

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA



**Thursday, April 25, 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.

Pastor Nathaniel J. Holmes of Community Baptist Church of West Philadelphia was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of April 18, 2024

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Bill No. 240328:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers' Markets," by adding a permissible location on Baltimore Avenue, between 58th Street and 59th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 240329:** An Ordinance Establishing a no parking regulation on the west side of North 34th Street between Indiana Avenue and Clearfield Street.

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

**Bill No. 240330:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Citizens Police Oversight Commission," to modify the procedure by which members of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission may be removed, providing a procedure to suspend members, and clarifying terms in that Chapter, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

**Bill No. 240331:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-215 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Streeteries,” modifying requirements related to the City’s revised standards and requirements associated with the use of portions of the Right-of-Way for outdoor dining.

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

**Bill No. 240332:** An Ordinance Approving the sixth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the American Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by Lehigh Avenue, Berks Street and Montgomery Avenue on the north, by Second Street and Philip Street on the east, by Girard Avenue, Oxford Street and Jefferson Street on the south and by Germantown Avenue, Sixth Street and Third Street on the west, including the sixth amendment to the urban renewal plan which provides, inter alia, for changes that would make it consistent with the North Philadelphia Redevelopment Area Plan and generally consistent with the most recent Comprehensive Plan approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

**Bill No. 240333:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-533 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/MIN, Mixed Income Neighborhoods Overlay District,” to update the illustrative maps to reflect recent redistricting changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

**Bill No. 240334:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Permit Parking Districts,” by changing certain boundaries and establishing new permit parking districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 240335:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Permit Parking Districts,” by extending the authorized duration of temporary parking permits and setting new permit application fees, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 240336:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by adding definitions; and creating a new Chestnut Hill Lower East /NCO in the area generally bounded by the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line,

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Cresheim Valley Drive, Germantown Avenue, Winston Road, Moreland Avenue, Devon Street, Ardleigh Street, and Springfield Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

**Resolution No. 240337:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4419R Market Street and 4310R Haverford Avenue 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.

**Resolution No. 240338:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Housing Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4419R Market Street and 4310R Haverford Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia.

**Resolution No. 240339:** Resolution Also naming the 1100 block of S. 53rd Street as “Mama Nia Bey Al-Rasul Way” to honor the life and cultural contributions of Mama Nia Bey Al-Rasul to the City of Philadelphia.

**Resolution No. 240340:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240341:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240342:** Resolution Honoring Cynthia Kishinchand as a Champion of Urban Greening and Community Empowerment for her leadership of the East Falls Tree Tenders.

**Resolution No. 240343:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240344:** Resolution Urging the Biden Administration to immediately release the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" rule.

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**Resolution No. 240347:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240348:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240349:** 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.

**Resolution No. 240350:** 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: Mechanic Street, Musgrave street, East Phil Ellena street, East Sharpnack street, and East Ashmead street, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

**Resolution No. 240351:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1532 W. Loudon 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.

**Resolution No. 240352:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Housing Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 6657-59 Blakemore Street (including the former 530-34 Vernon Road), 50 Collom Street, 56 Collom Street, 60-74 Collom Street, 101 Collom Street, 67 Church Lane, 83 Church Lane, 85 Church Lane, 87 Church Lane, 45 E. Garfield Street, 47 E. Garfield Street, 51 E. Garfield Street, 5417 Lena Street, 5423-27 Lena Street,

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5429-43 Lena Street, 5513 Lena Street, 5515 Lena Street, 4949 Germantown Avenue, 4951 Germantown Avenue, 6526-34 Germantown Avenue, 117 Manheim Street, 36 E. Wister Street, 38 E. Wister Street, 40 E. Wister Street, 42 E. Wister Street, 44 E. Wister Street, 46 E. Wister Street, and 63 E. Wister Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia.

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**Resolution No. 240354:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 49 E. Earlham Street, 207 E. Penn Street, 313 E. Bringhurst Street, 292 E. Bringhurst Street, 278 E. Bringhurst Street, 260 E. Bringhurst Street, 226 E. Bringhurst Street, 5222 Wakefield Street, 429 E. Ashmead Street, 5514 Morton Street, 5515 Morton Street, 5608 Heiskell Street , 5642 Morton Street, 53 E. Pastorius Street, 261 E. Sharpnack Street, 263 E. Sharpnack Street, 112 E. Springer Street, 111 E. Springer Street, 4925 Wakefield Street, 326 Shedaker Street, 342 Shedaker Street, 4951 Sheldon Street, 4957 Sheldon Street, 4961 Sheldon Street, 4975 Sheldon Street, 4635 Germantown Avenue, 44 Reger Street, 42 Reger Street, 4946 Keyser Street, 1532 W. Loudon 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.

**Resolution No. 240355:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 5803 Knox 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.

**Resolution No. 240356:** Resolution Honoring the Founding of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of its 120th Anniversary.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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**Resolution No. 240254:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Crystal Cabbage to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240255:** Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Sarah-Ashley Andrews to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240256:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Joan Stern to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240257:** Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Reginald Streater to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240258:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Wanda Novales to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240259:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Whitney Jones to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240260:** Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Chau Wing Lam to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**Resolution No. 240262:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Cheryl Harper to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED - RULES SUSPENDED; ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

**COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**Bill No. 240003:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and

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Recreation, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a multiyear agreement with Bennett Compost, Inc., for food scrap collection and management of a compost facility on City property located at 5650 Rising Sun Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240003.

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**

**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. 240254:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Crystal Cubbage to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

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**Resolution No. 240256:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Joan Stern to the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia.

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**Resolution No. 240306:** Resolution Establishing the month of April as Philadelphia Histories Month in the City of Philadelphia, commencing in 2025 and continuing annually thereafter.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240308:** 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240309:** 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.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240318:** 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240321:** 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 240322:** 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

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