

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, February 19, 2026

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.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

241070-A**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.

251108**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Office of the Youth Ombudsperson; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

260097**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution expressing support for Jerome Richardson and our First Amendment rights in the face of political persecution against protestors by the Trump Administration.

260099**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution renaming the 3000 Block of West Harper Street “Joyce Hill Way” to honor the life and legacy of Joyce Hill.

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.

250917**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “VDO, Fifth District Overlay District,” to provide for building requirements to prevent vacant lots, all under certain terms and conditions.

250980**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” by requiring non-resident landlords to provide verifiable contact information and a designated local contact and establishing penalties for non-compliance, all under certain terms and conditions.

250989-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by adding a new Section to impose a temporary moratorium on the breeding and transfer of puppies, 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.

251097**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Responsible Business Operations,” to add illegal sales of tobacco products to minors and unlicensed tobacco retailing as nuisance behaviors, and require completion of a Department-approved Tobacco Retailer Education and Compliance Training as a condition of lifting a Cease Operations Order, all under certain terms and conditions.

251098**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

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 relating to the creation of the Office of the Youth Ombudsperson; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS****260116****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution recognizing and Celebrating The Philadelphia Heritage and Phila Montco Branches of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

260117**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring the leadership and service of Reverend Tony Pritchette for his unwavering commitment to spiritual empowerment, community outreach, and restorative justice in the City of Philadelphia in recognition of Black History Month.

260118**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring Pastor Rob Harrison of New Journey Christian Center and celebrating the vital role of faith leaders in shaping, uplifting, and strengthening the Germantown community and the City of Philadelphia in recognition of Black History Month.

260120**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution honoring Ukrainian organizations in Philadelphia for their service to Ukrainian Americans, Ukrainian refugees, and the broader Philadelphia community.

260121**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution honoring and congratulating Philadelphia Gay News on the distinguished occasion of its 50th anniversary in Philadelphia, serving as Philadelphia's longest-running LGBTQ+ publication, and serving as a vital independent voice that advances equality, visibility, and community.

260124**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution celebrating and honoring Vashti DuBois, Val Gay, Facetta Garrison-Greene, and the Black women who are leaders of culture and arts in the City and devote their lives to improving the arts and culture of Philadelphia, on the occasion of Black History Month.

260126**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution recognizing the beginning of the Lenten season, a sacred period of reflection, prayer, fasting, and service observed by millions of Christians in Philadelphia and throughout the world.

260127**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution recognizing and honoring the life of trailblazing Civil Rights leader, dedicated public servant, and lifelong activist, Reverend Jesse Jackson.

260128**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing Saturday, February 21, 2026, as International Mother Language Day to honor the brave souls who, on this day in 1952, sacrificed their lives to retain the right to use their mother language Bangla, also known as Bengali.