

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, February 29, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
- **Telephone number where you can be reached**

Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars – titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**240103****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 18-20, 24-30, and 34-36 South 44th Street and 4422 and 4426-30 Ludlow Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

240107**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution authorizing the creation of a Special Committee on City and Private Sector Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policies to examine the impact of such policies and to provide practical, evidence-based recommendations to enhance policy effectiveness in the promotion of minority, women and disabled-owned businesses in the City of Philadelphia.

240108**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution authorizing the reconvening of the Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission and its Advisory Committee to conduct an updated comprehensive analysis of all taxes imposed in the City of Philadelphia, and to make recommendations concerning tax reforms that support the City's economic growth and competitiveness.

240109**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution calling on the United States Congress to pass the bipartisan Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (VICTIM) Act which will give law enforcement the support they need to investigate violent crime and increase the closure rate of homicide cases.

240111**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2428 N. Orianna Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

240112**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2464 N. Natrona Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

240124**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Phillips, Gauthier, Bass, Gilmore Richardson, Lozada, Squilla, O'Rourke, Brooks and Driscoll

Resolution recognizing March 2024 as “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month,” and promoting the public awareness of the risk of colon cancer.

240125**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Council President Johnson

Resolution authorizing the creation of the Philadelphia Task Force on Food Insecurity to study and develop proposals, strategies, and recommendations to alleviate hunger and increase access to high quality food in the City of Philadelphia.

240126**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr. on his appointment as Board Chair at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and recognizing Mr. Lawrence for his dedication to improving transit service across the SEPTA network.

240127**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Council President Johnson

Resolution congratulating the Audenried High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2024 Public League Championship.

240128**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring the Defender Association of Philadelphia on the 90th anniversary of the Association’s founding and recognizing the contributions of the Association and its attorneys to Philadelphia’s criminal justice system.

240131

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Gauthier, Landau, Jones, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Bass, Brooks, O'Rourke and Ahmad

Resolution honoring Mr. Abdul-Rahim Muhammad, on the occasion of Black History Month, for his contributions to West Philadelphia.

240132

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Thomas, Gilmore Richardson, Squilla, O'Rourke, Brooks, Driscoll and Phillips

Resolution honoring and congratulating the Educator of the Month, Elaine Estes, a Spanish teacher at Furness High School who recently shined at the U.S. Olympic Trials as a long distance runner.

240133

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Thomas

Resolution recognizing the life and legacy of Baba Joe Foster, a community leader in the movement for African-centered education in Philadelphia.

240134

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmembers Jones and Gauthier

Resolution recognizing and Honoring Dr. Jo-Elle Mogerman for her leadership as the first female and first Black Chief Executive Officer and President of the Philadelphia Zoo.

240135

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing and honoring Joy Parham-Thomas for her impactful contributions to a thriving Black food culture in Philadelphia as a chef, culinary educator, and advocate for food justice.

240136

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Landau

Resolution authorizing Philadelphia City Council to conduct hearings to investigate the efficiency, implementation, and enhancement of the outdoor dining program and improve opportunities for restaurants to operate streeteries and sidewalk cafes.

240137**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Brooks and Young

Resolution honoring and recognizing the work and accomplishments of Denise Ripley, whose dedication to the city, to community service, and to the housing rights of all, have invigorated and supported civic life in the City of Philadelphia.

240138**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution honoring and recognizing Prudence Powell for her for her powerful advocacy, love for her community and her inspiring work to keep families in Philadelphia whole and to provide sanctuary and stability to all.

240139**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution honoring and recognizing the life, work, and accomplishments of Rochelle Nichols-Solomon, whose dedication to serving, teaching, and advocating for students and marginalized peoples has improved the lives of people across the City of Philadelphia.

240140**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution honoring and recognizing the work and accomplishments of the Stadium Stompers, whose dedication to advocating for the North Philadelphia community and for housing rights for all people have helped secure neighborhood stability for communities in the City of Philadelphia.

240141**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution proclaiming the Month of March in 2024 as Irish Heritage Month in the City of Philadelphia and Honoring the St. Patrick's Day Observance Association of Philadelphia.

240142**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

Resolution honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of former Chief Clerk Michael Andrew Decker, our friend, colleague, and dedicated public servant.

240146

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution celebrating the Life and Honoring the Memory of Trailblazing Physician, Researcher, and Humanitarian, Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell.