

City of Philadelphia

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Meeting Minutes (Long)

Thursday, May 9, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 400

CITY COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

(File No. 240454)

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 240414: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses,” by adding a new section regulating the hours of operation of certain establishments and providing for penalties within an area bounded by Ogontz Avenue, between Haines Street and Cheltenham Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240415: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Island Avenue, the Delaware Expressway, and Bartram Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240416: 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 CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240417: An Ordinance Approving 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, and acknowledging receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240418: An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Addison street

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between S. 54th street and S. 53rd street; Baltimore avenue between S. 43rd street and S. 44th street; Irving street between S. 51st street and S. 50th street; Springfield avenue between S. 51st street and S. 52nd street; Washington avenue between S. 56th street and S. 57th street; S. 46th street between Locust street and Spruce street; Pine street between S. 62nd street and S. 63rd street; Melville street between Spruce street and Locust street; S. 54th street between Greenway avenue and Woodland avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240419: An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Irving street between S. 59th street and S. 60th street; S. 49th street between Regent street and Chester avenue; S. 46st street between Linmore avenue and Woodland avenue; Walnut street between S. 61st street and S. 62nd street; Webster street between S. 51st street and S. 52nd street; Sansom street between S. 61st street and S. 62nd street; Walton street between S. 49th street and S. 50th street; Locust street between S. 59th street and S. 60th street; Locust street between S. 49th street and S. 50th street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240420: An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Ellsworth street between S. 60th street and S. 61st street; Ruby street between Springfield avenue and Chester avenue; Sansom street between S. 60th street and S. 61st street; Webster street between S. 60th street and S. 61st street; Rodman street between S. 56th street and S. 57th street; Willows avenue between S. 53rd street and S. 54th street; Cobbs Creek parkway between Spruce street and Locust street; S. 52nd street between Chester avenue and Springfield avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240421: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Valley Avenue, Domino Lane, Ridge Avenue, Paoli Avenue, Pechin Street (extended), Ridge Avenue, Hermit Street, and Henry Avenue, and to amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-541, Ridge Avenue Neighborhoods Overlay /RAN, and making other related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240422: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a multiyear agreement with Cosmic Catering, LLC, for the management and operation of the Lloyd Hall Recreation Center Café, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240423: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Schuylkill River and the Wissahickon Creek for public recreational purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240424: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Farmers’ Markets,” by adding a permissible location at the 4th District Container Village located at 4862-70 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240425: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire a fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the Philadelphia Land Bank and the Philadelphia Housing and Development Corporation, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240426: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard, Adams Avenue, Ramona Street, Wyoming Avenue, and Whitaker Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240427: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Nonconformities,” by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240428: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Commissioner of Public Property, or any other official of the City of Philadelphia (the “City”) acting on behalf of the City from entering into, executing, or authorizing a lease extension, lease amendment, lease renewal or new agreement by and between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for or on behalf of any Commonwealth Department or Agency, at the property located at 2100 W. Girard Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

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Bill No. 240429: An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner and the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Aviation, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an amendment to a concession agreement for the development, operation and maintenance of an airport advertising program at Philadelphia International Airport; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240430: An Ordinance Amending various provisions of The Philadelphia Code to authorize revisions of various fees by regulation, including license and permit fees under Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code; license fees for food establishments under Title 6 (Health Code); license and permits under Title 9 (Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions); license under Section 10-722 (Use of Dumpsters); license under Section 11-610 (Construction Equipment); and license under Chapter 19-600 (Amusement Tax); all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240431: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, of certain parcels of land along the Delaware River in the Tacony-Holmesburg area for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating and maintaining public parks for recreational use, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240432: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Kensington Avenue, Tioga Street, Jasper Street, and Allegheny Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240433: An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to enter into a lease and concession agreement with Aero Center Northeast Philadelphia, LLC in connection with certain property at Northeast Philadelphia Airport to facilitate the development and operation of a new fixed-based operator, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240434: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System to Improve Safety on Roosevelt Boulevard," by providing for the use, administration and enforcement of

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automated speed cameras on Broad Street and making related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Bill No. 240435: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land situate at 121-25 East Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

Resolution No. 240436: Resolution Welcoming TEDxDilworthPark to the City of Philadelphia and recognizing them for their commitment to ideas worth spreading on a global scale.

Resolution No. 240437: Resolution Declaring May 5th to May 11th, 2024, as Youth Apprenticeship Week in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the impact of youth apprenticeship programs on workforce development in the City of Philadelphia.

Resolution No. 240438: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Educator of the Month, William W. Sax, for his dedication to his students at South Philadelphia High School.

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Resolution No. 240440: Resolution Proclaiming May 5th-May 11th, 2024, as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week” in the City of Philadelphia to celebrate the dedicated work of the correctional officers and staff at the Philadelphia Department of Prisons.

Resolution No. 240441: Resolution Declaring May 9, 2024 as “Black Teacher Appreciation Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

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Resolution No. 240443: Resolution Recognizing the week of May 6-10, 2024 as Well-Being Week in Law in the City of Philadelphia.

Resolution No. 240444: Resolution Also naming the 2900 block of Girard Avenue as “Lana Felton Ghee Way.”

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Resolution No. 240445: Resolution Also naming the 2300 block of Oakdale Street as “Jill Scott Lane.”

Resolution No. 240446: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 928 French Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

Resolution No. 240447: Resolution Honoring and recognizing O’Shae Leon Sibley, a dancer, choreographer, and life-changing community leader, who inspired countless performers with his passion and ambition, advocated tirelessly for Black, queer, and transgender communities, and empowered youth to find their distinct paths to greatness.

Resolution No. 240448: Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and congratulating Philabundance, the Greater Philadelphia Area’s largest hunger relief organization, on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

Resolution No. 240449: Resolution Honoring and celebrating Murrell Dobbins Career and Technical Education High School’s Mustang Barbershop for its excellence in cultivating an exemplary career and technical education program in the art of barbering.

Resolution No. 240450: Resolution Honoring the University of Pennsylvania workers whose organizing has resulted in a wave of labor victories and who are now represented by AFSCME DC 47, CIR-SEIU, OPEIU, and UAW, and calling upon the University of Pennsylvania to come to the bargaining table, without delay, and negotiate contracts in good faith with the workers.

Resolution No. 240451: Resolution Honoring Jim Tyrrell on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Aviation and recognizing Jim’s 37 years of dedicated service to the City of Philadelphia.

Resolution No. 240452: Resolution Honoring Dexter Resta for his acceptance to Yale University and recognizing Dexter’s historic achievement as the first Prep Charter High School graduate to earn a full scholarship to Yale.

Resolution No. 240453: Resolution Recognizing Mt. Airy Day, this Saturday, May 11th as we embrace the spirit of community and its enduring commitment to building bridges, breaking down barriers, and fostering a sense of belonging among all residents of Mt. Airy.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Bill No. 240220, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Red Lion Road, the Montgomery County line, the Bucks County line, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240281: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Montgomery Avenue, 10th Street, Girard Avenue, and 13th Street.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 240369: Resolution Initiating action to a neighborhood improvement District, known as the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of East Passyunk Avenue from the south side of Federal Street to the east side of South Broad Street, certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of East Passyunk Avenue, both sides of South Broad Street from the north side of McKean Street to the north side of Snyder Avenue, and the west side of South Broad Street from the south side of Mifflin Street to the north side of McKean Street; designating the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., relating to the District; and authorizing the East Passyunk Avenue

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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 RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240386: Resolution Appointing Jennifer Greenberg to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240387: Resolution Appointing Maria Gonzalez to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240388: Resolution Appointing Michael Johns to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240389: Resolution Appointing Andrew Goodman to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240390: Resolution Appointing Nicholas Dema to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240391: Resolution Also naming the 4100 block of Parkside Avenue as “Rev. Dr. Arthur White Way” to honor the life and memory of Rev. Dr. Arthur R. White and his service to the East Parkside community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240397: Resolution Requesting the City Controller to conduct a performance audit on all allocations and funding distributed by the City in the Kensington area, and examine the policies and procedures of the recipients and their impact on the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240402: Resolution Adding “Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeu Way” to the street signs on Willits Road between Holme Avenue and Academy Road in recognition of the new Albanian American Community Center being constructed at 3322 Willits Road by the Philadelphia Albanian-American chapter of the Bijte E

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240403: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1532 W. Loudon Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 240192: An Ordinance Approving the fifth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by Hunting Park avenue on the north, Broad street, Germantown avenue, Venango street, Fifteenth street, Allegheny avenue and Germantown avenue on the east, Glenwood avenue and Lehigh avenue on the south and Twenty-third street, Allegheny avenue and Twenty-second street on the west, including the fifth amendment to the urban renewal plan, which provides, inter alia, for changes that would make it consistent with the Tioga Redevelopment Area Plan and generally consistent with the most recent Comprehensive Plan approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Bill No. 240215: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Allegheny Avenue, American Street, Lippincott Street, 2nd Street, Gurney Street, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street, Gurney Street, Clearfield Street, and 5th Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Bill No. 240216: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Somerset Street, Orkney Street, Cumberland Street, and 5th Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Bill No. 240244: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District” by removing the exemption from the landscaping standards in the Zoning Code, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Bill No. 240247: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Kensington Avenue, Buckius Street, Frankford Avenue, and Tioga Street.

THE BILL WAS READ.

Bill No. 240247, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Kensington Avenue, Buckius Street, Frankford Avenue, and Tioga Street.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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Bill No. 240087: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses”, by adding a new section regulating the operation of establishments providing tax preparation services and providing for remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

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SPEECHES

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.