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Thursday, March 6, 2025

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

PASTOR EDWARD BUSTA FIELDS, SENIOR PASTOR AT AMBASSADOR SEED OF LOVE CHURCH, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of Thursday, February 27, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the Mayor today.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250174: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-4600 of Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Low-Income Tax Provisions," by extending the deadline for low-income taxpayers to apply for a refund or forgiveness of Real Estate Taxes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 250175: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-516 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/WST, West Overlay District,” by providing for new digital sign controls; 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:

Bill No. 250176: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 118 by striking from the City Plan and vacating a widened portion of Warnock Street, on the westerly side thereof between Berks Street and Norris Street, and relocating the westerly houseline of said Warnock Street so as to align with the westerly houseline of the unaffected portions of Warnock Street as extending from Berks Street to Norris Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250177: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 22 Wolf St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 250178: Resolution Recognizing March 2025 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" and Promoting Public Awareness of the Risks and Prevention of Colorectal Cancer.

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

Resolution No. 250179: Resolution Welcoming, Recognizing, and Commending Morehouse College and the "Get On The Bus" Initiative for Their Dedication to Mentorship, Leadership, and Community Empowerment in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final

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Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Phillips, Gauthier, Thomas, Landau, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250180: Resolution A resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of Odunde, the largest African American street festival in the United States, and its impact on African and African American heritage, culture, and community.

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

Resolution No. 250181: Resolution Recognizing March 2-8, 2025, during Women's History Month, as Women in Construction (WIC) Week in the City of Philadelphia

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

Resolution No. 250182: Resolution Recognizing The Pennsylvania Municipal League, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's oldest municipal association and one of five of the oldest in the nation, as it celebrates its 125th Anniversary

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

Resolution No. 250183: Resolution Opposing any attempts to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education or slash federal funding for public school programs that support low-income students and students with disabilities.

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

Resolution No. 250184: 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.

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Resolution No. 250188: Resolution Declaring March 2-8, 2025 as National Consumer Protection Week in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Lozada, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250189: Resolution Recognizing March as Women’s History Month 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. 250190: Resolution Recognizing, celebrating, and expressing gratitude to Charlene Samuels for her leadership and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of her neighbors in Logan, and her years of tireless and selfless service to the City of Philadelphia and its constituents, on the occasion of Women’s History Month.

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

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

Resolution No. 250193: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Neumann-Goretti girls basketball team on winning the Philadelphia Catholic League Championship.

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

Resolution No. 250194: Resolution A resolution thanking A. Bruce Crawley, founder of Millenium 3 Management, the African American Chamber of Commerce, and a founding member of Visit Philadelphia, for his decades of leadership and invaluable contributions to the business, hospitality, and political communities in Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Committees today.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Perez 250073
Jeremy Blatstein 250007
Kimura Anderson KGR Resolution
Amy Novak KGR Resolution
Natasha Scott Lawson KGR Resolution
Jerrett Johnson 250005
Sherita Glenn Brooks Resolution
Sterling Johnson 250130
Damon McWhite Landau Resolution
Gabby Rodriguez Landau Resolution
Lynette Greene Brooks' Resolution

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Vivian Miller Brooks' Resolution

Brian Elmore 250005

Benjamin Hover Thomas' Resolution

Ernet Wyllie 250130

David A, Jenkins 250130

Cameron O'Grady 250005

Lynn Landes 250171

Phil Freedman 250171

Heath Myers 250005

Lillian Hentz 250130

Stan Ellenberg 240171

Kate Parker 240171

Ogbonna Hagins 240171

Brennan Maragh 250005

William Blocker Young Resolution

Keith Harris Young Resolution

Billy Thompson Young Resolution

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,
MARCH 6, 2025.

Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>

Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
 - **Telephone number where you can be reached**

Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

**Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from
the session.**

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

**Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to
appropriate Committees of Council).**

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

**Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second
Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.**

**Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the
Mayor for reconsideration.**

**Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading
and Final Passage Calendars.**

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 250130: Resolution Condemning the unconstitutional actions taken by the Department of Government Efficiency to dismantle the federal government.

Nays: Councilmember O'Neill

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250157: Resolution Renaming the 2000 block of N 59th Street “Will Smith Way” to honor and celebrate the impactful career and legacy of Will Smith, a West Philadelphia native.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250163: Resolution Also naming the 2900 Block of Dauphin Street as “James Blocker Way.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 250165: Resolution Denouncing Senator Rand Paul’s National Right to Work Act as detrimental to labor, as it undermines workers’ collective bargaining

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rights, weakens union power, and threatens worker protections.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250167: Resolution Recognizing inadequate heating standards in rental housing across Philadelphia and emphasizing the need to efficiently and comprehensively address heating issues throughout the City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 250171: Resolution Recognizing the critical importance of legal representation in protecting the rights of immigrants when interacting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and encouraging all immigrant serving organizations to promote legal resources.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 250071: An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 240182 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled “An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2025-2030 inclusive,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals to conform to amendments to the FY2025 Capital Budget Ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250072, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 from the Grants Revenue Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Transportation Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250073: An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 240181 (approved June 14, 2024), entitled “An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2025 Capital Budget,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 241081: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in the vicinity of 229 South 45th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 241083: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1148-50 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 241107, as amended: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: N. 18th street between Wood street and Callowhill street; Vine street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; Callowhill street between N. 18th street

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and N. 19th street; N. 17th street between Callowhill street and Wood street; Thompson street between N. 18th street and N. 17th street; Harold street between N. 22nd street and N. 23rd street

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 250002: An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 546 South 45th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250004: An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance (Bill No. 230577), approved November 13, 2023, entitled “Granting permission to Wynnefield/Overbrook Eruv Association, in order to demarcate the boundaries of a Wynnefield/Overbrook eruv district, to construct and maintain a clear nylon cord and other ancillary facilities including a maximum of one hundred poles and forty-five pieces of plexiglass along, over, and in certain public rights-of-way and City streets, and/or to attach such demarcation facilities to existing facilities owned by other entities authorized by other City ordinances, subject to such owner’s consent; all under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250005: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to authorize a bicycle lane on North

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22nd Street, from Spring Garden Street to Green Street and remove a travel lane on North 22nd Street within the same limits, all under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250006: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane on N. 13th Street, from Cecil B. Moore Avenue to Diamond Street, all under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250007, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane on N. 23rd Street between Race Street and Market Street, under certain terms and conditions

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250008: An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Clarion Street from Addison Street to its terminus northwardly therefrom and the reserving and plotting upon City Plan No. 308 of a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes and water main purposes within the lines of said Clarion Street being vacated and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right of way, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 250009, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 542 Christian St., Philadelphia, PA 19147, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250046, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing the opening of a right of way to the public on land near the intersection of the southeasterly side of Bath Street and southwesterly side of Victoria Streets, all being land owned by the City.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250047, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1525 S 9th St, Philadelphia, PA 19147, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 250048, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 2049 East Hagert St, Philadelphia, PA 19125, under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 250049: An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 1625 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 250069: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of Wildey Street between Columbia Avenue and Earl Street; Dunton Street between Wildey Street and Girard Avenue; Earl Street between Girard Avenue and Wildey Street; S. 7th Street between Johnston Street and Bigler Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 250070: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of York street between Almond street and Mercer street; Clarion street between Dickinson street and Tasker Street; Ellsworth street between S. 7th street and S. 8th street; Annin street between Marshall street and S. 7th street; Ellsworth street between Passyunk avenue and S. 9th street; Pierce street between S. 12th street and S. 11th street; McClellan street between S. 9th street and S. 10th street; Jackson street between S. 5th street and S. 6th street; Cross street between S. 5th street and S. 4th street; S. 5th street between Morris street and Tasker street.

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SPEECHES

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.