

City of Philadelphia

*City Council
Chief Clerk's Office
402 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107*



Meeting Minutes (Long)

Thursday, January 22, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

Bishop Steven Avinger, Sr., Senior Pastor of Greater Saint Matthew Baptist Church, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, December 11, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence were requested.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am submitting herewith for the consideration of your Honorable Body the following proposed Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Cafés," and Section A-301.1.5 of Title 4, Subcode "A" ("The Philadelphia Administrative Code") of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Use Registration Permits," by removing expired provisions related to outdoor entertainment at sidewalk cafés, under certain terms and conditions.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260001)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2045 S. 56th Street; 5123, 5125, 5127, 5129 Baltimore Avenue in the 3rd 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.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260002)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 134, 138, and 140 N 58th St located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260003)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1403, 1409, 1415, 1428, 1436, 1441 N. 17th Street, 1624, 1626 Jefferson Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260004)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1909 N. Van Pelt Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260005)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1802-04 N. Franklin Street, 1803, 1807-25 N. 8th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260006)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Approving the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the American Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated as Revised Parcel No. 8, Revised Parcel No. 9

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

and Parcel No. 10A, also sometimes identified by house numbers and street addresses for Revised Parcel No. 8 as 1700-34 N. American Street, for Revised Parcel No. 9 as 1703-69 N. Bodine Street (including 229-33 Cecil B. Moore Avenue), and for Parcel No. 10A as 1736-54 N. American Street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with 1700 North American Street, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260007)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

(File No. 260008)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2726 N. 15th Street in the 8th 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.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260009)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

(File No. 260010)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

December 17, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on December 17, 2025, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on December 04, 2025:

Bill Number 250887-A

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260011)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

December 17, 2025

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on December 17, 2025, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on December 11, 2025:

Bill Number 250534
Bill Number 250573
Bill Number 250841
Bill Number 250951
Bill Number 250952
Bill Number 250953
Bill Number 250954
Bill Number 250981
Bill Number 251017
Bill Number 251018
Bill Number 251019
Bill Number 251023

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260012)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

(File No. 260013)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 07, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on January 07, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on December 04, 2025:

Bill No. 250708
Bill No. 250709
Bill No. 250834

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260014)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 13, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on January 13, 2026, I signed the following bill, which was passed by Council at its session on December 11, 2025:

Bill No. 250833

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260015)

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 20, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on January 20, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on December 11, 2025:

Bill No. 250646-A

Bill No. 250651-A

Bill No. 250950

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260016)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 20, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am pleased to advise you that on January 20, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on December 04, 2025:

Bill No. 240304-A

Bill No. 250607

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260017)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 250720, introduced by Councilmember Michael Driscoll, and passed by the City Council on December 11, 2025. This bill would amend the Philadelphia Code to add parts of the Sixth Councilmanic District to the current list of areas in which certain vehicular mobile service activity is restricted.

Because Bill Number 250720 does not include exceptions for any vehicular mobile service activity in the areas covered by this bill, I am returning Bill Number 250720 unsigned.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260018)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 250804-A, introduced by Councilmember Jamie Gauthier, and passed by the City Council on December 11, 2025. This bill would amend certain provisions of Chapter 14-500 of the Philadelphia Code by creating the “UCO, University-Community Overlay District.”

On December 2, 2025, I transmitted a letter to the City Council conveying the City Planning Commission’s vote of “not for approval” on Bill Number 250804-A. Because the City Planning Commission voted unfavorably on this bill, I am returning Bill Number 250804-A unsigned.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260019)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

January 21, 2026

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

Bill Number 250986 - Approval

Bill Number 251067 - Approval

Bill Number 251101 - Not for approval

Bill Number 251102 - Approval

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 260020)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 260021: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes, and Collections,” to amend excluded transactions to the realty transfer tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 260022: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Main Street, Ridge Avenue, the Wissahickon Creek, Kelly Drive, Falls Road, the Schuylkill River, and Dawson Street extended.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 260023: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the removal of the Members of the Board of Education by establishing a process by which City Council may remove such Members as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of an election

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the election.

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

Bill No. 260024: An Ordinance Creating Title 9 Chapter 6700 of The Philadelphia Code, to create licensure for Certified Glass and Metal Technicians, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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

Bill No. 260025: An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership, and maintenance of various encroachments along the 300 Block of South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, 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. 260026: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of parking on Columbia Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 260027: An Ordinance Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Community Child Welfare Commission; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

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

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Resolution No. 260028: 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.

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

Resolution No. 260029: 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.

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

Resolution No. 260030: Resolution Honoring the African American Children’s Book Project on the Occasion of its 34th Annual African American Children’s Book Fair.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 260031: 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.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 260032: 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.

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

Resolution No. 260033: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

fee simple title to 2045 S. 56th Street; 5123, 5125, 5127, 5129 Baltimore Avenue in the 3rd 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 Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

Resolution No. 260034: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 134, 138, and 140 N 58th St located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 260035: Resolution Recognizing January 28, 2026 as National Data Privacy Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 260036: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2039 E. Fletcher Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 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. 260037: Resolution Approving the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the American Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated as Revised Parcel No. 8, Revised Parcel No. 9 and Parcel No. 10A, also sometimes identified by house numbers and street addresses for Revised Parcel No. 8 as 1700-34 N. American Street, for Revised Parcel No. 9 as 1703-69 N. Bodine Street (including 229-33 Cecil B. Moore Avenue), and for Parcel No. 10A as 1736-54 N. American Street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement with 1700 North American Street, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the Third Amendment to Redevelopment Agreement.

Councilmember Young Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Young:

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Resolution No. 260038: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the removal of the Members of the Board of Education by establishing a process by which City Council may remove such Members and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 260039: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1909 N. Van Pelt Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 260040: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1437, 1438, 1539, 1544, 1546, and 1610 Ogden St; 863 N 15th St; 841, 845, and 851 N 16th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 260041: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1802-04 N. Franklin Street, 1803, 1807-25 N. 8th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 260042: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1403, 1409, 1415, 1428, 1436, 1441 N. 17th Street, 1624, 1626 Jefferson Street located in the 5th 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. 260043: Resolution Recognizing January 22nd as the anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Resolution No. 260044: Resolution Expressing the City Council's priorities for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 95 Revive Project from Center City to South Philadelphia

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Squilla, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 260045: Resolution Honoring Father Joseph J. Kelley by renaming the 2400 block of South 17th Street as "Father Joseph Kelley Way" in recognition of his dedicated Pastoral leadership at Saint Monica Parish and his longstanding service to the South Philadelphia community.

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

Resolution No. 260046: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2726 N. 15th Street in the 8th 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 Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

Resolution No. 260047: 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.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 260048: 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.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 260049: 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.

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

Resolution No. 260050: Resolution 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 relating to the creation of the Community Child Welfare Commission; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Resolution No. 260051: 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.

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

Resolution No. 260052: Resolution Recognizing January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Committees today.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

There were no Bills on First Reading today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stefan Roots, Mayor of Chester 250768
Mariza Padua 250990
Loyd Bastin 250768
Kate Perez 251027
Mike Ewall 250768
Kim Bradford 250768
Jasmine Bahamonde 250768
Alex Piscatelli 250768
RaMona Jones 250768
Matt Toomey 250768
Shari Hersh 250768
Jeremy Blatstein 251065
Queen Judith Robinson 251065
Bruce Griffith 250768
B.P. Lyles 250768
Sandra Calhoun 250768
John Scott 250768
Angela Reese Phillips Resolution
Linnea Bond 250768
Alyssa Wilds 250768
Dawn Pierce 250768
Mitch Chanin 250768
Andrea Robinson 250768
Kelly Devlin 250990
Mike Van Brunt 250768
LaQuisha Anthony 250990
David Krohn 250768
Joanna Otero-Cruz 250990
Natalie Proud 250990
Jasmine Greene and Nicole Barkley-Jones 250990
Dawn Colbourne 251065
Zahra Riley Brooks Introducing
Lisa Hastings 250768
Rochelle Lashley 251065
Towanda Tynes 250768
Nidir Muhammad 250768
Ava Muhammad 250768
David Jenkins 251065
Sarah Green Brooks Introducing
Kingsley O'Nwuka 250768
Zulene Mayfield 250768
Randy Falice Young Resolution

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Justin Johnson 250768
Carol Swingle 250768
John Flemming Young Resolution
Dwayne Walker 250768
Lynn Landes 250843
Signe Espihoza Brooks Resolution
Dianne Mitchell 250843
Karen Milton 250768
Bigga Dre 250768
Patricia Zirin Kronheim 250768
Melissa Ardizzone Brooks Introducing
Zahra Riley Brooks Introducing
Hannah Marcovitch Zahra Riley
Ogbonna Hagins 250303
Bria George Zahra Riley

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2026.

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. 250303: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 250986: 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.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250990: 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.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 251027, as amended: 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.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 251065: 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

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

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.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 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

Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260028: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260029: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260030: Resolution Honoring the African American Children’s Book Project on the Occasion of its 34th Annual African American Children’s Book Fair.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260031: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Irv Randolph for his retirement after 31 years of distinguished service to The Philadelphia Tribune and for

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

his lasting contributions to journalism and the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 260032: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 260035: Resolution Recognizing January 28, 2026 as National Data Privacy Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 260043: Resolution Recognizing January 22nd as the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 260047: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 260048: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Resolution No. 260049: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 260051: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 260052: Resolution Recognizing January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Ahmad, and Councilmember Harrity

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday January 29, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.