

**City of Philadelphia**  
**City Council Calendar**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

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**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****241070****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to eliminate the requirement that City officers and employees resign from their City office or employment before becoming candidates for public office; and providing for the submission of the amendment of the electors of Philadelphia.

**250303****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring The Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center School celebrating its 20th bi-annual “Carpe Diem” honoring all the judges and students who participate in this remarkable and beneficial event.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE****241056****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to eliminate the requirement that City officers and employees resign from their City office or employment before becoming candidates for public office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

**250768****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

**250807****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

**250843****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Refuse and Littering,” to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

**250986****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts” by creating Section 14-545, entitled, “/WFS, West Fairmount Sports Area Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

**250990****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination,” to add protections against employment discrimination on the basis of human trafficking victim status, all under certain terms and conditions.

**251025****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Ryan Avenue between Leon Street and Frankford Avenue.

**251027****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Water Residual Fund, the Grants Revenue Fund, the Aviation Fund, and the Transportation Fund, all from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions; to: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Water Residual Fund, the Aviation Fund and the Transportation Fund, all to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

**251065****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Bill No. 250568 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between The City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority relating to the financing of a Housing Opportunities Made Easy (H.O.M.E.) Plan which includes housing production and preservation, home affordability, home owner and renter assistance, related contractor training and support, blight and vacant property reduction, urban beautification, neighborhood infrastructure, and other related programs; approving the issuance by the Authority of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (including reimbursement obligations related to lines or letters of credit) in one or more series to finance or refinance such plan and authorizing and approving the obligation of The City of Philadelphia to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement; authorizing certain City officers to take certain actions required to issue such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness; covenanting that The City of Philadelphia will make necessary appropriations in each of the City’s fiscal years to provide for, and will make timely payments of, the Service Fee and other amounts due under the Service Agreement; requiring an annual program statement and budget to be approved by Council, and other requirements; and authorizing and approving the Director of Finance of the City and other City officials to take other necessary or appropriate actions to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance; all under certain terms and conditions,” in order to expand on the H.O.M.E programs and provide further process concerning spending, all under certain terms and conditions.

**RESOLUTIONS****RESOLUTIONS**

**260028****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

Resolution recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and honoring Angela “The Survivor Diva” Reese for her outstanding leadership with the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition - Northwest Philadelphia Chapter and her dedication to cervical cancer awareness and survivor advocacy.

**260029****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Law and Government to hold a hearing on the process to resolve a tangled title in the City of Philadelphia

**260030****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution honoring the African American Children’s Book Project on the Occasion of its 34th Annual African American Children’s Book Fair.

**260031****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring and congratulating Irv Randolph for his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to The Philadelphia Tribune and for his lasting contributions to journalism and the City of Philadelphia.

**260032**

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

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to assess the City of Philadelphia's workforce development efforts and existing barriers to employment, and to evaluate job creation and workforce development as strategies to eliminate poverty for Philadelphians.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's strength as a city is rooted in its people, and the City's economic future depends on whether all residents have a fair opportunity to access employment that provides stability, dignity, and pathways to advancement; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's local economy supported an estimated 791,400 jobs as of December 2024, reflecting growth of nearly 19,000 jobs over the prior year, with education and health services and leisure and hospitality experiencing the largest sector gains, sectors that are critical to both entry-level employment and long-term career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's unemployment rate stood at 4.5% in 2024 and remained below 5% for the second consecutive year, signaling continued recovery and labor-market strength; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's median household income increased to \$60,302 in 2023, demonstrating modest economic progress, yet remains significantly below the national median household income of \$77,719, underscoring persistent income gaps and the ongoing need to connect residents to quality jobs that offer living wages, benefits, and opportunities for advancement; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia remains a city driven by small businesses, which account for more than 92% of all firms in the region, making access to a reliable, prepared workforce essential not only to individual business success but also to the City's overall economic competitiveness and neighborhood vitality; and

WHEREAS, Reports on economic stability and mobility indicate that many Philadelphia residents are primarily focused on achieving basic financial stability, such as meeting housing, food, healthcare, and utility costs, before they are able to pursue opportunities for upward economic mobility, and that even individuals working multiple jobs often struggle to consistently cover everyday expenses; and

WHEREAS, Many Philadelphians face persistent barriers that limit workforce entry, attachment, and retention, including caregiving responsibilities, the rising cost and reliability of transportation, clearance and background screening requirements, health-related constraints, and training and credential pathways that are not sufficiently aligned with available jobs; and

WHEREAS, Additional reporting finds that income volatility remains a significant challenge,

with only approximately one-quarter of surveyed workers reporting that they earned the same amount over a six-month period, highlighting the prevalence of unstable hours, contingent work, and unpredictable earnings that undermine household financial security

WHEREAS, Connecting Philadelphians to quality jobs with pathways for advancement is critical to ensuring that economic growth translates into real opportunity, upward mobility, and long-term prosperity for residents and for future generations of the City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Philadelphia, Hereby authorizes the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to assess the City of Philadelphia's workforce development efforts and existing barriers to employment, and to evaluate job creation and workforce development as strategies to eliminate poverty for Philadelphians.

**260035**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing January 28, 2026 as National Data Privacy Day in the City of Philadelphia.

**260043**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution recognizing January 22nd as the anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in Roe v. Wade.

**260047**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring and recognizing Austin J. McGreal, Esquire for his over 40 years of legal service and dedication to the City of Philadelphia through his tenure as General Counsel of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority

**260048**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass for Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring Pushing Progress Philly (P3) and its outstanding leadership and staff for their unwavering commitment to youth gun violence prevention, strengthening families, and building safer, healthier communities in the City of Philadelphia.

**260049**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass for Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring and commending Endangered Kind, its founder and Executive Director John Solomon, and its leadership team - Nickeem Higgins, Jalil Martin, Gary Hill, and Eric Knight-Lane - for their commitment to fighting youth gun violence and their profound grassroots leadership uplifting vulnerable young men, families, and communities throughout the City of Philadelphia.

**260051**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution authorizing the Committee of Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings examining the current state of Philadelphia's reproductive health care system, the current federal landscape affecting reproductive policy, and the City's response to protect reproductive freedom.

**260052**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia