

# City of Philadelphia

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



## Meeting Minutes (Long)

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 400, City Hall**

**CITY COUNCIL**

## **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Thomas

## **INVOCATION**

Council met, a quorum being present.

FRIAR LUKE KIM, FROM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of Thursday February 26, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Councilmember Thomas

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

March 04, 2026

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

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

#### **AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by amending certain provisions of the CMX-1, Commercial Mixed Use, zoning*

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*district regarding uses, dimensional requirements, and parking, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260153)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising certain provisions of Section 14-513, entitled, "/TOD, Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District" to rename it "/TOC, Transit Oriented Communities Overlay District," to expand its applicability radius, and amending various sections to make changes to applicable use, dimensional and parking standards, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260154)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

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

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

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proposed Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Section 14-513 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/TOD, Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District” by exempting certain districts from ground floor use requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260155)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Section 14-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Regulations,” to allow Transit Station use in Commercial zoning districts, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260156)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

**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 installation, ownership and maintenance of right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260157)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on March 04, 2026, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on February 19, 2026:

Bill No. 250989-A  
Bill No. 251098

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260158)

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 hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 251097, introduced by Councilmember Anthony Phillips, and passed by City Council on February 19, 2026. This bill would amend the Philadelphia Code to impose new regulations on tobacco retailers and the sale of tobacco products to minors.

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While this legislation is well intentioned, the Law Department has advised that the bill is preempted by state law. For this reason, I am returning Bill Number 251097 unsigned.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260159)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 04, 2026

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

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

**Bill Number 260022 - Approval with amendments**

**Bill Number 260025 - Approval**

**Bill Number 260055 - Approval**

**Bill Number 260074 - Approval**

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor  
.End (File No. 260160)

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. 260161:** An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

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Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260162:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Service And Other Businesses”) by adding a new Section 9-631.1 to establish requirements for commercial landlords to take certain remedial action against commercial tenants who engage in tobacco retailing without a required tobacco retailer permit and establishing penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Bill No. 260163:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," to establish restrictions and regulations related to the sale of certain intoxicating substances and provide for associated penalties and enforcement, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Bill No. 260164:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to authorize bicycle lanes and the removal of travel lanes on portions of Ridge Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 260165:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-545 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled /SEV, Seventh District Overlay District by adding provisions from the /AME, American Street Overlay District, and the /NCA, Neighborhood Commercial Area Overlay District, North Delaware Avenue, removing the /AME, American Street Overlay District from the Zoning Code, and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

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**Bill No. 260166:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Stopping, Standing, or Parking at Certain Times,” to provide for regulation of such activity within an area described herein.

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. 260167:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing,” to revise certain requirements regarding the issuance of a ticket on Private Lots, Private Property and Driveways.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Bill No. 260168:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing,” by regulating the use of vehicle immobilization devices commonly known as barnacles and other non-wheel-based immobilization devices by private parking lot operators, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

**Resolution No. 260169:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Shelice’s Angels for its work empowering young women by expanding their horizons, building self-esteem, and providing resources, mentorship, and exposure to opportunities beyond their immediate environments.

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

**Resolution No. 260170:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Youth Empowerment for Advancement Hangout (YEAH) Philly for its work advancing community-based violence prevention, youth leadership, and healing-centered engagement with Black youth in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by

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Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad:

**Resolution No. 260171:** Resolution Urging the United States Congress to pass the "Protecting American History Act", which would prevent any further attempt by the federal government to whitewash Philadelphia's complex history and require the restoration of the President's House Memorial.

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

**Resolution No. 260172:** Resolution Congratulating and honoring the Deborah Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star during Women's History Month for 126 years of women-led service to the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

**Resolution No. 260173:** Resolution Recognizing March 1- 7, 2026, during Women's History Month, as Women in Construction (WIC) Week in the City of Philadelphia

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

**Resolution No. 260174:** Resolution Also naming the 5100 Block of Delancey Street as "Rasheen Hall Way" to honor the life and memory of Rasheen Hall and his lasting impact on his family, neighbors, and the West Philadelphia community.

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

**Resolution No. 260175:** Resolution Renaming the 700 Block of North 63rd Street "Madeline Dunn Way" in recognition of her lifetime of community leadership and civic engagement in West Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 260176:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. - Pennsylvania Chapter (NC100BWPA) on their annual Legislative Day and for their dedication to advancing gender and racial equity and

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empowering Black women, during Women’s History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 260177:** Resolution Declaring March 1-7, 2026 as National Consumer Protection Week 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. 260178:** Resolution Honoring the life of Nasrallah Abu Siyam, a Palestinian-Philadelphian, who was fatally shot in the village of Mukhmas in occupied West Bank, on the first day of Ramadan.

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

**Resolution No. 260179:** Resolution Also naming Buttonwood Street between Broad Street and N. 15th Street as “Dr. Constance E. Clayton Way.”

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

**Resolution No. 260180:** Resolution Celebrating Cecelia Thompson, Delores Brown-Waters, Yvonne Hughes, Icylee Lavern Basketbill, and Black women fighting for Disability Justice and accessibility for all across Philadelphia, on the occasion of Women’s History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 260181:** Resolution Proclaiming the Month of March 2026 as Irish Heritage Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring Daniel J. Hilferty for his commitment to advancing the Irish American community and service as the Grand Marshal leading the 254th Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on March 15, 2026.

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

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**Resolution No. 260182:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the life and legacy of Henrietta Lacks during Women’s History Month and further commending the Lacks family for their advocacy in reaching historic settlements with pharmaceutical companies and helping to advance national conversations about medical ethics, racial equity, and patients’ rights.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Bill No. 250769:** An Ordinance Amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Officers and Employees,” by changing the compensation of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 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. 250769.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 251066:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Records and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to execute a multi-year concession agreement with Ancestry.com in connection with the digitizing, indexing, and public access and search of City of Philadelphia Department of Records vital records, all under provisions set forth in the concession agreement substantially as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 251066.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260021.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 260112:** An Ordinance Authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and

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sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260112.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 260113:** An Ordinance Authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of an amended Service Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for gas storage services under the Transco WSS Open Access Rate Schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260113.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT,  
AND THE HOMELESS**

**Bill No. 250329:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all 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. 250329.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 250330:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code,

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entitled “Landlord and Tenant,” to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants’ rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all 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. 250330.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**Bill No. 250769:** An Ordinance Amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Officers and Employees,” by changing the compensation of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 251066:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Records and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to execute a multi-year concession agreement with Ancestry.com in connection with the digitizing, indexing, and public access and search of City of Philadelphia Department of Records vital records, all under provisions set forth in the concession agreement substantially as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

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

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

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

**Bill No. 260112:** An Ordinance Authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the

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imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.

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

**Bill No. 260113:** An Ordinance Authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of an amended Service Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for gas storage services under the Transco WSS Open Access Rate Schedule.

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

**Bill No. 250329:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 250330:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants' rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sherrif Rochelle Bilal      250136  
Jeremy Blatstein          250917  
Karla Hill            KGR Introducing  
Charles Barr            250136

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Saifulh Muohammad 250136  
Dawood Tony 250136  
David Alexander Jenkins 250980  
Ahmed Teklioglu Landau Intro  
John McAuley (215) 908-2961 250768  
Nicole Piusiensi Landau Intro  
Bilal Qayyum 260136  
Abdelhamid Siyam Abdeljaber Landau Intro  
Erin O'brien-Hofmann KGR Introduction  
Dasmin Frith KGR Introduction  
Kimura Anderson KGR Introduction  
Leslie K. Whitby KGR Introduction  
Charles Freedman 250843  
Roseanne Milanes Landau Intro  
Basam Kayed Landau Intro  
Sayel Kayed Landau Intro  
Lisa Mayer 250807  
Sister Taleah 260136  
Kelis Harris 260136  
Alex Pezanowski 250807  
Zaire Franklin Phillips Introduction  
Ogbonna Hagins 251025  
James Aye Phillips Introduction  
Mona Baishyn Phillips Introduction

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,  
MARCH 5, 2026.

**ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENT:** City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

**HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Speakers for public comment can sign up in advance, submit comments electronically, or sign up to speak the day of the meeting.

To sign up in advance, speakers may call 215-686-3406 or email [chiefclerk@phila.gov](mailto:chiefclerk@phila.gov) by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting. Speakers who sign up in advance will be added to the list. Speakers must provide the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
  - Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
  - Telephone number where you can be reached
    - Street address

Speakers may also submit public comment electronically by email to [chiefclerk@phila.gov](mailto:chiefclerk@phila.gov) no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting, preferably as a PDF attachment to the email. Electronic submissions become part of the written record of the proceedings but they are not read aloud in Council. To sign up the day of the meeting, come to Room 400, City Hall and check

**in at the desk by the entrance.**

**\*If you require an accommodation or service to fully participate, please let the Chief Clerk's Office know when signing up for Public Comment.**

**\*If you need an interpreter for these events, please call or email the Chief Clerk's office for information about our language services.**

**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. 260136:** Resolution Also naming the 4700 Block of Wyalusing Avenue as “Philadelphia Masjid Way” in recognition of over 50 years of faith, service, leadership, and community excellence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

**Resolution No. 260139:** Resolution Calling on the PA General Assembly to take swift and decisive action to pass Pennsylvania Senate Bill 110, also known as Bryan’s Law, to amend the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act to extend line-of-duty death benefits to surviving spouses and children of first responders who die from job-related trauma, including PTSI-related suicide, ensuring equitable treatment for their families.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL  
PASSAGE**

**Bill No. 250843-A:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Refuse and Littering,” to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

**Bill No. 250917-A, as amended:** 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.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

**Bill No. 250980-A, as amended:** 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.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

## RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Phillips called up:

**Resolution No. 260169:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Shelice’s Angels for its work empowering young women by expanding their horizons, building self-esteem, and providing resources, mentorship, and exposure to opportunities beyond their immediate environments.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

**Resolution No. 260176:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. - Pennsylvania Chapter (NC100BWPA) on their annual Legislative Day and for their dedication to advancing gender and racial equity and empowering Black women, during Women's History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

**Resolution No. 260177:** Resolution Declaring March 1-7, 2026 as National Consumer Protection Week in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

**Resolution No. 260178:** Resolution Honoring the life of Nasrallah Abu Siyam, a Palestinian-Philadelphian, who was fatally shot in the village of Mukhmas in occupied West Bank, on the first day of Ramadan.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

**Resolution No. 260180:** Resolution Celebrating Cecelia Thompson, Delores Brown-Waters, Yvonne Hughes, Icylee Lavern Basketbill, and Black women fighting for Disability Justice and accessibility for all across Philadelphia, on the occasion of Women's History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

**Resolution No. 260181:** Resolution Proclaiming the Month of March 2026 as Irish Heritage Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring Daniel J. Hilferty for his commitment to advancing the Irish American community and service as the Grand Marshal leading the 254th Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2026.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

**Resolution No. 260182:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the life and legacy of Henrietta Lacks during Women’s History Month and further commending the Lacks family for their advocacy in reaching historic settlements with pharmaceutical companies and helping to advance national conversations about medical ethics, racial equity, and patients’ rights.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

There was no Special Business today.

**SPEECHES**

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, and Councilmember Bass

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, March 5, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday March 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.