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Thursday, March 13, 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.

FATHER PATRICK WELSH, PASTOR OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, February 6, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitting a message advising you that on March 7, 2025, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on March 06, 2025:

Bill No. 250071

Bill No. 250072

Bill No. 250073 (File No. 250223)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution Providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, and incorporating revisions with respect to Fiscal Year 2025, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority pursuant to an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the City and the Authority. (File No. 250224)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance to amend Chapter 19-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Development Impact Tax," to end imposition of the tax, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250225)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business Income and Receipts Taxes," to revise tax rates and end certain exclusions from the tax on receipts, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250226)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by revising certain tax rates, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250227)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to provide for an increase in the tax that the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia is authorized to impose on real estate; and amending Chapter 19-1300, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to establish an equivalent reduction in the tax rate for the City real estate tax; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250228)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to eliminate certain exemptions, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250229)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Realty Transfer Tax," by revising the rate of the tax, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250230)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Section 10-1001 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fees of Commissioner of Records," to increase the portion of fees for the recording of deeds and mortgages and related documents to be used for Housing Trust Fund purposes, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250231)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 12-1000 The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to revise the fee for the use of parking meters; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250232)

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. 250233)

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. 250234)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and 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, the Aviation 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. 250235)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2026 Capital Budget. (File No. 250236)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2026-2031 inclusive. (File No. 250237)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. (File No. 250238)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

FY2026 Budget Speech

The One Philly 2.0 Budget

Good morning to my friend, Council President Kenyatta Johnson, to Council's Leadership team, Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson, Majority Whip Isaiah Thomas, Deputy Majority Whip Cindy Bass, Minority Leader Kendra Brooks, Minority Whip Nicolas O'Rourke, and every Member of City Council, Members of the Philadelphia Delegation and all statewide leaders here with us today, Faith Leaders, Men and Women of Organized Labor, Community Leaders, the Business and Philanthropic community, Members of my Cabinet and our City Workers, Everyone watching online, listening to WURD, and tuning in on TV. Good morning and thank you for welcoming me back home into the Chambers of Philadelphia City Council today. Last year, I told a story about how my journey to public service began in this Chamber. I gave a Black History Month speech here, as a 17-year-old high school student.

I later came to work here, and I learned from Giants - my mentors, Councilmember Marian Tasco and Augusta "Gussie" Clark. Role models like Anna Verna, Joan Krajewski, and Jannie Blackwell. These Leaders taught me many things. But none more important than this. If you **SHOW** up and **DO the WORK** every day for the People of Philadelphia, **GOOD THINGS WILL FOLLOW!** I am proud to return today, as the 100th Mayor of our Great City of Philadelphia, having submitted my Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Five-Year Plan and Recommended Capital Budget and Program to City Council for its consideration. Last year, I called it the 'One Philly Budget,' funding my promise to the People of Philadelphia for a Safer, Cleaner and Greener City, with Access to Economic Opportunity for All. With the collaboration and hard work of this Council, we delivered on that promise by approving a \$6.37 Billion Budget that invested in a City government people can **see, touch and feel**. This year, I am calling it the One Philly 2.0 Budget - the new and improved version! It's a \$6.7 Billion Budget - brimming with vital investments for Philadelphians. However, before I dive into the details, I need to share a story about something that happened six weeks ago in our City. On January 31st, an unimaginable Black Swan event struck our City. An airplane crashed near the Roosevelt Mall in Northeast Philadelphia. Seven people tragically lost their lives. Two more remain hospitalized with severe burns, including a young boy whose father perished that night. By now you know that your mayor is a praying mayor, and so I ask that you pray for all of the victims of this tragedy. Please stand with me in a moment of silence. Our

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emergency responders, Philadelphia Police and Fire, and other city workers responded immediately to the crash, and have continued working EVERY day since to help the people of Northeast Philadelphia recover. Our Mayor's Business Action Team met with dozens of businesses impacted by the crash. Our Neighborhood and Community Engagement Team knocked on EVERY door in the neighborhood to let people know where to find help. Our Licenses & Inspections Team inspected every impacted home for structural issues. And we are providing trauma and behavioral health care to those who need it. People know that they can **Call 988** - and our support staff will help you get through this tough time.

Councilmembers Driscoll and O'Neill, Northeast Philadelphia is **RESILIENT** and **STRONG** - like our City - and we will **NOT REST** until we have provided every support available for our residents and businesses!

Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel, Fire Commissioner Jeff Thompson, Managing Director Adam Thiel, Emergency Management Director Dominick Mireles - please stand. Director Alba Martinez and Salim Wilson from our Commerce Department. L&I Commissioner Basil Merenda and Hassan Freeman from our Neighborhood and Community Engagement team. **Every City employee** who has served residents at the crash site, please stand. Let us now honor EVERY CITY WORKER who has worked at the crash site or in the surrounding community!

Before I address the Challenges in front of us in Fiscal Year 2026, I need to highlight some of the challenges we took on in the current year - FY 2025 - and look at how we did so far. In other words, 'Don't just listen to what I **say** ... watch what I **DO**'. ... Or in this case, what we have **DONE**. We fact-check what we do in the Parker administration and what we promise to the People of Philadelphia. So we cross-checked every promise that I made in last year's budget address - **33 promises** to be precise! And in a flyer that we're handing out today, we're letting you know **exactly** how we did so far. We do not promise perfection - we are doing the best we can with what we have. Let's take a look.

PUBLIC SAFETY. I said last year, I felt a sense of urgency and that we'd be laser-focused and unapologetic about improving Public Safety. How did we do?

- Homicides are down 37 percent.
- Shootings are down 36 percent.
- We have 200 Police Officers doing Community Policing in our neighborhoods. I promised it, and it's **WORKING**.

One of those new Community Policing Officers is with us today. **Police Officer**

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Anastasia Briscoe, who joined the Police Department last Fall, is now walking a foot beat in the 1st District in South Philadelphia around Broad & Snyder, getting to know the community on a daily basis, and not just when someone calls 911.

It's not just Policing! Our mantra is Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement - P.I.E. Led by Chief Public Safety Director Adam Geer and Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel, we PRACTICE it EVERY DAY.

- **ANTI-VIOLENCE.** We awarded \$19 million to anti-violence community organizations that know their neighborhoods best in 2024 and another \$24 million so far this year. IT'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
- **YOUTH SPORTS.** We're funding youth sports because THAT is how we help give our children a positive path! Our kids shouldn't have to stand on street corners with helmets and drums to raise funds. THEIR CITY SHOULD SUPPORT THEM AND WE ARE - \$3.2 million in the current budget!

Two special people are here today. Amir Fisher is a football player and his coach Donald Richardson from Blackhawks Athletic Club in North Philly are here. Please stand! We SUPPORT YOU!

CLEAN AND GREEN. I promised a new Office and Approach to tackle quality of life issues and banish that "Filthadelphia" moniker once and for all! So, how'd we do?

- **CLEANED** over 67,000 City Streets and Neighborhood Corridors! **67,187 to be PRECISE!**
- **TOWED 11,617 Abandoned Cars and Vehicles** - THANK YOU Philadelphia Police AND the Parking Authority AND Clean and Green.
- **CLEANED 17,319 Vacant Lots!** Thank you CLIP and thank you PA Horticultural Society!

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION AT ITS BEST!

PHL TCB. We promised we'd fund **PHL Taking Care of Business** - a community-based cleaning program that creates economic opportunity at the same time. How did we do?

- TCB employs 324 workers, and we're supporting 39 community-based organizations that clean up 155 Commercial Corridors!

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- By the end of March, TCB will add new organizations and more workers to clean **39 MORE areas** across Philadelphia!

EDUCATION. We promised we would invest in year-round schooling to give our children the same opportunities as kids in suburban schools! How'd we do?

- We opened 25 Extended Day/Extended Year pre- and after-school programs - traditional public AND charter schools - offering over 7,000 new slots for educational enrichment. **THAT'S PROGRESS!**
- We increased the portion of Real Estate taxes going to the School District to provide an additional **\$124 million** over five years.
- We also added **\$125 million over five years** for Schools through our property revaluation process!
- These added funding streams for Schools are in **ADDITION** to the **more than \$280 million contribution** that we make each year to the School District through the budget process.
- Do the math: That's more than \$1.4 billion in contributions over the next five years in addition to \$250 million in new support. **WE SEE AND HEAR YOU, DR. WATLINGTON!**

Folks, you get the Snapshot? We are NEVER satisfied in this Administration and know that we have a LOT MORE WORK TO DO. But we made PROGRESS in our First Year and City Council has been a full partner in that progress, Mr. President! We actually did a whole lot more, but we want to get to this Budget and our Plans for FY2026! But quickly, before we do that, know you can go to our brand-new Data Tracking website - **Philly Stat 360** - and look at a wide range of City programs and see for yourself how we're doing.

Councilmember Landau, you know like I do that solid data and transparency are essential for making good decisions in EVERYTHING we do. Philadelphia, if you haven't yet gotten a close-up look, go to our new Philly Stat 360 dashboard and see it for yourself! **Kristin Bray and Melissa Scott**, I see you both! Let me say one more thing before we dive into Fiscal Year 2026 and my proposed budget. There is uncertainty in the air now. People don't know what to expect from their government. Uncertainty can breed fear. I want the People of Philadelphia and our City employees to hear me: Your City is here to keep you safe, and to safeguard your basic rights. Our diversity is what makes us, One Philly, a United City.

FISCAL STABILITY

Ok, let's start with the **State of the City's FISCAL HEALTH.**

The state of the City's fiscal health remains **Strong**. We continue to make contributions to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund. It will have \$280 million by the end of the Proposed Five Year Plan. That fund will be especially important as we face economic and federal policy uncertainties moving forward. Thank you, **Councilmember Katherine Gilmore Richardson**, for your strong leadership on this issue. The trajectory of the City's Pension Fund continues to move in the right direction. We've now reached a **65 percent funding level** - the highest in decades! That's an increase of more than 20 percentage points in just 8 years. AND, it's due to reach 80 percent in FY29 and **100 percent** by FY33. That was a key factor that led S & P Global Ratings to upgrade the City of Philadelphia to its **highest** combined credit rating in decades.

Finance Director Rob Dubow, Budget Director Sabrina Maynard, City Treasurer Jackie Dunn, Deputy City Treasurer Matt Bowman, and all the dedicated Finance employees, take a bow! Thank you for your service to our City! I also want to thank the Members and staff of the Pension Board, our Municipal Unions, City Council and our Philadelphia delegation to the General Assembly. EVERYONE has played a role in the stabilization of our Pension Fund - a development with **enormous** fiscal consequences for our City. Higher credit ratings are a key factor in determining the interest rate the City pays when we borrow money. Lower interest rates mean we pay **LESS** to borrow and can invest **MORE** in **city services** for our residents.

But our discipline with the Pension Fund does even more: Once these obligations to our workers are fully funded, our annual general fund costs will drop by more than **\$430 million!** That's REAL money we can use for our biggest priorities.

We will face fiscal challenges ahead. As you'll remember from last year, I noted that the City borrowed \$1.3 billion in the 1990s to shore up our pension fund. We're still paying for it today. From now through FY29, we'll pay \$1 billion in debt service - including an **\$80 million balloon payment in FY29**. We'll meet our obligations - as we always do. **I will not allow anything to compromise our fiscal stability! NOW, LET'S TURN TO FY2026 AND SEE WHAT'S IN THIS BUDGET FOR PHILADELPHIANS**

We are continuing to make BIG and BOLD investments in our City and our residents - just as we did in our first year.

Let's start with Public Safety - my **Number 1 priority** as your Mayor. As I said

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earlier, our model of P.I.E. - Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement - is the baseline for all of our Public Safety efforts. We cannot police our way out of the problems associated with gun violence or open-air drug markets, anywhere in our city! It is our COMPREHENSIVE Public Safety Strategy that is making a difference, **Councilmember O'Rourke** - we all know that! And our P.I.E. strategy is beginning to show results. Under Chief Public Safety Director Adam Geer, many action steps are underway, and we are making further investments in Public Safety in FY26.

Neighborhood Wellness Court. We opened a Neighborhood Wellness Court as a pilot in January in Kensington. I want to THANK the **First Judicial District** for WORKING with the Parker administration on this innovation. The Wellness Court offers fast-track diversion for people arrested for drug-related offenses. In FY26, we will **EXPAND Neighborhood Wellness Court** to a 5-days-a-week pilot - a **\$2.7 Million investment** in wellness that will be well-spent.

In addition to a judicial hearing and warrant clearance, defendants can receive same day medical and behavioral assessment, treatment intake, and other services - all in one setting. This innovative new program complements our existing **Police Assisted Diversion or PAD**, which provided pre-booking diversion for drug-related offenses in over 1,000 cases already last year. We will also expand **Police Assisted Diversion** in FY26 as a pilot with a **\$2.8 Million investment**. Both these Public Safety investments are designed to get more individuals suffering from a multitude of ailments off the streets and connected to the treatment services they need. Public Safety is not just about programs. It's about real Philadelphians. One of them is **Allen Burrell**. Allen was shot 10 times. He was referred to our Group Violence Intervention Initiative by a family member. His aunt believed GVI could help Allen. He has engaged actively with our GVI program and dedicated himself to making a change. He enrolled in workforce development programs, and today he is working full-time with the City of Philadelphia! Allen, please stand and be recognized! We appreciate your Journey! **You are why we do the work!** These are just SOME of the many Prevention- and Intervention-based programs that our Office of Public Safety is leading on every day. I want to thank **Councilmember Curtis Jones Jr.** and all of City Council for CREATING this Office just over a year ago - it's making a DIFFERENCE in helping Philadelphia become a Safer City! Councilmember Jones, I believe the Office of Public Safety is practicing intergovernmental collaboration EXACTLY as your Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia called for - you helped lay the roadmap! You heard the numbers already - our Homicides and Shootings are down significantly in Philadelphia compared with a year ago, and they're declining more sharply here than in other big cities. **BUT NO ONE IS EXHALING OR SAYING 'MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!'**

AROUND HERE. Every homicide, every incident of violence, is a loss for Philadelphia, and a stain on our city's soul. Someone's son or father, daughter or mother, family member or friend - they are not statistics. **They are human beings!** And I will NEVER REST until EVERY family and individual in EVERY neighborhood feels safe in their home and walking the streets of their community. So we have much more work to do, and our Police Department under Commissioner Bethel's leadership is more than up to the job.

We're embracing technology to improve our performance. The Police Department will move forward with a new Forensics Lab to assist the force with forensics investigations to help solve crime. I got a first-hand look at how good our Department is at forensic science during its painstaking investigation following the plane crash in Northeast Philadelphia. **Dr. Michael Garvey**, our Police Department's Director of Forensic Science, thank you for your service during this difficult investigation - we're investing in Forensics science now to get you and the Department more support. **DR GARVEY, PLEASE STAND UP!** Our **FY26-FY30 Plan includes an additional \$67 Million for the new Forensics Lab and related costs** - it's money well spent to help us solve crime and keep Philadelphia safer. I am proud to publicly announce that the new lab will be located in West Philadelphia at **4101 Market Street**. This will mark a giant step forward in forensics technology and crime-solving ability for our Police Department! We're making progress at **recruiting, training and hiring new Police Officers** too - last year, **369 Officers** went through our Police Academy and joined the Force. That is a significant **increase** from the previous year, when only 201 Officers joined the Department. I'm also proud to report that EVERY Police Officer on the streets of Philadelphia will be outfitted with a **Body-Worn Camera** by the end of THIS YEAR - 2025! That's not all. We're moving towards installing **dash-cam cameras in every Police patrol car too** - critical tools also used by the Pennsylvania State Police. These investments protect our officers AND the public. I've always made it clear - I fully support EVERY Police Officer who's on the front lines, protecting and serving Philadelphians - so long as they do so without any misuse or abuse of their constitutional authority. And yet, I've often been criticized for being too 'pro-Police.' I don't agree. Philadelphians want to **BE and FEEL SAFE**, and they deserve that basic human right. I have one more thing to say about our Police Department. We all hear about the sacrifices that our Police Officers make to be on the front lines, protecting Philadelphians. It's one thing to hear about those sacrifices, it's another thing to live them. Last June, **Police Officer Jaime Roman** was on patrol, in Kensington, when he made a routine car stop. The stop turned deadly, when a suspect shot Officer Roman, who was gravely wounded. Officer Roman clung to life, before succumbing to his wounds in September. He gave the last

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true measure of devotion to our City. His widow, **Jazmine Hernandez**, is here with us today. Please - let us all rise to honor Officer Roman's ultimate sacrifice for Philadelphia.

VISION ZERO - FY26

Now, we ALSO deserve public safety on our roadways and streets. This time last year I signed an executive order recommitting the City of Philadelphia to the goal of reaching zero traffic deaths.

In alignment with the Vision Zero Task Force, my Administration has moved to advance safety projects across the city - with a focus on every mile of the High Injury Network where the majority of fatal and serious injury crashes occur.

The speed cameras on Roosevelt Boulevard - one of the most dangerous roads in the nation - have saved over 50 lives. Meanwhile, **Councilmember Isaiah Thomas** is pressing for more red-light cameras that will help keep us safe - THANK YOU! This public safety work matters.

Thanks to State Rep. Ed Neilson and our delegation in Harrisburg, this program is permanent and allowing us to expand to five more corridors.

Since then - and working closely with this body, including **Councilmember Jeff Young** who chairs the Streets Committee - we're installing cameras on North Broad Street and PA-13, two more major roadways of the High Injury Network.

However, far more needs to get done - and will get done - to finally eliminate all traffic fatalities in our city. This is why our proposed budget and Plan includes major investments for a slate of Vision Zero projects. We're committing:

- **\$5 million** for Vision Zero in FY26; and
- **\$30 million** in capital investments over six years for speed cushions, line striping, and other traffic safety measures.

But this isn't even close to the whole story. We've secured and put to work millions of dollars more from the state and federal governments. All of this will help us reach our goal.

Every Philadelphian deserves to travel safely throughout our city and return home safe and unharmed. It doesn't matter where you live or work, your age, race or ethnicity,

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income, or how you choose to travel. You deserve to be safe traveling on our streets.

One more thing: I am PROUD to report that once the MLK Bridge behind the Art Museum is completed, Martin Luther King Drive will FULLY RE-OPEN and you'll be able to drive through straight to the Parkway. They're saying it'll be done by September! Streets Commissioner Kristin DelRossi - I know you're on it!

SEPTA

Public transportation is critical to sustainable, resilient neighborhoods - let's talk about SEPTA for a moment.

SEPTA is facing its own set of difficult fiscal challenges. That's why this Budget and Five Year Plan includes \$716 million in operating support to SEPTA over 5 years and a \$76 million capital match over the capital program.

Philadelphia, don't let anyone tell you we're not contributing our fair share to help SEPTA while we await the Commonwealth's support to put the system on solid ground!

We ARE and we will CONTINUE doing so! Public transportation is absolutely vital to our City's future. We hear you, **Councilmember Jamie Gauthier!**

Clean and Green - FY26

As with public safety, there's no other issue I hear about more from residents than clean and green, and they tell me they can SEE and FEEL the difference! But we're just getting started.

First, Director Carlton Williams and our departments are going to partner with nonprofits, community groups, and philanthropy to implement a new **Ten-Point Greening Plan**.

We're talking about neighborhood actions here: tree planting, vacant lot cleaning and greening, improving our parks, supporting community gardens, and much more.

Councilmember Kendra Brooks, we KNOW how important community gardens are, and we'll lift them up through Clean and Green! In addition, that's why my Administration strategized and drafted the priority bid legislation for the Land Bank and asked you to introduce it. Your partnership is invaluable!

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At the same time, a new Anti-Litter Task Force is going to coordinate efforts across government to enforce litter and blight violations while we target with increased fines and hundreds of surveillance cameras the illegal dumping that plagues some neighborhoods.

We'll also be removing graffiti from highway passes and hotspots in our neighborhoods, and will invest **\$2.4 million** over 3 years to redirect graffiti artists' energy through powerful programs run by Mural Arts to display their talent for all to enjoy.

This is what many thousands of people will see when they visit our city in 2026. A first impression matters, and we're going to make a good one.

We're also investing **\$4.2 million in planters** to be installed along neighborhood commercial corridors. These will beautify our streets while helping to improve traffic safety. If they can work in Center City and Chestnut Hill, we deserve them all over the city!

As for the programs we started last year - the One Philly Citywide Cleaning Program, Twice Weekly Trash Collection, and residential cleaning crews by Council Districts - none of this is going away! The gameplan going forward is to expand them and make them more effective.

Twice a Week Trash Collections in Center City and South Philly now, Mr. President - and we'll bring it next to North Philly this year!

“HOUSING, HOUSING, HOUSING”]

Last month, I was thrilled to formally launch our housing initiative by signing an Executive Order creating the HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES MADE EASY Initiative, or **H.O.M.E.** for short. My promise is this: **30,000 units of Housing** - created or preserved - while I serve as your Mayor. To accelerate the planning process, the Executive Order I signed set several important steps into motion: First, some 25 City Departments and Offices are charged to make housing one of their top priorities. They have 30 days to come up with recommendations to streamline processes, cut red tape, and make legislative and regulatory changes that will help spur the **faster production and restoration** of housing - **without** sacrificing health and safety. **Councilmember Cindy Bass**, we'll need your expertise on zoning issues as we work together on housing! At the same time, we're engaging an Advisory Group and dozens of External Stakeholders. You can only get BIG work done around a BIG table. I'm talking about

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developers and CDCs. Partners like Philadelphia Works, PHDC, PHFA, and the Philadelphia Housing Authority. And key players in the industry: BIA, GBCA, and the Building and Construction Trades and the Carpenters. All of these folks will be helping to shape our Housing Plan. I know you may be wondering: “How much is this going to cost?” or “Where’s the actual Housing Plan?” While I am proud to announce one part of the funding strategy today, I am also pleased to reveal that, for the first time in the history of our city, we will have a Special Session on Housing hosted by my friend, Council President Johnson and this City Council on March 24th. That’s when we’ll share ALL of the details of our Proposed Housing Plan.

This is going to be an historic, **unprecedented investment** for Philadelphians. Council President Johnson, I have long said that this plan - housing preservation and building of new - will be one of our ‘Maynard moments’ - referencing the late Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson who created real, tangible and ONGOING economic opportunity for Atlantans. **To get started with the first part of the funding strategy, over the course of my Five Year Plan, this administration will issue \$800 million in bonds for our Housing Plan. Yes, \$800 MILLION!** And not only that, we will begin by issuing **\$400 million of those bonds in FY26**, and we plan on spending that money as quickly as possible. I want shovels in the ground! I want houses rehabbed and restored! Let me be clear: we started this work on Day One and will not spend years in planning mode. This cannot wait! If you know anything about me, you know I understand the urgency in our communities. We’re here to TAKE ACTION.

Philadelphians NEED MORE HOUSING, and they need it NOW! I want Philadelphians - renters AND homeowners - in the best possible housing units they can attain. And I want to help more Philadelphians to become homeowners, if that’s what they choose. This also means that we will NOT, in any way, shape or form - pit **“the have-nots against those who have just a little bit.”** Chairman Harris, this is about ensuring Philadelphians across income levels and across the city have a safe, secure, and affordable place to live. And I won’t play politics on this. I’m beyond excited to work with this City Council to get this done, and I look forward to laying out our FULL plan in the Special Session on Housing on March 24th. But while we’re talking about housing, you should know that we’re going to eliminate the Construction Impact Tax. We can incentivize the building of new housing by removing this levy.

EDUCATION - FY 2026

As proud as we are of our efforts to improve the quality of our educational system during the first year of the Parker administration, we KNOW how much more work remains to be done!

Senator Hughes, I was heartened to see Governor Shapiro propose millions more for teacher stipends to tackle the dire teacher shortage in the Commonwealth. I was a

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secondary English teacher, and I know what a stipend would have meant to me when I was doing my student teaching at Coatesville High School.

This is why the City is making ANOTHER millage shift in the Real Estate Tax in FY 2030 to increase funding for Public Education by another **\$12 MILLION per year** to be specifically earmarked for teacher salaries. Our teachers deserve to earn a living wage. This is part of OUR ongoing commitment to our teachers as we pull on every lever - from stronger recruitment to workforce housing - to make Philadelphia the best place in the country to work in a classroom. **ARTHUR STEINBERG**, we look forward to working with the PFT and the School District to achieve that. I'm also proud to announce that we are EXPANDING our Extended Day/Extended Year program of before- and after-school educational enrichment opportunities by **15 MORE SCHOOLS** - 10 district operated schools and 5 Charter schools. This will bring our Extended Day/Extended Year initiative to a total of 40 schools serving thousands of children and their families! Study after study shows that these programs MATTER GREATLY when it comes to childrens' educational development, and we're doing what we said we'd do! I want to thank Chief Deputy Mayor Vanessa Garrett Harley and Chief Education Officer Dr. Debora Carrera for all their work here, and of course, none of this progress would be possible without the close working partnership that we have with the best School Superintendent in the country - Dr. Tony Watlington.

Councilmember Anthony Phillips - I know this is a Program and Value that we support together! One parent whose child is thriving because of Extended Day/Extended Year is here with us today. **Lindsay Russell** is the mother of **Sydney**, who is 9 years old and attends Gompers Elementary School. Sydney is benefitting from Extended Day/Extended Year and her mom wanted to be here with us today.

LINDSAY, PLEASE STAND! One more young person to lift up this morning! I want to welcome Jenine Gaskins, a sixth grader at the Edmonds School, another one of our Extended Day/Extended Year schools. She recently won first place in the One Philly Black History Oratorical Showcase that was held at City Hall. Jenine is here today with her father, Donovan Gaskins and her principal, Wendy Sharpe. **Jenine, I, too, won an oratorical award in City Hall when I was younger. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!**

FAIR MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS FOR OUR MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE

As Philadelphia readies itself for the World in 2026, and as we focus on 30,000 housing units through our H.O.M.E. Initiative, it is well worth pausing to remind ourselves of exactly **WHO** does all the work for our residents in the City of

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Philadelphia. The dedicated Municipal Workforce that rises to every occasion. That's who our City employees are. Whether it's Philadelphia Police on the front lines, or our firefighters and emergency responders running into harm's way, or the hard-working individuals who pick up the trash every day and keep our streets and sewers clean, or every social worker, librarian, housing employee, or prison correctional officer who shows up EVERY DAY to serve the People of Philadelphia, or THOUSANDS of other workers in other departments, our Workforce makes me PROUD and HUMBLLED to serve as their Mayor! City workers are our people - not assets - and we will treat them with the respect and dignity they DESERVE. **Councilmember Jimmy Harrity**, Chair of Council's Labor Committee, you KNOW what I'm talking about! So let's just come out and say what many are thinking today. If we can find the money for tax investments and job growth, then SURELY we can find the money to give our hard-working Municipal Workers the fair, multi-year contract agreements that they deserve! And I stand here before you today, Council colleagues, and I am proud to report that we have **\$550 MILLION** in Labor Reserve Funds in this Proposed Five Year Plan - a **Historic and Unprecedented** Figure! And I am committed, under the leadership of our Chief Deputy Mayor Sinceré Harris and her team of labor negotiators, to reach fair and fiscally responsible, multi-year agreements with ALL FOUR of our Municipal Unions this year! With all that's going on in our country right now with government workers, our One Philly philosophy has never been more important. Roosevelt Poplar of Lodge 5 of the Fraternal Order of Police, Mike Bresnan of Local 22 of the Philadelphia Firefighters' and Paramedics Union, Greg Boulware of District Council 33 of AFSCME, and April Gigetts of District Council 47 of AFSCME, I want you to know that we will continue working TOGETHER to find common ground and **GET TO YES** on multi-year agreements for our City's workforce that pay a FAIR wage with health and pension benefits - while maintaining our fiscal stability! **Presidents Poplar and Bresnan, Boulware and Gigetts-and all the hard-working men and women represented by AFSCME, the FOP, and Local 22, please stand and be acknowledged!**

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY - FY2026

Creating Economic Opportunity is central to the Parker Administration in so many ways.

Through our innovative **City College for Municipal Employment**, we are working in partnership with Community College, the School District and others to train Philadelphians for careers in City government. We're talking about good-paying City jobs, with health benefits and pensions that will mean brighter economic futures! We are upskilling existing City workers too - training them to advance on their career

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paths. This spring, **32 high school seniors** will receive CCME training that will give them the opportunity (File No. 250239)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250195: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Wage and Net Profits Tax,” by revising certain tax rates, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250196: An Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250197: An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2026 Capital Budget.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250198: An Ordinance To adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2026-2031 inclusive.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 250199: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Business Income and Receipts Taxes,” to revise tax rates and end certain exclusions from the tax on receipts, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson,
Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 250200: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-1000 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise the fee for the use of parking meters; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson,
Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 250201: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to provide for an increase in the tax that the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia is authorized to impose on real estate; and amending Chapter 19-1300, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to establish an equivalent reduction in the tax rate for the City real estate tax; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson,
Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 250202: An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to eliminate certain exemptions, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250203: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ogden street between N. 13th street and Camac street; Wood street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; N. 21st street between Hamilton street and Pennsylvania avenue; Franklin Town boulevard between Callowhill street and Wood street;

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

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

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Bill No. 250204: 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 250205: 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 250206: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and 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, the Aviation 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 250207: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Federal Street, 13th Street, Wharton Street, and Broad Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 250208: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1117 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled “Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking,” as it will take effect pursuant to Bill No. 240613-AA (approved December 18, 2024), by revising the definition of disability parking space and further amending The Philadelphia Code by updating cross-references to Section 12-1117 that now appear in Title 9, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” and Title 12, “Traffic Code,” all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250209: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to clarify penalties and procedures associated with smart loading zone parking enforcement, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250210: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-1001 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fees of Commissioner of Records," to increase the portion of fees for the recording of deeds and mortgages and related documents to be used for Housing Trust Fund purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250211: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Realty Transfer Tax,” by revising the rate of the tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250212: An Ordinance To amend Chapter 19-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Development Impact Tax,” to end imposition of the tax, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 250213: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-633 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sale of Electronic Smoking Devices and Unapproved Nicotine Delivery Products,” to update definitions and to provide for additional penalties, enforcement, and compliance options, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Resolution No. 250214: Resolution Providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, and incorporating revisions with respect to Fiscal Year 2025, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority pursuant to an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the City and the Authority.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 250215: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth to hold hearings on the implementation of Bill No. 220654-A and the success of Community Evening Resource Centers.

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

Resolution No. 250216: Resolution Honoring Officer Jesse Woodhouse for his outstanding service to the 16TH Police District in West Philadelphia on the occasion of his retirement.

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

Resolution No. 250217: Resolution Honoring the members of Commonwealth Association of School Administrators as they have made significant contributions to their community, advocating for the rights and interests of staff and students in the school district.

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

Resolution No. 250218: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the career of Tumar Alexander, a dedicated public servant, on the occasion of his retirement from Philadelphia City Government.

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

Resolution No. 250219: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Trey Howard for his heroic response to the plane crash in Northeast Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250220: Resolution Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the civil rights marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama to Montgomery on March 7, 1965, also known as “Bloody Sunday”.

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

Resolution No. 250221: Resolution Condemning the Trump Administration for its reprehensible actions to drastically defund the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which will have a devastating effect on the enforcement of fair housing laws, damage communities, and escalate the affordable housing crisis.

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

Resolution No. 250222: Resolution Recognizing March 20, 2025, as Children First Day in the City of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Bill No. 250066-A: 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.

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COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250066-A.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250100: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 177 Markle Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250100.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250147: An Ordinance Authorizing PHILIPPIAN BAPTIST CHURCH or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 5801 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19141, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250147.

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

Bill No. 250066-A: 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 READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250100: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 177 Markle Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 5801 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19141, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy Blatstein 250183

Kate Perez 250183

Peter McDermott 250168

Veneda Samuel Gauthier Resolution

David Pickett Gauthier Resolution

Captain Paul Brown Gauthier Resolution

Lynn Landes 240665

Ernest Wyllie 240183

Yingzhang Lin Gauthier Resolution

Kelsey Leon 240665

David A. Jenkins 250183

Muti Ajmau Oossagboro 240304-A

Ogbonna Hagins 240183

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 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 Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250183: Resolution Opposing any attempts to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education or slash federal funding for public school programs that support low-income students and students with disabilities.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 240304-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), to require proof of certain insurance certificates; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO ORDER THE BILL PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S
SUSPENSION CALENDAR

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Bill No. 240427-AA, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Nonconformities,” by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

RESOLUTIONS

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Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250215: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth to hold hearings on the implementation of Bill No. 220654-A and the success of Community Evening Resource Centers.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250216: Resolution Honoring Officer Jesse Woodhouse for his outstanding service to the 16TH Police District in West Philadelphia on the occasion of his retirement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250217: Resolution Honoring the members of Commonwealth Association of School Administrators as they have made significant contributions to their community, advocating for the rights and interests of staff and students in the school district.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 250220: Resolution Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the civil rights marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama to Montgomery on March 7, 1965, also known as “Bloody Sunday”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 250222: Resolution Recognizing March 20, 2025, as Children First Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

There were no Speeches today.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

to Thursday March, 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.