

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, September 21, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

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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.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**210396****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Parker

Resolution calling on the Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia to request an Order from the President Judge of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania to temporarily stay all mortgage and tax foreclosure sales.

210913**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing City Council to retain legal counsel to file a lawsuit to require the Administration to implement and enforce Bill Number 200425, an ordinance duly enacted by the City Council of Philadelphia which became law on January 28, 2021.

230589**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution calling on the Administration to work collaboratively with Community Legal Services, Philadelphia City Council, Defender Association of Philadelphia, and other relevant organizations to provide reentry supports to exonerated and wrongly convicted Philadelphians.

230594**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution declaring Philadelphia's commitment to protecting and expanding access to abortion and reproductive healthcare through the establishment of a Reproductive Rights Taskforce in the wake of increasingly severe attacks on the fundamental right to bodily autonomy.

230596**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Harrity

Resolution urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to reexamine foreign policy towards Ethiopia.

230597**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution initiating action to continue the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District beyond its termination date, in an area that generally includes the east and west sides of Aramingo Avenue from 3300 Aramingo Avenue to 3995 Aramingo Avenue and certain blocks and streets that intersect that portion of Aramingo Avenue and for which Impact Community Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, serves as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association; approving a preliminary plan and report for the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally continue the District.

230598**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution also naming South Quince Street between Locust and Walnut Streets in the “Gayborhood” as “Les Harrison Way” to honor the life and legacy of one of Philadelphia’s first and nationally famous African American Drag Queens.

230599**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution recognizing and honoring Philadelphia’s Bishop Melvin Floyd, by renaming the 5200 block of Wayne Avenue “Bishop Melvin Floyd Way” to honor the life and legacy of Bishop Floyd, Founder and Pastor Agape Christian Chapel and the Neighborhood Crusades, Inc., where he tirelessly worked to prevent gang violence citywide and since 1970, successfully reaching youth and families for over 40 years.

230600**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling on SEPTA to investigate and create a public plan for addressing the SEPTA Key Card System’s numerous issues, including the compromising of the Kiosks which allows for the theft of riders funds who attempt to purchase Key Cards.

230603**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution initiating action to continue the Chestnut Hill Business Improvement District in the area that generally includes both sides of Germantown Avenue from 7640 to 8705, and on certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Germantown Avenue, plus on Bethlehem Pike between 10 and 105 and within the district boundaries 200 blocks of West Evergreen Avenue and West Highland Avenue; Benezet Street, E. Springfield Avenue, 7600 block of Winston Road, unit block of E. Willow Grove Avenue, unit block of Moreland Avenue, unit block of E. Mermaid Lane, unit block of E. Moreland Avenue, unit block of E. Chestnut Hill Avenue; approving an extension to the boundaries of the District to include the 7700 block of Crittenden Street and the 400 block of East Mermaid Lane between Crittenden Street and Stenton Avenue; continuing Chestnut Hill Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association of the District; approving a preliminary plan and report for the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act, prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally continue the District.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**200658****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance authorizing the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Upland Way and Berks Street.

210800**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gauthier, Parker, Brooks, Gym, Gilmore Richardson, Domb, Squilla and Henon

An Ordinance amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking Regulations and Penalties," to add a new section entitled "Parking for Qualified School Employees," to provide parking for certain school employees at certain locations; all under certain terms and conditions.

220916**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Queen Lane, Wissahickon Avenue, Roosevelt Boulevard (Extended), and Henry Avenue, and to authorize Basic Utilities and Services in a section of Fairmount Park.

221015**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass for Council President Clarke

An Ordinance amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” to incentivize Affordable Housing development by authorizing tax exemptions pursuant to the Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS****230636****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Johnson

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings examining the City’s strategy for increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in public contracts.

230637**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Johnson

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth to hold hearings to evaluate existing support services for Early Childhood Education and Pre-K Centers and Providers and to examine the role of high-quality Early Childhood Education and Pre-K opportunities in addressing childhood poverty and promoting the future academic success of children in Philadelphia.

230639**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Harrity

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Neighborhood Services to hold hearings regarding the business practices of property management companies in the City of Philadelphia.

230640**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing to explore solutions to ongoing challenges facing the 911 Unified Call Center and the Philadelphia Police Department’s investigation into the police response to a 911 call about the first victim in the July 2023 mass shooting in Kingsessing.