement in any agreements or activities in furtherance of immigration enforcement, including through the conduct of its employees, contractors and funding recipients; require annual reporting of City immigration-related activities, and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260060: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," to prohibit law enforcement officers from concealing their identity, require officers to visibly display their badge and other official identifying information, prohibit the impersonation of law enforcement officers, and provide for civil and criminal enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260061: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," and amending Title 11 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Streets," to prohibit immigration enforcement on City and City-related property and facilities, to prohibit immigration enforcement in the right-of-way and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 260062: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," to restrict the use of community spaces for government purposes not expressly authorized by the City or the courts and provide for civil enforcement of violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 260063: An Ordinance Renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as Panati Playground, located at 3100 N 22nd Street, to the "Allegheny West Recreation Center" in recognition of the community and neighborhood that it

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serves.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Resolution No. 260064: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on the decrease in Black student enrollment at School District of Philadelphia special admission schools.

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

Resolution No. 260065: Resolution Recognizing the life and legacy of Joseph R. Syrnick for his distinguished career of public service to the City of Philadelphia and his visionary leadership in transforming the Schuylkill River Corridor, Trail, and Waterfront.

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

Resolution No. 260066: Resolution Urging U.S. Senators John Fetterman and Dave McCormick, as well as all United States Senators committed to upholding the Constitution of the United States and the Rule of Law, to vote "No" on H.R. 7147, and to reject increased funding for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

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

Resolution No. 260067: Resolution Recognizing January 20 - 23, 2026 as "Social Justice Week" in the City of Philadelphia, and further honoring Friends Select School for its contributions and dedication to being an antiracist school with a culture and a curriculum that encourage and empower awareness of and response to issues and events in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 260068: Resolution Recognizing the lives and legacies and expressing condolences for the deaths of Keith Porter Jr., Renee Nicole Good, Alex Pretti,

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Chaofeng Ge, Fouad Saeed Abdulkadir, Parady La and the countless individuals who have been killed, disappeared or tortured in the past year.

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

Resolution No. 260069: Resolution Recognizing January as National Substance Use Disorder Month and honoring the resilience of individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance use disorder in Philadelphia and nationwide.

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

Resolution No. 260070: Resolution Honoring WURD Radio for being nationally recognized as a nominee for an NAACP Image Award for its limited podcast series "Exonerated: The Cost of Wrongful Conviction," which explores life after wrongful conviction in Philadelphia, exemplifying local journalism's mission to explain, clarify, and nuance the diverse experiences of Philadelphians.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Resolution No. 260071: Resolution Authorizing Councilman Brian O'Neill's appeal, on behalf of and as representative of City Council, of the decision of the Department of Licenses and Inspections with respect to 451 Rhawn St.

COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 260071.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

There were no Bills on First Reading.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Landes Brooks Introducing
David Jenkins 241070

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Cesar Ruiz De Castilla Brooks Introducing
Lydia O Brooks Introducing
Erica M. Brooks Introducing
Curtis Walker Brooks Introducing
Isaac Shane (215) 407-8582 Young Introducing
Kauveri Shah Young Introducing
Jonny Rashid KB Introducing
Van Sam Brooks Introducing
Jeremy Blatstein 241056
Vivian Chang Brooks Introducing
Steven Morley Brooks Introducing
Jasmine Rivera Brooks Introducing
Jeannine Cicco Barker Brooks Introducing
Lauren Loe Brooks Introducing
Joanna Ferrino Brooks Introducing
Ethan Win Brooks Introducing
María Serna Brooks Introducing
Tsehaitu Abye Brooks Introducing
Turner Halle Brooks Introducing
Ethan Tan Brooks Introducing
Peter Ahn Brooks Introducing
Orena Rogers Brooks Introducing
Stephanie Dorenbosch Brooks Introducing
Whitney Rooch Brooks Introducing
Reve. Gregory Holston Brooks Introducing
Ashanti Martin & 2 Collegaues WURD Resolution
Rev. Tharkus Hermawan Brooks Introducing
Ogbonns Hagins Brooks Introducing
SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
JANUARY 29, 2026.

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 Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 260033: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2045 S. 56th Street; 5123, 5125, 5127, 5129 Baltimore Avenue in the 3rd 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.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 260034: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 134, 138, and 140 N 58th St located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 260036: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2039 E. Fletcher Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 260037: Resolution Approving the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the American Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated as Revised Parcel No. 8, Revised Parcel No. 9 and Parcel No. 10A, also sometimes identified by house numbers and street addresses for Revised Parcel No. 8 as 1700-34 N. American Street, for Revised Parcel No. 9 as 1703-69 N. Bodine Street (including 229-33 Cecil B. Moore Avenue), and for Parcel No. 10A as 1736-54 N. American Street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with 1700 North American Street, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 260039: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1909 N. Van Pelt Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 260040: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1437, 1438, 1539, 1544, 1546, and 1610 Ogden St; 863 N 15th St; 841, 845, and 851 N 16th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 260041: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1802-04 N. Franklin Street, 1803, 1807-25 N. 8th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 260042: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1403, 1409, 1415, 1428, 1436, 1441 N. 17th Street, 1624, 1626 Jefferson Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 260045: Resolution Honoring Father Joseph J. Kelley by renaming the 2400 block of South 17th Street as “Father Joseph Kelley Way” in recognition of his dedicated Pastoral leadership at Saint Monica Parish and his longstanding service to the South Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 260046: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2726 N. 15th Street in the 8th 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**

All Bills on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar were held.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Thomas called up:

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Lozada, and Councilmember Landau

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday February 5, 2026, 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.