

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, April 25, 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**240254****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the appointment of Crystal Cabbage to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240255**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the reappointment of Sarah-Ashley Andrews to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240256**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the appointment of Joan Stern to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240257**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the reappointment of Reginald Streater to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240258**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the appointment of Wanda Novales to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240259**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the appointment of Whitney Jones to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240260**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the reappointment of Chau Wing Lam to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240262**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution confirming the appointment of Cheryl Harper to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

240306**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution establishing the month of April as Philadelphia Histories Month in the City of Philadelphia, commencing in 2025 and continuing annually thereafter.

240308**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution calling on the Pennsylvania State Senate to pass House Bill 1130 to create the Safer Communities Grant Program, which will make Philadelphia safer by providing funding for lighting and security cameras around schools, playgrounds, community centers, and other high crime areas.

240309**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution supporting the Biden Administration's finalized rule that aims to expand certain background check requirements for firearm purchases and close the "gun-show loophole."

240318**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Driscoll, Ahmad and Landau

Resolution proclaiming May 2024 as Dual Asian American Pacific Islander and Jewish American Heritage Month in Philadelphia to pay tribute to the rich history and significant contributions made by generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Jewish Americans to our Country, Commonwealth, and City.

240321**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

Resolution authorizing and ratifying Councilmember O'Neill's appeal, on behalf of and as representative of City Council, of the decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with respect to 4100 Orchard Lane.

240322**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to various properties located in the Eighth Councilmanic District, including on the following streets: West Manheim street, East Wister street, East Garfield street, Collom street, Blakemore street, Vernon road, Lena street, Germantown avenue, and Church lane, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**240012****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Queen Lane, Wissahickon Avenue, Roosevelt Boulevard (Extended), and Henry Avenue, and to amend Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO, Fourth District Overlay District,” and make related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

240087**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Landau, Brooks, Harrity, Young, O'Rourke, Gauthier, Jones and Driscoll

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.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS**

240340**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gauthier and Bass

Resolution honoring and recognizing Edward “Lee” Morgan, whose soulful melodies and blazing improvisations continue to inspire musicians and bring joy to his legions of fans worldwide.

240341**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Champion of the Week, Buddy Martinez of Timoteo Sports, which utilizes athletics to engage with and mentor young people in the city of Philadelphia.

240342**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring Cynthia Kishinchand as a Champion of Urban Greening and Community Empowerment for her leadership of the East Falls Tree Tenders.

240343**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring and celebrating the meaningful work conducted by the Friends of the Wissahickon, for 100 years of service to the City of Philadelphia, The Wissahickon Valley Park, and the surrounding areas.

240345**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing and honoring Stephanie Haynes for her impact as Executive Director of Philadelphia Family Pride.

240346**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Lozada and Thomas

Resolution recognizing and honoring the Philadelphia Children’s Alliance and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services for their collaborative commitment to bring healing and justice to victims of child abuse in Philadelphia and declaring April 2024 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia.

240347**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold hearings to examine the progress made since introduction of the Philadelphia Urban Agriculture Plan, to convene agencies and stakeholders needed to make further progress, and to create an implementation strategy to expeditiously meet the goals of the Plan.

240348**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Brooks and Landau

Resolution honoring and expressing gratitude to Philly Black Pride for its ongoing work to center and support underserved Black and Brown folks in the LGBTQ+ community, and recognizing Thursday, April 25th through Sunday, April 28th as Philly Black Pride Weekend in the City of Philadelphia.

240349**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution honoring and congratulating Settlement Music School on its 116th Anniversary and recognizing and commending its directors, officers, faculty, staff and students, both past and present, for making Settlement Music School an institution known world-wide for its excellence.

240356**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution honoring the Founding of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of its 120th Anniversary