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Thursday, May 15, 2025

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 14 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, O'Neill, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

ABSENT: 3 - Councilmembers Jones, Lozada and Phillips

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, May 8, 2025.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson requested leave of absence for Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Lozada, and Councilmember Phillips

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting an Ordinance that on May 14, 2025, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on May 01, 2025:

Bill No. 250207

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Bill No. 250242

Bill No. 250243

Bill No. 250244 (File No. 250558)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of funds in connection therewith, and acknowledging receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250559)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, as amended. (File No. 250560)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting 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; 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. (File No. 250561)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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Transmitting an Ordinance constituting the Twenty-Eighth Supplemental Ordinance to the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989, as supplemented; authorizing the Bond Committee to issue and sell one or more series or subseries of tax-exempt or taxable water and wastewater revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds; authorizing agreements to provide credit enhancement or payment or liquidity sources (or any combination of the foregoing) for such Bonds; providing that such Bonds shall bear interest at fixed or variable rates; determining the sufficiency of pledged Project Revenues; authorizing the Director of Finance to take certain actions with regard to the sale of such Bonds, the investment of proceeds thereof and the City's continuing disclosure obligations with respect to such Bonds; setting forth the use of proceeds of such Bonds; covenanting the payment of interest and principal; supplementing the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989; and specifying applicability of sections of The First Class City Revenue Bond Act and the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989. (File No. 250562)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing an increase in the non-electoral indebtedness of the City within the Pennsylvania constitutional limit; authorizing the Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale, to provide funds toward various capital municipal purposes; providing for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment of such bonds; and authorizing agreements to provide credit or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds in connection with issuance of the bonds, and certain other actions. (File No. 250563)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant; to file applications to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and to apply for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant; and to file applications with the Commonwealth to obtain grants under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to file applications to obtain other grants from the Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understandings and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants; all under certain

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terms and conditions. (File No. 250564)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of certain City property, and property held by certain City-related agencies, to end users in support of the Mayor's Housing Opportunities Made Easy (H.O.M.E) initiative, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250565)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250523: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 250524: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-802 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Motor Vehicle Parking Ratios," by removing residential parking ratio minimums for the CMX-4 and CMX-5 Zoning Districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 250525: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning, for the creation of a new zoning district entitled "RTA-2, Residential Two-Family Attached", all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Lozada, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Brooks, Harrity, Driscoll and Squilla:

Bill No. 250526: An Ordinance Renaming the Wissinoming Recreation Center to the

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“Margaret Tartaglione Recreation Center” to honor the life and legacy of Margaret “Marge” Tartaglione, a pioneering public servant and leader in Philadelphia’s politics.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25052600](#)

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

Resolution No. 250527: Resolution Calling for the creation of a Special Committee on Early Childhood Development to evaluate, support, and strengthen Philadelphia’s early childhood care and education systems, with the goal of improving outcomes for children from birth through age five and addressing the broader issues of poverty, equity, and economic opportunity.

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

Bill No. 250528: An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of funds in connection therewith, and acknowledging receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 250529: An Ordinance Approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, as amended.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25052900](#)

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

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Bill No. 250530: An Ordinance Authorizing an increase in the non-electoral indebtedness of the City within the Pennsylvania constitutional limit; authorizing the Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale, to provide funds toward various capital municipal purposes; providing for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment of such bonds; and authorizing agreements to provide credit or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds in connection with issuance of the bonds, and certain other actions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053000](#)

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

Bill No. 250531: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-4103 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to “Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces,” to provide that employees covered by a bona fide collective bargaining agreement are eligible for paid and unpaid leave, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053100](#)

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

Bill No. 250532: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Farmers’ Markets” by changing the boundaries of a permissible location on North 22nd Street, all under certain terms and conditions

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053200](#)

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

Bill No. 250533: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-810 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Weapons and Dangerous Devices,” by revising and clarifying unlawful weapons and dangerous devices and unlawful conduct, and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Attachments: [Bill No. 25053300](#)

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

Bill No. 250534: An Ordinance Continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District (“District”) beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; approving a change of the boundaries of the District to include 6700 Rowland Avenue to the service area; approving a change of boundaries of the District to remove from the service area 4014 through 4034 Robbins Street as well as 3501 through 3539 Ryan Avenue; continuing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district management association for the District; approving a plan for and report concerning the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and reauthorizing the Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053400](#)

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

Bill No. 250535: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to add provisions related to vehicle parking in front of a fire hydrant, to provide for the removal or immobilization of such vehicles and for other penalties, and to make related technical changes, 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. 250536: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 762 S 9th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053600](#)

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

Bill No. 250537: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in and to all or a portion of the properties known as 4368, 4370, 4372, 4374 Germantown Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053700](#)

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

Bill No. 250538: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in and to all or a portion of the properties known as 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925 and 1927 Cayuga Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25053800](#)

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

Resolution No. 250539: Resolution Confirming the appointment of Ryan McAdams to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 250540: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to investigate challenges and make recommendations for a strategic plan for the Philadelphia High School for Creative and

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Performing Arts.

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

Resolution No. 250541: Resolution Declaring May 21, 2025, as Frank Kameny Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250542: Resolution Recognizing May 28, 2025, as LGBTQ+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia to shed light on domestic, family, and intimate partner violence in LGBTQ+ communities.

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

Resolution No. 250543: Resolution Declaring May 16, 2025, as National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day in the City of Philadelphia, a day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ elders who have been pivotal in the fight for justice, equity, and rights for every member of the LGBTQ+ community.

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

Resolution No. 250544: Resolution Declaring June 2025 LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250545: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Qidere Johnson, known professionally at LQP Qua - a Philadelphia Rapper who used his platform to speak out against gun violence and became widely recognized as the Voice of the Youth.

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

Resolution No. 250546: Resolution Recognizing the month of May 2025 as "National Foster Care Month" in the City of Philadelphia

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

Resolution No. 250547: Resolution Also naming the 1900 block of N. Judson Street as “Sister Mary Scullion Way”.

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

Resolution No. 250548: Resolution Also naming Firth Street between 15th Street and Sydenham Street as “Earl Young Way.”

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

Resolution No. 250549: Resolution Recognizing May as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250550: Resolution Calling on the Federal government to maintain its antitrust litigation that would break up Meta’s social media monopoly.

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

Resolution No. 250551: Resolution Honoring the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 267th Pope and celebrating his connections to the Philadelphia area.

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

Resolution No. 250552: Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Dual Asian American Pacific Islander and Jewish American Heritage Month in Philadelphia to pay tribute to the rich history and significant contributions made by generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Jewish Americans to our Country, Commonwealth, and City.

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

Resolution No. 250553: Resolution Initiating action to continue the Mayfair Business Improvement District beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of

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Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; and for which Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, serves as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association; approving a preliminary plan for and report concerning the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act, prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally establish the District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 250554: Resolution Also naming 7th Street between Bigler Street and the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76) as “SEYAA Way” to honor the Southeast Youth Athletic Association.

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

Resolution No. 250555: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold a hearing to explore strategies for incorporating youth voices in Parks and Recreation advisory councils and decision-making processes.

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

Resolution No. 250556: Resolution Authorizing the Special Committee on Child Separation and the Committee on Health and Human Services to hold a joint hearing to investigate the recent provisional licensing status of the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center, and to examine the implications of alleged misconduct, breaches of confidential information, and overall child safety within Philadelphia’s juvenile detention and child welfare systems.

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

Resolution No. 250557: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 2025 Philippine Independence Week Celebration in Philadelphia, taking place from June 7th to June 21st.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Resolution No. 250403: Resolution Appointing Chris Cullom to the Board of Directors of the Center City District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 250404: Resolution Appointing Allan Domb to the Board of Directors of the Center City District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 250405: Resolution Appointing Jim Pearlstein to the Board of Directors of the Center City District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 250406: Resolution Reappointing Carol Watson to the Board of Directors of the Center City District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 250407: Resolution Reappointing Tina Byles Williams to the Board of Directors of the Center City District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Bill No. 250273: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise procedures for operation of an automated vehicle noise enforcement system and creating Section 12-1138, entitled "Automated Vehicle Noise Enforcement".

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250273.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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Attachments: [Bill No. 25027300](#)

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

Bill No. 250325, as amended: An Ordinance Amending subsection 9-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Street Vendors," by permitting vendors licensed to operate on certain City streets from certain otherwise prohibited conduct; all 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. 250325, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250327: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 5313 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19139, 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. 250327.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032700](#)

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

Bill No. 250367: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 180560), approved July 10, 2018, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 250 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Montour Street from Adams Avenue to Foulkrod Street, under certain terms and conditions" by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250367.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25036700](#)

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

Bill No. 250368: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters and benches in the vicinity of 2300 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19103, 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. 250368.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250369: An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 2700 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, 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. 250369.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25036900](#)

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

Bill No. 250370: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 1855 Gladstone Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145, 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. 250370.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037000](#)

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

Bill No. 250374, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 115 E Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125, 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. 250374, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037400](#)

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

Bill No. 250377: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 306 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Brill Street from Richmond Street to Salmon Street, striking from the City Plan and vacating Salmon Street from Brill Street to the northeasterly required right-of-way line of Bridge

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Street, and reserving and placing on the City Plan rights-of-way for various public utility purposes and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said public utility rights-of-way, all 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. 250377.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037700](#)

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

Bill No. 250381: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of pedestrian lights in the vicinity of 416-38 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 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. 250381.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25038100](#)

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

Bill No. 250382: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations on the 1000 block of Ludlow Street between 10th Street and 11th Street, 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. 250382.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25038200](#)

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 250273: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise procedures for operation of an automated vehicle noise enforcement system and creating Section 12-1138, entitled "Automated Vehicle Noise Enforcement".

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25027300](#)

Bill No. 250325, as amended: An Ordinance Amending subsection 9-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Street Vendors," by permitting vendors licensed to operate on certain City streets from certain otherwise prohibited conduct; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250327: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 5313 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19139, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032700](#)

Bill No. 250367: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 180560), approved July 10, 2018, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 250 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Montour Street from Adams Avenue to Foulkrod Street, under certain terms and conditions" by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25036700](#)

Bill No. 250368: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters and benches in the vicinity of 2300 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19103, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250369: An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 2700 S 10th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25036900](#)

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Bill No. 250370: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 1855 Gladstone Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037000](#)

Bill No. 250374, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 115 E Girard Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037400](#)

Bill No. 250377: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 306 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Brill Street from Richmond Street to Salmon Street, striking from the City Plan and vacating Salmon Street from Brill Street to the northeasterly required right-of-way line of Bridge Street, and reserving and placing on the City Plan rights-of-way for various public utility purposes and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said public utility rights-of-way, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25037700](#)

Bill No. 250381: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of pedestrian lights in the vicinity of 416-38 Spring Garden St, Philadelphia, PA 19123, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25038100](#)

Bill No. 250382: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations on the 1000 block of Ludlow Street between 10th Street and 11th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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Attachments: [Bill No. 25038200](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tamara Davis CP Johnson Resolution
Keisha Washington
Freeway CP Johnson Resolution
Pastor Carl Day CP Johnson Resolution
Cynthaya Johnson CP Johnson Resolution
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Helen McCrary 250461
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Tonya Hinton Green Lupus Awareness
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MAY 15, 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 Squilla called up:

Resolution No. 250461: Resolution Also naming South Broad Street between Pine and Lombard Streets as “Teddy Pendergrass Way” to honor the life and legacy of South Philadelphia legendary entertainer Teddy Pendergrass.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Absent: 3 Councilmembers Jones, Lozada and Phillips

Ayes: 14 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, O'Neill, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250504: Resolution Renaming the 4700 block of Rising Sun Avenue between Wyoming and Mascher Streets to "Officer Lauretha A. Vaird Way" in honor of her bravery, sacrifice, and dedication to public service.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 250507: Resolution Declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250509: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 423-27, 429-39 (incl. 429-39 Rear) East Ashmead Street; 226, 260, 278, 313 (a/k/a 313-15) East Bringhurst Street; 49 East Earlham Street; 4635 Germantown Avenue; 30 Good Street; 5608, 5618, 5619, 5642, 5669 Heiskell Street; 4946 Keyser Street; 5514, 5515, 5642 Morton Street; 6672, 6674 Musgrave Street; 53 East Pastorius Street; 207 East Penn Street; 248 East Phil Ellena Street; 42, 44 Reger Street; 35 East Seymour Street; 227, 261, 263 East Sharpnack Street; 218, 326, 342, 343 Shedaker Street; 4951, 4957, 4961, 4975 Sheldon Street; 111, 112 East Springer Street; and 4925, 5222 Wakefield Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250510: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1520-40 Venango Street and 1600-20 Venango Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250540: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to investigate challenges and make recommendations for a strategic plan for the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250541: Resolution Declaring May 21, 2025, as Frank Kameny Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250542: Resolution Recognizing May 28, 2025, as LGBTQ+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia to shed light on domestic, family, and intimate partner violence in LGBTQ+ communities.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250543: Resolution Declaring May 16, 2025, as National Honor Our LGBTQ+ Elders Day in the City of Philadelphia, a day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ elders who have been pivotal in the fight for justice, equity, and rights for every member of the LGBTQ+ community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250544: Resolution Declaring June 2025 LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250545: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Qidere Johnson, known professionally at LGP Qua - a Philadelphia Rapper who used his platform to speak out against gun violence and became widely recognized as the Voice of the Youth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250546: Resolution Recognizing the month of May 2025 as “National Foster Care Month” in the City of Philadelphia

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 250549: Resolution Recognizing May as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250551: Resolution Honoring the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 267th Pope and celebrating his connections to the Philadelphia area.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 250552: Resolution Proclaiming May 2025 as Dual Asian American Pacific Islander and Jewish American Heritage Month in Philadelphia to pay tribute to the rich history and significant contributions made by generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Jewish Americans to our Country, Commonwealth, and City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250555: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold a hearing to explore strategies for incorporating youth voices in Parks and Recreation advisory councils and decision-making processes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250556: Resolution Authorizing the Special Committee on Child Separation and the Committee on Health and Human Services to hold a joint hearing to investigate the recent provisional licensing status of the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center, and to examine the implications of alleged misconduct, breaches of confidential information, and overall child safety within Philadelphia's juvenile detention and child welfare systems.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 250557: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 2025 Philippine Independence Week Celebration in Philadelphia, taking place from June 7th to June 21st.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Harrity, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Thomas, and Councilmember Ahmad

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday, May 29, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.