

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA



Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Brooks

Council met, a quorum being present.

Saifullah Collins of the Masjid Ibn Taymiyyah, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, February 20, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Brooks

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitting an ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee title or lesser real estate interest, including a leasehold estate, for all or a portion of the premises bounded by State Road, the Pennypack Creek, the Delaware River, and former Hartel Avenue, to enter into a lease or sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development at said premises for the development of a facility, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with PAID for the development of the facility, and to take title to the completed facility from PAID, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250172)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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Transmitting a message advising you that 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 250002
Bill Number 250003
Bill Number 250008
Bill Number 250009
Bill Number 250041 - 45 days
Bill Number 250042 - 45 days
Bill Number 250046
Bill Number 250047
Bill Number 250048
Bill Number 250049
Bill Number 250068
Bill Number 250071
Bill Number 250073
Bill Number 250100
Bill Number 250102 (File No. 250173)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250147: An Ordinance Authorizing PHILIPPIAN BAPTIST CHURCH or a subsequent owner to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at 5801 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19141, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250148: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System to Improve Safety,” by providing for the use, administration and enforcement of automated speed cameras on routes located within specified school zones, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250149: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee title or lesser real estate interest, including a leasehold estate, for all or a portion of the premises bounded by State Road, the Pennypack Creek, the Delaware River, and former Hartel Avenue, to enter into a lease or sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development at said premises for the development of a facility, to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with PAID for the development of the facility, and to take title to the completed facility from PAID, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250150: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-613 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Junk Dealers," by requiring a license to sell scrap metals, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

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

Bill No. 250151: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by revising Chapter 9-4400, entitled "Responsible Business Operations," to add the sale of tobacco in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. § 6305 to the list of nuisance behaviors, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

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

Bill No. 250152: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Responsible Business Operations," by revising Section 9-4406, entitled "Penalties," to require businesses found in violation of state tobacco laws to post signage indicating their lack of authorization to sell tobacco under city and state law; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT.

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

Resolution No. 250153: Resolution Recognizing Bernice Corean Wilcox for her lifelong dedication to her family and community, celebrating her remarkable contributions, and expressing deep appreciation for the lasting impact of her kindness, service, and leadership.

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

Resolution No. 250154: Resolution A resolution honoring and congratulating Universal Audenried High School senior guard Shayla Smith on her remarkable achievement as Philadelphia's All-Time Girls' Scoring Leader.

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

Resolution No. 250155: Resolution A resolution congratulating Universal Audenried High School's Varsity Girls' Basketball Team for their historic three-peat as 2025 Public League Champions.

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

Resolution No. 250156: Resolution Calling on all of Philadelphia to recognize Black History Month, the stain of slavery in America, and the ways it still affects our laws and our common humanity, and to uplift and recall those who have advocated for moving our city and nation toward full inclusion and equity.

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

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.

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. 250158: Resolution Recognizing February 28th, 2025 as HIV is Not a Crime Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250159: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Tyrone Smith, longtime community leader and champion for the Black LGBTQ+ Community in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250160: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services and the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold joint hearings examining water main breaks and sinkholes occurring in District 7, evaluating the underlying causes of these issues, and identifying solutions to prevent and mitigate their frequency.

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

Resolution No. 250161: Resolution Recognizing the month of February as National Cancer Prevention Month and acknowledging the disproportionate impact of cancer on the Black community.

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

Resolution No. 250162: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Philadelphia Dominican Community and Celebrating the 181st Anniversary of the Dominican Republic's Independence.

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

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

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

Resolution No. 250164: Resolution Authorizing the Special Committee on Kensington to Hold Hearings on the Implementation of Art Therapy Programming as a

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Low-Barrier Intervention Method in Addressing Substance Abuse Disorder and Serious Mental Illness During and After Incarceration

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

Resolution No. 250165: Resolution A resolution denouncing Senator Rand Paul's National Right to Work Act as detrimental to labor, as it undermines workers' collective bargaining rights, weakens union power, and threatens worker protections.

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

Resolution No. 250166: Resolution Honoring the historic North Philadelphia Tenants Union, City-Wide Tenants Union, East Broad Street Tenants Union, and Northwest Tenants Organization, which were critical in the fight for basic tenants rights and protections in the City of Philadelphia and whose work continues to inspire local activists and community leaders today.

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

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.

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

Resolution No. 250168: Resolution Honoring the Father Judge High School Boys' Basketball Team for winning the 2025 Philadelphia Catholic League Championship and celebrating their remarkable achievement.

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

Resolution No. 250169: Resolution Honoring and congratulating PIDC, Philadelphia's public-private economic development corporation, on driving 25 years of job growth at the Navy Yard, and recognizing March 31-April 6 as Navy Yard Week in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250170: Resolution A resolution honoring and congratulating Philadelphia native, Stephen Fulton Jr., for his achievement in becoming the World Boxing Council Featherweight Champion.

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

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.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250071.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250072: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250072.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250073.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 241081.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 241083.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 241107: 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 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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 241107.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250002.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250004.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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 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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250005.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250006.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250007: 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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250007.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250008.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250009: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250009.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250046: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250046.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250047: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250047.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250048: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250048.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250049.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250069.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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

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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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250070.

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. 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250072: 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 241107: 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 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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

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Street, from Cecil B. Moore Avenue to Diamond Street, all under certain terms and conditions

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

Bill No. 250007: 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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.

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Bill No. 250009: 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250046: 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.

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Bill No. 250047: 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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 250048: 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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Bill No. 250049: An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 1625 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

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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 ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Councilwoman Blackwell O'Rourke Resolution
- Kate Perez Bill 240665
- Van Sam Res 250138
- Bach Trieu Res 250138
- Rev. Christopher Neilson Res 250143
- Julie Audrey Ward Carnegie Res 250125
- Sam Chattin Res 250138
- Jeremy Blatstein Res 250143
- Valerie Bai Res 250138
- Catzie Vilayphonh Res 250138
- Ms. Debbie Robinson Res 250138
- Sylvia Bennett Res 250138
- Dianna Coleman Res 250138
- Michael Shields Res 250138
- Annette Griffin Res 250138
- Michelle Crouch Res 250138
- Ernest Wylie 250125
- Benjamin Hover 250125

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Denise Clay Murray Landau Resolution

Aishah Shadah Simmons Landau Resolution

Jacen Bowman Landau Resolution

D'Ontace Keys Landau Resolution

David Alexander Jenkins 250125

Lynn Landes 250125

Jazmyn Anderson Landau Resolution

Phil Lockett Smith 250130

Ronda Goldfien Landau Resolution

Asa Khalif Landau Resolution

Sakaw Kikuchi 250138

Katrina Eames 250138

Evelyn Torres Landau Resolution

Ogbonna Hagins 250138

Charlie Meyers 250138

Maria Yelverton 250138

Wanda Walker 250143

Muti A Ajamu Osagboro 240304-A

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FEBRUARY 27, 2025.

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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. 250125: Resolution Condemning President Donald J. Trump for moving our nation closer to a constitutional crisis by likening himself to, and acting like, a king.

Nays: Councilmember O'Neill

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250127: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 623 Rear N 55th Street located in the 4th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250138: Resolution Calling on Immigration and Customs Enforcement to immediately release Sereyrath "One" Van from Moshannon Valley Processing Center and calling on Philadelphia's Members of the United States Congress to champion welcoming immigration policies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to recognize Philadelphia as a City of second chances, especially for formerly incarcerated non-citizens.

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Nays: Councilmember O'Neill

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250143: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4701 Sansom Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250144: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1124 S 56th Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 240427-A: 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 AMENDED.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250153: Resolution Recognizing Bernice Corean Wilcox for her lifelong dedication to her family and community, celebrating her remarkable contributions, and expressing deep appreciation for the lasting impact of her kindness, service, and leadership.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250154: Resolution A resolution honoring and congratulating Universal Audenried High School senior guard Shayla Smith on her remarkable

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achievement as Philadelphia's All-Time Girls' Scoring Leader.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250155: Resolution A resolution congratulating Universal Audenried High School's Varsity Girls' Basketball Team for their historic three-peat as 2025 Public League Champions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250156: Resolution Calling on all of Philadelphia to recognize Black History Month, the stain of slavery in America, and the ways it still affects our laws and our common humanity, and to uplift and recall those who have advocated for moving our city and nation toward full inclusion and equity.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250158: Resolution Recognizing February 28th, 2025 as HIV is Not a Crime Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250159: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Tyrone Smith, longtime community leader and champion for the Black LGBTQ+ Community in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 250160: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services and the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold joint hearings examining water main breaks and sinkholes occurring in District 7, evaluating the underlying causes of these issues, and identifying solutions to prevent and mitigate their frequency.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 250161: Resolution Recognizing the month of February as National Cancer Prevention Month and acknowledging the disproportionate impact of cancer on the Black community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 250162: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the Philadelphia Dominican Community and Celebrating the 181st Anniversary of the Dominican Republic's Independence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 250164: Resolution Authorizing the Special Committee on Kensington to Hold Hearings on the Implementation of Art Therapy Programming as a Low-Barrier Intervention Method in Addressing Substance Abuse Disorder and Serious Mental Illness During and After Incarceration

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250166: Resolution Honoring the historic North Philadelphia Tenants Union, City-Wide Tenants Union, East Broad Street Tenants Union, and Northwest Tenants Organization, which were critical in the fight for basic tenants rights and protections in the City of Philadelphia and whose work continues to inspire local activists and community leaders today.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 250169: Resolution Honoring and congratulating PIDC, Philadelphia's public-private economic development corporation, on driving 25 years of job growth at the Navy Yard, and recognizing March 31-April 6 as Navy Yard Week in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 250170: Resolution A resolution honoring and congratulating Philadelphia native, Stephen Fulton Jr., for his achievement in becoming the World Boxing Council Featherweight Champion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Landau, and Councilmember Gauthier.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADJOURN

To Thursday March, 6, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.