

# Thursday, February 6, 2025

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.

Reverend Wanda Pate Dennis, Senior Pastor of New Gethsemane Baptist Church of South Philadelphia, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, January 30, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

# COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 719 S. 51st Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250091)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1911 Mountain Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250092)

## THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2248 Ruffner Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250093)

#### THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2271 N. Philip Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250094)

## THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4701 Sansom Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250095)

## THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance to amend Bill No. 240181 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2025 Capital Budget," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250096)

## THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance to amend Bill No. 240182 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2025-2030 inclusive," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals to conform to amendments to the FY2025 Capital Budget Ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250097)

## THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from the Grants Revenue Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Transportation Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions. (File No. 250098)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

# INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

**Bill No. 250064:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Lead Paint Disclosure and Certification," to clarify the deadline for filing certain actions, all under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Bill No. 250065: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by revising Chapter 9-4100, entitled "Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces," Chapter 9-4300, entitled "Wage Theft Complaints," and Chapter 9-4500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Protections for Domestic Workers," and by adding new chapters, entitled "Protecting Victims of Retaliation" and "Enforcement of Worker Protection Ordinances," to add and revise definitions; remove provisions related to the wage theft coordinator; add requirements and remedies related to written contracts, meal times and breaks, leave time, contract termination, and other protections for domestic workers; establish for claims of retaliation under above-referenced chapters and Chapter 9-4700 of The Philadelphia Code ("Wrongful Discharge from Parking Employment") the elements of proof and procedures, remedies and penalties for enforcement; authorize creation of a worker justice fund for victims of retaliation; add requirements for employer record keeping and provision of notice of employee rights under above-referenced chapters and Chapter 9-4700; revise and clarify procedures, remedies and penalties associated with administrative and civil enforcement under above-referenced chapters and Chapter 9-4700; provide for annual reporting to Council on enforcement of the City's worker protection laws, including information regarding noncompliant employers; authorize revocation of City licenses and contracts awarded to employers found in violation of the City's worker protection laws; authorize visa and deferred action certification on behalf of immigrant workers; and make related technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 250066:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Openings and Excavations in the Streets," to impose additional penalties on violators of underground permitting requirements, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

**Bill No. 250067:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a perpetual right and easement on, over and across a certain tract of land at the intersection of Southampton Road and Roosevelt Boulevard for roadway and related improvements, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

**Bill No. 250068:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and the Streets Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to own and maintain a bridge to be constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") to carry Byberry Road over certain railroad tracks between Evans Street and Worthington Road, and placing said bridge carrying Byberry Road on the City Plan pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the City and PennDOT, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 250069:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of Wildey Street between Columbia Avenue and Earl Street; Dunton Street between Wildey Street and Girard Avenue; Earl Street between Girard Avenue and Wildey Street; S. 7th Street between Johnston Street and Bigler Street.

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

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

**Bill No. 250070:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of York street between Almond street and Mercer street; Clarion street between Dickinson street and Tasker Street; Ellsworth street between S. 7th street and S. 8th street; Annin street between Marshall street and S. 7th street; Ellsworth street between Passyunk avenue and S. 9th street; Pierce street between S. 12th street and S. 11th street; McClellan street between S. 9th street; Cross street between S. 5th street and S. 4th street; S. 5th street between Morris street and Tasker street.

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

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

**Bill No. 250071:** An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 240182 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2025-2030 inclusive," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals to conform to amendments to the FY2025 Capital Budget Ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Bill No. 250072:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from the Grants Revenue Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Transportation Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Bill No. 250073:** An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 240181 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled "An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2025 Capital Budget," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Resolution No. 250074:** Resolution Recognizing February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month® in the City of Philadelphia

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

**Resolution No. 250075:** Resolution Commending the collaborative efforts of Students Against Period Poverty and the Philadelphia Youth Commission to expand awareness and access to menstrual health products, and affirming that Council will

work to ensure equitable and easy access to menstrual health products within the city's public schools.

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

**Resolution No. 250076:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Tyler Sabapathy, a beloved Temple University student.

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

**Resolution No. 250077:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing places of importance in Philadelphia's Black history during Black History Month for their contributions to the community and efforts in preserving history.

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

**Resolution No. 250078:** Resolution Authorizing the Joint Committees on Children and Youth and Education to review the Parent University 2.0 website.

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, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 250079:** Resolution A resolution thanking the Philadelphia Museum of Art for presenting *The Time is Always Now: Artists Reframe the Black Figure,* an impactful exhibit that honors and celebrates the rich contributions of the Black and African diasporic experience.

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

**Resolution No. 250080:** Resolution Urging Congress to expand the Child Tax Credit, an essential anti-poverty initiative that has drastically cut child poverty and benefitted millions of families.

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

**Resolution No. 250081:** Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Philadelphia Fashion Week for its significant contribution to the

enrichment of the City's fashion community and the advancement of the creative economy.

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

**Resolution No. 250082:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Robert Faulds for His Exceptional Service to the United States Navy and to the City of Philadelphia

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

**Resolution No. 250083:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2406, 2434, 2440, 2444 N. 6th Street, 2425, 2427 N. 7th Street 2400, 2403, 2455 N. 15th Street, 2424, 2460 N. 16th Street, 2415 N. Bancroft Street, 1509 W. Boston Street, 1500, 1507 W. Cumberland Street, 1501-03, 1510 W. Firth Street, 1422, 1437 W. Hagert Street, 1422, 1430 Letterly Street, 2434, 2438, 2440, 2445 N. Marshall Street, 2452 N. Mole Street, 2418, 2419, 2421, 2428, 2433 N. Sydenham Street in the 5th 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.

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

**Resolution No. 250084:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2271 N. Philip Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 250085:** Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the Washerwoman Strike of 1881, a Black women-led worker movement fighting for better wages, dignity, and labor protections, on the occasion of Black History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 250086:** Resolution Recognizing And Honoring the Philadelphia Community Outreach Committee (PCOC) For Their Dedication to Public Safety and

Community Revitalization

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

**Resolution No. 250087:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the St. Joseph's Preparatory High School football team for their success in winning a PIAA 6A state championship.

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

**Resolution No. 250088:** Resolution Recognizing the month of February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month.

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

**Resolution No. 250089:** Resolution Honoring the Work of the Pan-African Sisterhood Health Initiative (P.A.S.H.I.) artisans, volunteers, students, and supporters of P.A.S.H.I. for their selfless contributions and commitment to both local and international communities.

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

**Resolution No. 250090:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2248 Ruffner Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

# **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

There were no reports from Committee.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeremy Blatstein 241144 Kate Perez 240427 Maisha Sullivan--Ongoza Bass Intro Gloria Greer Bass Intro Lynada (Linda) Grace /black Bass Intro Pheralyn (fern Lynn)Dove Bass Intro

Olivia Rodriguez Brooks Intro Mercedes Reyes Brooks Intro Rosalia Lerma Brooks Intro Brooks Intro Angelica Aparacio Arnetta Anderson Brooks Intro Abena Ruiz Brooks Intro Mitcherson Harewood Brooks Intro Kwame Acheampong Brooks Intro Havana McElvaine Brooks Intro Munira Edens **Brooks Intro** Fonya Peebles Young Intro Fanon Peebles Brown Young Intro Corey Riley 250058 Mo Manklang250058 Davis Alexander Jenkins 241144 Lynn Landes 250058 Wanda Walker 250058 Ogbonna Hagins 250058 Shania Benett Bass Intro George Lane Bass Intro Marquise Bailey Bass Intro Makayla Myers Thomas Intro Katherine Gunther Thomas Intro

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 Gilmore Richardson called up:

**Resolution No. 241144:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1212 S 17th St; 1317 and 1511 S 20th St; 1904 S 23rd St; 1216 S 31st St; 1911 Gerritt St; 1932 and 2044 Titan St located in the 2nd 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. 250022:** Resolution Also naming N. 10th Street between Oxford Street and Master Street as "Paula Peebles Way."

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

**Resolution No. 250054:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 719 S. 51st Street, 1124 S. 56th Street, and 1218 N. 41st Street 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

**Resolution No. 250058:** Resolution Declaring 2025 as the Year of Cooperatives in Philadelphia and calling on the City of Philadelphia to explore all options to support the development and resilience of local cooperative businesses.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

## RESOLUTIONS

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Nays: Councilmember Phillips

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## SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Driscoll, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Harrity, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Squilla, and Councilmember Young

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# ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

Adjourned to February 13, 2025

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.