

City of Philadelphia

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



Meeting Minutes (Long)

Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 2 - Councilmembers Jones and O'Neill

INVOCATION

Council met, a quorum being present.

PASTOR LYNN PARKS OF THE OXFORD CIRCLE MENNONITE CHURCH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of Thursday November 13, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmembers Jones and O'Neill

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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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

Approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including

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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 2027 through 2031, as amended.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251005)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aviation to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest by purchase, amicable negotiation, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, in and to all or portions of a certain parcel of land known as 4521 Island Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251006)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an amendment to a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority, for use by the City of all or a portion of the premises located at 1600-26 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251007)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

November 19, 2025

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

Authorizing real estate transactions by the Commissioner of Public Property, the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority and the Philadelphia Land Bank necessary to permit the City of Philadelphia to acquire property bounded by Island Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, South 77th Street, Buist Avenue, South 78th Street, Cobbs Creek waterway, the vacated section of South 75th, and the former Grays Avenue, including property known as Cibotti Recreation Center, all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

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Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251008)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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**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

Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development or the Philadelphia Municipal Authority to fit out a Health Center Facility based on plans and specifications acceptable to the City that will be developed on premises located on Frankford Avenue in the vicinity of Pratt Street and Dyre Street and to repay the landlord for the costs of the fit out, under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251009)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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**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

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Amending Bill No. 250103, (approved June 13, 2025) entitled “Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Energy Authority for coordination of a guaranteed energy savings contract for implementation and evaluation of energy conservation measures designed to reduce energy, water, wastewater, or other consumption or operating costs at specified City properties, all under certain terms and conditions,” to clarify the scope of the guaranteed energy savings contract and make related technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251010)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Confirming the appointment of Wesley R. Payne, IV, as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2029.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251011)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Appointing Patrick Christmas to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251012)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Reappointing Allison Hindman-Harvey to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251013)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Reappointing Adam Shapiro to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251014)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Appointing Rafael Licht to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251015)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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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

Appointing Marlene Clark to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,
Cherelle L. Parker
Mayor (File No. 251016)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 251017: An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of the Department of Aviation to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest by purchase, amicable negotiation, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, in and to all or portions of a certain parcel of land known as 4521 Island Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25101700](#)

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

Bill No. 251018: An Ordinance Approving the amendment of 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) subject to certain

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constraints and conditions and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, as amended.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25101800](#)

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

Bill No. 251019: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 250103, (approved June 13, 2025) entitled “Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Energy Authority for coordination of a guaranteed energy savings contract for implementation and evaluation of energy conservation measures designed to reduce energy, water, wastewater, or other consumption or operating costs at specified City properties, all under certain terms and conditions,” to clarify the scope of the guaranteed energy savings contract and make related technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25101900](#)

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

Bill No. 251020: An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1604 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Charges Where Water Meter Has Become Defective,” by authorizing the reduction of customer water bills due to defective or inaccurate water meters, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102000](#)

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

Bill No. 251021: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Water and Sewer Rents,” by revising income eligibility standards for rate discounts and installment payment agreements, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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Attachments: [Bill No. 25102100](#)

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

Bill No. 251022-A: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Cafés,” to revise standards and requirements associated with Sidewalk Cafés, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102200](#)

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

Bill No. 251023: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development or the Philadelphia Municipal Authority to fit out a Health Center Facility based on plans and specifications acceptable to the City that will be developed on premises located on Frankford Avenue in the vicinity of Pratt Street and Dyre Street and to repay the landlord for the costs of the fit out, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102300](#)

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

Bill No. 251024: An Ordinance Amending Section 19-926 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Center City Parking regulations,” to confirm regulations adopted by the Department of Streets that establish and revise loading zone regulations in additional portions of the Center City area; and to reauthorize changes and additions to such regulations; all under certain terms and conditions.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102400](#)

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

Bill No. 251025: An Ordinance Regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Ryan Avenue between Leon Street and Frankford Avenue.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102500](#)

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

Bill No. 251026: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Business Income and Receipts Taxes”) to exempt sole proprietorships and single-member limited liability companies from some or all of the Business Income and Receipts Tax, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102600](#)

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

Bill No. 251027: 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 REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102700](#)

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

Bill No. 251028: An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of various encroachments in the vicinity of 510 N Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19123, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102800](#)

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

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Bill No. 251029: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to provide for designated transportation network company vehicle stands, definitions and prohibitions, clarifying penalties related to bus, taxicab and TNC vehicle stands, amending violations subject to camera-based parking enforcement, and amending parking violations subject to towing, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25102900](#)

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

Bill No. 251030: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-1000 of The Philadelphia Code (“Historic Preservation”) to revise procedures and requirements related to designation of historic properties and districts, including notification requirements; revising procedures concerning permit applications while designation determinations are pending; amending related Zoning Code definitions; and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25103000](#)

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

Bill No. 251031: An Ordinance Repealing in its entirety Bill No. 241055 (approved December 23, 2024), entitled “An ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Packer Avenue, Seventh Street, Pattison Avenue, and Darien Street. To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-541 entitled “/PAK, Packer Avenue Overlay District and making other related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.”

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25103100](#)

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

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Bill No. 251032: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by amending Section 14-530, entitled “Eighth District Overlay District” to add a section on Supplemental Use Regulations and making related changes all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25103200](#)

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

Resolution No. 251033: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Inner Strength Education during the celebration of its 10-Year Anniversary for its decade of transformative work empowering Philadelphia's youth through mindfulness-based social-emotional learning, trauma-sensitive mentoring, and whole-person developmental programming, as part of the Children & Youth Spotlight, which celebrates community-centered organizations uplifting young people across the City.

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

Resolution No. 251034: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to hold hearings on the state of the economy for Black women in Philadelphia

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

Resolution No. 251035: Resolution Recognizing and determining that Bill No. 250804 remains under active consideration by this Council.

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

Resolution No. 251036: Resolution Authorizing the Joint Committees on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless and on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to investigate the impacts of unaffordable water bills on residential tenants in Philadelphia and to seek out best practices, policy changes, and new ideas to make water affordability and assistance programs more available for residential tenants.

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

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Resolution No. 251037: Resolution Congratulating the Philadelphia restaurants earning the City's first Michelin Stars and recognizing the historic milestone of Philadelphia entering the Michelin Guide.

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

Resolution No. 251038: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the revitalization of the Bok Building into a hub for artists, makers, and small businesses.

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

Resolution No. 251039: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and proclaiming November 30, 2025, as "St. Christopher's Hospital for Children 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. 251040: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2230 N. 3rd Street located in the 7th 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. 251041: Resolution Recognizing, honoring and celebrating Shirley Chisholm on her birthday, this November 30th.

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

Resolution No. 251042: Resolution Recognizing November 20th as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 251043: Resolution Celebrating and honoring the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People this November 29, 2025.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage

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Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

Resolution No. 251044: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings exploring globally equitable public budgeting practices as a hallmark of Philadelphia's emergence as a leading global City.

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

Resolution No. 251045: Resolution Recognizing the launch of Finanta Credit Union, a Low Income Designated Credit Union, and honoring Finata's ongoing dedication to the residents of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 251046: Resolution Reappointing Adam Shapiro to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

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

Resolution No. 251047: Resolution Appointing Rafael Licht to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

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

Resolution No. 251048: Resolution Reappointing Allison Hindman-Harvey to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

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

Resolution No. 251049: Resolution Appointing Marlene Clark to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

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

Resolution No. 251050: Resolution Authorizing Councilmember Cindy Bass's appeal, on behalf of and as representative of City Council, of the decision of the Department of Licenses and Inspections with respect to 6930 Ardleigh Street.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution No. 250612: Resolution Appointing Nicole Conrad to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

Resolution No. 250613: Resolution Reappointing Nathan Muchnick to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

Resolution No. 250820: Resolution Appointing Mark Graefe to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE

Bill No. 250607, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Procurement Contracts," by revising Section 17-101, entitled "Prequalification of Prospective Bidders for Contracts for Construction of Public Works," to establish minimum workforce training requirements and documentation standards for contractors and subcontractors on public works projects, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250607, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Bill No. 241056: 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

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employment before becoming candidates for public office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 241056.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 241070: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

Bill No. 250651-A: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 ("Finance, Taxes and Collections") of The Philadelphia Code to add a new chapter creating the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Program as an automated savings program for certain employees in the City of Philadelphia, to establish the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board, and to establish the Retirement Savings Administrative Fund, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250651-A.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25065100](#)

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

Bill No. 250950: 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 Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250950.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095000](#)

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

Resolution No. 250970-A: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Bill No. 250768: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250768.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076800](#)

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 250607, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Procurement Contracts," by revising Section 17-101, entitled "Prequalification of Prospective Bidders for Contracts for Construction of Public Works," to establish minimum workforce training requirements and documentation standards for contractors and subcontractors on public works projects, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 241056, as amended: 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

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appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

Bill No. 250651-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 ("Finance, Taxes and Collections") of The Philadelphia Code to add a new chapter creating the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Program as an automated savings program for certain employees in the City of Philadelphia, to establish the Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board, and to establish the Retirement Savings Administrative Fund, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25065100](#)

Bill No. 250950, as amended: 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 Philadelphia Retirement Savings Board; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25095000](#)

Bill No. 250768: 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.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25076800](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Rep Regina Young 2501004
Lindsey Scannapieco Resolution
Noah Griffith-Rosenberger Brooks Introducing
Elowyn Corby 250992
Elaine Fultz 250992

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Kate Perez Brooks' Introducing

Peter Ahn 251000

David Alexander Jenkins 2501004

Jeremy Blattstein 250834

Claire Alminde Lozada Introducing

Ginny McGill 250849

Bonita Cummings 250707

Andrew McLellan Brooks Introducing

Jasmine Greene 251004 250849

Jean Haskell O'Rourke Introducing

Belle Sherwood 250992

Lynn Landes 2510044

Chad Williams Landau Introducing

Samuel Kuttab Brooks Introducing

Phoebe Bachman O'Rourke Introducing

Shakaboom Marshall 250992

Amy Edekstein Phillips Introducing

Ogbonna Hagins 251000

Karen Melton 250992

Nekka A Brooks Introducing

Carmen Gillero Brooks Introducing

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NOVEMBER 20, 2024.

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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 Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250992: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania State Senate to approve House Bill 504, the Community Energy Act, and the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass this legislation to allow for the creation of community energy programs in Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 251000: Resolution Urging the City of Philadelphia to make moral investments and weigh the threat that nuclear weapons pose to all of humanity and our environment in light of the Trump administration's decision to restart testing of nuclear weapons and proposal to build a nuclear submarine right here in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 251004: Resolution Calling on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to take swift and decisive action to pass House Bill 1286 as an effective measure to combat human trafficking in Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 250648: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by North Street, Broad Street, Wallace Street, and 15th Street.

Councilmember Young

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25064800](#)

THE BILL WAS RECOMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Bill No. 250707: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Development Impact Tax,” to clarify the exemption for rental housing projects, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250831: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-602 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Tables” by allowing Basic Utilities and Services uses without a Special Exception in certain Special Purpose districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25083100](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250848: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Chew Avenue, Church Lane, and East Wister Street.

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THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25084800](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250849, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination,” to explicitly protect employees from discrimination on the basis of menstruation, perimenopause, and menopause, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25084900](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250887-A, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Philadelphia to construct, own, and maintain right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25088700](#)

Bill No. 250888-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions” by adding a new chapter to prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services from arranging unauthorized restaurant reservations with food service establishments and to provide for definitions, prohibited acts, penalties, and enforcement, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25088800](#)

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Bill No. 250890: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-503 of The Philadelphia Code to prohibit the unlawful trading, theft, and trafficking of catalytic converters and motor vehicle parts containing precious metals, and to increase penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25089000](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250891: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by N. Sydenham Street, Venango Street, N. Smedley Street, and W. Tioga Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25089100](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250916: An Ordinance Granting permission to Haverford Business Association to install and maintain encroachments in the nature of decorative lighting fixtures, attached to existing facilities owned by the City or other entities, subject to such owner's consent; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25091600](#)

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Lozada, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Phillips called up:

Resolution No. 251033: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Inner Strength Education during the celebration of its 10-Year Anniversary for its decade of transformative work empowering Philadelphia's youth through mindfulness-based social-emotional learning, trauma-sensitive mentoring, and whole-person developmental programming, as part of the Children & Youth Spotlight, which celebrates community-centered organizations uplifting young people across the City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 251034: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to hold hearings on the state of the economy for Black women in Philadelphia

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 251036: Resolution Authorizing the Joint Committees on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless and on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to investigate the impacts of unaffordable water bills on residential tenants in Philadelphia and to seek out best practices, policy changes, and new ideas to make water affordability and assistance programs more available for residential tenants.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 251037: Resolution Congratulating the Philadelphia restaurants earning the City's first Michelin Stars and recognizing the historic milestone of Philadelphia entering the Michelin Guide.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 251038: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the revitalization of the Bok Building into a hub for artists, makers, and

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small businesses.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 251039: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating the 150th Anniversary of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and proclaiming November 30, 2025, as "St. Christopher's Hospital for Children Day" in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 251041: Resolution Recognizing, honoring and celebrating Shirley Chisholm on her birthday, this November 30th.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 251042: Resolution Recognizing November 20th as Transgender Day of Remembrance in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 251043: Resolution Celebrating and honoring the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People this November 29, 2025.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 251044: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings exploring globally equitable public budgeting practices as a hallmark of Philadelphia's emergence as a leading global City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 251045: Resolution Recognizing the launch of Finanta Credit Union, a Low Income Designated Credit Union, and honoring Finata's ongoing dedication to

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the residents of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SUSPENSION CALENDAR

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

THE BILL WAS ORDERED REMOVED FROM SUSPENSION CALENDAR, READ AND PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Driscoll, and Councilmember Squilla

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday December 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.