

# City of Philadelphia

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



## Meeting Minutes (Long)

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 400, City Hall**

**CITY COUNCIL**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **INVOCATION**

Council met, a quorum being present.

BISHOP J. LOUIS FELTON, PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK CLERGY OF PHILADELPHIA & VICINITY AND SENIOR PASTOR OF MOUNT AIRY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

## **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2026.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

There were no leaves of absences requested.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

March 11, 2026

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

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

### **AN ORDINANCE**

*To amend Bill No. 250197 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled "An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2026 Capital Budget," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.*

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I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260183)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*To adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2027-2032 inclusive.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260184)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*To adopt a Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

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Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260185)

March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260186)

March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*To amend Bill No. 250197 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled "An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2026 Capital Budget," by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260187)

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 from: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Transportation Fund, and the Grants Revenue Fund, all from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions; to: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Special Gasoline Tax Fund, the Grants Revenue Fund, the Aviation Fund, and the Transportation Fund, all to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260188)

March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), by adding and revising Zoning Board of Adjustment fees and provisions regarding hearing scheduling, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260189)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Chapter 6-600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Asbestos”), by adding and revising provisions related to various fees, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260190)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax,” to clarify the imposition of the tax on the use or occupancy of real estate with respect to cell towers; all under certain terms and conditions.*

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I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260191)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Title 3 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Air Management Code," to modify the amounts of license and permit fees, under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260192)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Chapter 19-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hotel Room Rental Tax," by providing for an additional excise tax on hotel room rentals, all under certain terms and conditions.*

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I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260193)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," to add a new Chapter 19-4800, entitled "Retail Delivery Tax," to establish a tax on orders for the delivery in Philadelphia of retail consumer and other tangible goods, all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,  
Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor (File No. 260194)  
March 11, 2026

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

*Amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," to add a new Section 19-1808, entitled "Authorization of Rideshare Use Tax," to authorize the Board of the School District of*

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*Philadelphia to levy a tax upon the use by a passenger of a transportation network company for a prearranged ride that originates in Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.*

I hereby recommend your favorable consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 260195)

March 11, 2026

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

I am transmitting for the consideration of your Honorable Body a draft of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION**

*Providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, and incorporating revisions with respect to Fiscal Year 2026, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority pursuant to an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the City and the Authority.*

This Resolution has my approval and therefore I respectfully request that this Honorable Body give it your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 260196)

March 10, 2026

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

I am pleased to advise you that on March 10, 2026, I signed the following bill, which

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was passed by Council at its session on February 26, 2026:

Bill No. 241056

Respectfully,

Cherelle L. Parker

Mayor (File No. 260197)

FY2027 Budget Address: MAYOR CHERELLE L. PARKER

- Good morning, Philadelphia! To my friend, Council President Kenyatta Johnson, and your leadership team - Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson, Majority Whip Isaiah Thomas, Deputy Majority Whip Cindy Bass, Minority Leader Kendra Brooks, Minority Whip Nicholas O'Rourke, and to every dedicated Member of City Council,
- To our Philadelphia delegation in the Pennsylvania General Assembly and every statewide leader present,
- To Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton, House Appropriations Chairman Jordan Harris, Senate Democratic Appropriations Chairman Vincent Hughes,
- To our cherished Faith Leaders, the Men and Women of Organized Labor, Community, Business and Civic Leaders,
- To my Cabinet, led with excellence by my Chief of Staff, Tiffany Thurman, Chief Deputy Mayors Vanessa Garrett Harley and Sincere Harris, as well as every Cabinet member here in the room today ...
- And to every Philadelphian watching online, listening on WURD, or tuning in on television,
- Our Third Year is underway and I am more energized, hopeful and determined than ever to lead us forward as your 100th Mayor. Today, I am proposing for your consideration my "One Philly, One Future" Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, Five-Year Plan and Recommended Capital Budget and Program.
- This \$7 Billion FY 2027 Budget is not just a ledger full of numbers - it's a bold

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set of strategic investments and a roadmap to a Safer, Cleaner and Greener Philadelphia, with Access to Economic Opportunity for All.

- Before we chart the path ahead, I want to pause and honor those who embody the spirit of service and sacrifice that define our city. To the Men and Women and Individuals of our Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments and all of our City workers- your courage, dedication and resilience are the heartbeat of our city.
- When you see my Cabinet and I wearing Blue, Red and White ribbons today, know that each color carries a story - a story of sacrifice and service to the people of Philadelphia.
- Last December, we lost Philadelphia Police Highway Patrolman Andy Chan - a husband, a father, a protector. To Mrs. Chan and your children, our **blue ribbons** are a small symbol of the gratitude and respect of an entire city. Please rise.
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- Back on March 2nd, as flames rose in the Wynnefield community, Nine brave Philadelphia Firefighters ran towards the danger and ended up hospitalized as a result.
- Lieutenant Julius Sanders from Ladder 24 was there that night. So were eight other Firefighters. I want you to hear their names:
- And from Ladder 24, Firefighters:
  - Peter Turck
  - James McCaffery
  - Steven Bolling
  - Justin Easley -
- And from Engine 41, Firefighters:
  - Justin Heger
  - Jonathan Garofolo
  - Lieutenant Joseph Ryan

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- And Brian Collins from Engine 16
- Lt. Sanders, please rise on behalf of you and your colleagues. The red ribbon is for you and all your fellow Firefighters who put their lives on the line that night.
- And to the family of Timothy Sapp, a longtime employee of the Streets Department who passed during one of the recent winter storms. Mr. Sapp had just finished his plowing shift when he suffered a fatal medical emergency. His widow, Corine [Cur-IN], is here with us today, and I would ask her to please rise as we recognize Mr. Sapp's decades of service and commitment to the City of Philadelphia.
- And to the families of several other City employees who have passed recently - Kenneth King from the Sanitation Department, Christopher Thompson from Fleet, and Darryl Brown from Parks and Recreation, thank you for your loved ones' service to our great City.
- The White ribbons we are wearing today honor the memory of Mr. Sapp and all of our other departed city colleagues.
- As we head into FY 2027, let's look first briefly at where we've been and where we're going. Philadelphia, we are making real and measurable progress. Our city is safer, cleaner, and greener - and the data proves it.
- We are safer under the leadership of Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel and Public Safety Director Adam Geer.
- Through their leadership and our wholistic P.I.E. strategy - Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement -- and our community anti-violence groups across our City -- homicides and shootings are at their LOWEST LEVELS in over 50 years! Council President Johnson, we are on our way!
- Don't just take my word for it - Pew Charitable Trusts confirms: our progress outpaces 20 other major U.S. cities.
- That is why I am proud to affirm that we are proposing \$25 Million in Community-based Anti-Violence grants in FY27, because these investments work! My friend, Pastor Carl Day can attest to that fact.

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- People like Taj Murdock of Men of Courage, Chante Love from Every Murder is Real, Manny215 and Tone Barr. Please rise and be recognized!
- Councilmember Jones, the author of our Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia-- we have MORE work to do, but these investments ARE WORKING!
- Can I also hear applause for the Men and Women of our Philadelphia Police Department, our Commissioner Bethel - the best commissioner in the United States, and for Chief Public Safety Director Geer and everyone on his team!
- We are not stopping there. Lower homicide numbers are only the beginning.
- The Philadelphia Police Department is also helping to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. A new team of Quality-of-Life Assurance officers will be deployed to every police district in the city. Many of you have already seen them in action with the Market East Revitalization Project.
- These officers are addressing nuisance properties and problem establishments that disrupt the peace of our residential blocks.
- Here's one more important update: Body-worn cameras are now issued to every officer in every patrol district, as well as our front-line personnel. We promised this to the People of Philadelphia, and we are delivering on that promise!

We are Cleaning up and Greening up our city.

- Under Clean and Green Director Carlton Williams and Sanitation Director Crystal Jacobs Shipman, we executed 94,000 actions last year. Cleaner streets. Illegal dumping tackled. Twice-a-week trash collection restored. No more "Filthadelphia." We are trying!! ...
- At the same time, we are advancing environmental justice through our Urban Forestry Unit, because we know neighborhoods with higher poverty often have fewer trees.
- In partnership with the Department of Commerce, we trained 40 "Taking Care

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of Business” ambassadors to care for 460 newly planted trees on commercial corridors. In FY27, we will focus on 3,600+ trees and shrubs planted last year, with a focus on Cobbs Creek and Tacony Creek Park.

- Cleaner, Greener. And Stronger. A promise made. A promise kept.
- Let me be clear: we ALWAYS fact-check our Promises to the People of Philadelphia.
- We fact-checked 26 Promises that I made in last year’s Budget Address. And, in a document that’s on all of your desks today, we’re letting you know exactly how we did.
- We do not promise perfection; we’re doing the best we can with what we have. Take a look. Check out our progress! Let us know what you think.
- Now, Philadelphia, it’s time to dream bigger. Let’s roll up our sleeves and dive into the \$7 Billion Budget Proposal that I offer for Council’s consideration today.
- First, nothing will shake me from my core belief that fiscal stability is the foundation upon which we build everything else, and I am proud to announce: The state of the City’s fiscal health remains Strong, but faces rising challenges.
- We continue making contributions to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund - also known as the “Rainy Day Fund”. It will have \$344 million by the end of the proposed Five-Year Plan, the most ever. That fund will be especially important as we face economic and federal policy uncertainties. I want to thank Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson for everything she’s done on this issue.
- Our City’s Pension Fund also continues to move in the right direction. We’ve surpassed the 67 percent funding level - the highest in decades! That’s a 20+ percentage increase in just 10 years. AND, the Fund’s actuary projects that it will reach 80 percent in FY29 and 100 percent by FY33. It happened because of shared sacrifice!
- Because of our collective discipline and determination--Philadelphia has

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secured its highest combined credit rating in decades.

- I want to thank the Members and staff of the Pension Board, our Municipal Unions, City Council, and our PHL delegation to the General Assembly.
- Once these pension obligations are fully funded, our annual General Fund costs will drop by HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of DOLLARS. That's real money we can use for our biggest priorities.
- We still face fiscal challenges ahead. As I've noted previously, the City borrowed \$1.3 billion in the 1990s to shore up our pension fund. We're STILL paying for it today. From now through FY29, the General Fund will pay almost \$550 million in debt service on our Pension Obligation Bonds - including a \$64 million balloon payment in FY29.
- We also are facing limited job growth and persistent inflation. And the lifeline of our \$1.4 billion in COVID relief money - ARPA -- is gone.
- Despite that we'll meet our obligations as we always do. I will NEVER allow anything to compromise our fiscal stability! ...
- Ok, now let's get into the meat of the Budget. In my first and second budgets - One Philly, a United City and One Philly 2.0, my Administration set out on a bold course: Making Philly a Safer, Cleaner and Greener city for every Philadelphian.
- Now, in this third year, my focus sharpens on a goal that touches every family and every neighborhood: Economic Mobility for ALL ... and Self Sufficiency for All.
- Because what good is a Safer, Cleaner and Greener City -- if our people don't have access to good-paying jobs, quality health care, and a real shot at raising a family, owning a home, and building a pathway to a better, more affordable life?
- THAT'S what my Economic Mobility Agenda is all about!
- If you were like me, a product of humble beginnings, first generation college

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graduate, first-generation Ivy League graduate, you may need some direction.

- I am introducing what I call Philadelphia’s ECONOMIC “GPS” - Growth, Prosperity, and Security. It’s a roadmap to self-sufficiency, a path that makes it easier for every Philadelphian to move up, not just get by.
- Just like the GPS in your car, this budget charts the course. From early childhood to school age, from graduation to career, all the way to retirement - my Economic Mobility Plan is designed so there is a pathway for everyone, at every stage of life, to move up that ladder.
- But first, Growth must be inclusive and dynamic. Whether you run a small business on a neighborhood corridor or a manufacturing plant, you deserve to grow, hire, and compete. Prosperity must be shared and accessible, with every resident able to afford a home, gain a quality education, and get the skills training they need.
- If we get this right - by making value-driven, data-informed investments - Philadelphia can become the national model for economic mobility. This is our moment, our chance to do what no city has done before.
- So, Philadelphia, let’s get to work and move up from being last in economic mobility -let's show the world what “One Philly, One Future” really means!
- We are working to reduce barriers to Economic Mobility, and provide ACCESS to Capital, workforce development, transportation, and here’s a big one - Housing Affordability.
- We see HOUSING as a GATEWAY to Economic Mobility - and I know City Council does too!
- Ask any economist - liberal, moderate, conservative - do we have a Housing crisis in our Nation? Everyone will agree: YES, we do! It’s rooted in two things: Supply and Production.
- That is why my Administration is proposing SPECIFIC solutions. ...
- A \$2 Billion investment in building, restoring, and repairing 30,000 units of

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housing through our H.O.M.E. Initiative - Housing Opportunities Made Easy - the largest housing initiative in Philadelphia's HISTORY!

- Kelvin Jeremiah at PHA - 20,000 deeply affordable units = 50,000 units of housing overall - COLLABORATION!
- H.O.M.E. programs like One Philly Mortgage ... Basic Systems Home Repair... Renter Protection ... Adaptive Modification ... Turn the Key - ALL of these programs and others are designed to help Philadelphians buy their own homes, obtain grants to repair their existing homes, or help with the high costs of rental housing - THAT's Economic Mobility, Councilmembers!
- And while I know there were some differences around who should benefit from some of these programs, Councilmember Gauthier, we can all agree that we need to ensure we're serving both renters and homeowners.
- The proposed Five-Year Plan I offer here today, includes debt service for two \$400 million borrowings under H.O.M.E. Councilmember Jones, the first borrowing goes to market very shortly! Help - and more HOUSING - are on the way!
- We can do so much with this borrowing - and we will! Philadelphia is stepping up! Doing the hard work! However, this is not just a Philadelphia problem.
- Our Governor has made housing a priority in his budget, and we want to work with him and our legislative delegation to ensure that Philadelphia gets its fair share of that new state housing funding.
- Next ... let's talk about our Philadelphia Building Trades, investing \$50 Million to completely renovate an affordable apartment building for senior citizens! Ryan Boyer, the Building Trades, Kelvin Jeremiah and PHA! I see you! This is how we achieve success together.
- Here's *another* Investment in Economic Mobility: Building factories to create Modular Housing - build the SUPPLY to meet the DEMAND - and not just in one neighborhood, Philadelphia!
- Supply and Production, Councilmember Thomas!! Thank you for your

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partnership and seeing this vision before it was embraced by others.

- Factories with employees working around the clock, 24/7 - family-sustaining Union jobs - to build affordable and workforce homes for Philadelphians who need housing NOW.
- We propose investing \$10 million in this Budget to move this forward! And guess what? We put out an “RFI” - a Request for Information - and there is REAL interest coming in ALREADY, isn’t that right Jessie Lawrence and Angela Brooks?
- Stay with me! ... Let’s talk about Access to Workforce Development as part of our Economic Mobility agenda.
- We propose adding \$10 million to our budget to support workforce development training.
- In my last budget, we made this same commitment and invested in organizations like the Center for Black Educator Development, UNITE Here, the Black Brain Campaign, and SEIU. These investments are already making a difference.
- In ADDITION, thanks to philanthropy led by Comcast, the William Penn Foundation, the Philadelphia Foundation and others, *another* \$10 million has been invested to provide workers in emerging industries with the support and skills training that people NEED. THAT’S ECONOMIC MOBILITY!
- Layla Bibi, Omar Nelson, and Sherman McLeod, I SEE you! The skills training that you do at the Carpenter’s Union, the Sam Staten Sr. Apprenticeship program and the Philadelphia Technical Training Institute is just what we need to move forward with economic mobility.
- This budget allows us to invest in you- with public awards coming soon!
- All our work on EDUCATION is designed to increase Economic Mobility. Every day, we’re focused on increasing pathways for our children AND adult learners.

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- For our youngest learners, we propose adding 100 new, high-quality seats to the PHLpreK program for a total of 5,350.
- Parents of children in the program can work with peace of mind while knowing that their children are receiving a free high-quality education. ECONOMIC MOBILITY!
- Through our Extended Day/Extended Year partnership with the School District, we've opened pre- and after-school enrichment programs with over 14,000 slots now in 40 schools - District AND charter-operated. ... Winter, Spring, Summer Breaks - our Families cannot afford to pay for these programs - we're providing them!
- It's going so well that we propose investing \$1.9 million to EXPAND ED/EY to 47 Schools in FY27 - that's 35 District operated and 12 charter schools.
- Take a bow - Dr. Tony Watlington, our tremendous Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Deb Carrera, my Chief Education Officer, and Chief Deputy Mayor Garrett Harley!
- Parents of two ED/EY students are here with us today. Quill and Tish Camera, whose children, attend Solis-Cohen Elementary, please rise and be recognized!
- When I was on the campaign trail in 2023, I always heard the question: how can you help me gain access to a good-paying city job? What are you going to do about all of those vacancies in our City?
- Through our City College for Municipal Employment - CCME - we've educated hundreds of students about career opportunities in City Government. Thanks to a strong collaboration among the Community College of Philadelphia led by Dr. Alycia Marshall, the School District of Philadelphia led by Dr. Tony Watlington, Philadelphia Works - led by the amazing Pat Clancy and our Chief Administrative Office under Camille Duchaussee, CCME is working! Pat, Dr. Marshall, Dr. Watlington, thanks for everything you're doing to make CCME a success!
- As a next step, we propose investing \$7 Million to establish a CCME Fellows program for recent graduates transitioning to municipal employment.

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- Two recent CCME graduates who now work for the City of Philadelphia are here today. Inga Figetola is an Information Security Analyst with the Office of Innovation and Technology and Tynae Robinson is a Clerk with the Sanitation Department. Please stand!
- Our Economic Mobility agenda has another super exciting development on the Education front.
- Higher education has been a proven pathway to high wage jobs and entry into the middle class for generations of Philadelphians.
- As the cost of higher education has risen, many Philadelphians have taken out loans to pay for undergraduate and graduate studies.
- Today, more than 231,000 Philadelphians have student loan debt, and 14% of them are over the age of 65.
- Changes to the federal student loan program approved by Congress in 2025 threaten to increase costs for most borrowers.
- That's why as a part of my economic mobility agenda we propose investing \$850,000 to start a STUDENT LOAN HELP CENTER to assist borrowers as they try to navigate the confusing and frequently changing landscape, while at the same time seeking public service loan forgiveness, putting tens of thousands of dollars back in the pockets of Philadelphians.
- The Mayor's Office of Education will lead this effort with the Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity and the Chief Administrative Office.
- Helping Philadelphians get rid of their student debt is economic mobility!
- Now- before we leave Education, we are all aware that the School District is facing a financial crisis.
- The Parker administration is committed to ensuring that our schools are adequately funded and students have a thorough and effective public education.

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In my first 2 budgets, I made significant steps toward fulfilling my promise to shift the millage percentage from 55 percent to 58 percent. So far in our five-year plan, we have invested \$131 Million more in our Schools through our changes to the millage rate.

- We're halfway to my promise in just two years!
- Today we are adding even more revenue to support the ongoing operations of the District.
- Through the implementation of 2 new taxes, we propose to generate \$12 Million annually that will go directly to the School District.
- The Transportation Network Company Tax is a 20 Cents per ride tax on rideshare rides that originate in Philadelphia. Beginning July 1 of NEXT year, this tax is expected to generate \$9.6 million per year - and all the revenue will go to our School District. Councilmember Landau, we look forward to working with you on this!
- We are also proposing to modify the tax calculation for cell towers under the Use & Occupancy Tax. Think about those metal antenna "contraptions" on tops of buildings scattered across the city. You may rarely notice them, but that's how the big telecom companies try to make sure you get a good signal wherever you are. They're leasing that rooftop space, and it makes good sense to ensure that business activity is taxed to help support our schools. We estimate this would generate an additional \$2.4 Million annually for the School District.
- We still need more! Board President Reginald Streater, I hear you!
- We will work hard to support our Governor and our State legislators to help Philadelphia fix our crumbling school facilities and give our children the learning spaces they deserve. We will help Harrisburg - help Philadelphia. It's the State's responsibility to deliver a thorough and efficient education, and we'll be watching their appropriations closely. Our kids deserve it!
- We're also supporting Small and Local businesses and encouraging Innovation in our City economy as part of our Economic Mobility agenda.

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- When a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court made it clear that Philadelphia’s program for ensuring diversity in contracts would have to change, my Administration did not wait for another adverse court ruling. We acted Proactively and Decisively.
- Under Nadir Jones, our Director of Business Impact & Economic Advancement, and Chief Deputy Mayor Garrett Harley - with expert legal advice from our Solicitor Renee Garcia - we immediately began building a new program emphasizing SMALL and LOCAL businesses in how the City awards contracts.
- We’re proposing \$3.3 Million in FY27 to support this critically important new initiative.
- I am confident our new Small and Local initiative will not just succeed, it will EXCEED the previous program in the QUANTITY and QUALITY of contracts awarded to small and local businesses.
- At the same time, we’re going to close a loophole in the City’s sales & use tax which would require remote sellers outside the city to charge a 2% local sales tax beginning July 1st.
- Right now, any business located outside Philadelphia only has to charge the state’s 6% sales tax on something you buy online, while our local businesses have to collect the full 8% - 6% for the state and 2% for the City.
- It’s long past time we level the playing field, so no matter where a business is located, whether that be elsewhere in Pennsylvania or anywhere across the country, EVERY seller is subject to the same sales tax. It’s only fair, and we estimate this will generate \$1.5 million for the City.
- Our agenda supports INNOVATION and GROWTH in our local economy as well.
- We support the commercial and industrial base of South Philadelphia called “Lower South” in becoming a new, thriving economic hub, located in Council President Johnson’s district ...

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- Councilmembers, we are talking about the potential for tens of thousands of good-paying, family sustaining jobs at the Bellwether District, the Navy Yard and PhilaPort!
- See this Vision of Economic Mobility with me!
- We all know Philadelphia is home to some of the finest educational and medical institutions in the Country - our 'Eds and Meds' help drive growth and we're PROUD of them!
- But now, some folks are catching up to what I've been saying through my first two years as Mayor -these MARITIME, SHIPBUILDING and DEFENSE industries can and should be essential parts of our efforts to growour Economy.
- WE CAN, SHOULD and MUST COMPETE FOR THE WORK, PHILLY!
- Consider this: \$5 Billion in planned infrastructure investment by Hanwha Philly Shipyard! ... Hanwha has already grown its workforce here, but there's the potential for thousands of additional jobs ...
- Rhoads Industries is investing \$100 million to expand its work with the U.S. Navy and expects to double its workforce to 1,000. The shipbuilding and defense industry need welders and with partners like CCP and PTTI, Philadelphia can supply them! That's ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, Councilmembers!
- *Stay with me!*
- I'm an optimist - the glass is always half full. Out of challenge comes opportunity. ... And just as exciting is the prospect of a new, first-in-class arena that will be home to our Philadelphia 76ers and Flyers - and soon, our own WNBA team! - ALONG WITH an opportunity to drive towards a larger vision for the Stadium Complex.
- Want to see the vision? You don't need to squint! How many people attended the Unrivaled Tour women's two pro basketball games in Philadelphia? 21,000 people per game! Wait till the WNBA gets here! The Philadelphia Sisters- Alex and Wanda Sykes! Ashley Lunkenheimer and Starla Crandall! --

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---- Councilmember Thomas!

- The Stadium Complex now supports around 300 events per year, attracting residents and visitors to see our championship teams.
- Now imagine if our Complex expands into an Entertainment venue - like Atlanta's "Battery" - that draws crowds and becomes a Destination in and of itself - no matter if there's a sports event there or not!
- We can do this... John Middleton, Mike Harris, Jeff Lurie, Don Smolenski, Brian Roberts, Dan Hilferty, Josh Harris and David Adelman - let's work TOGETHER with my administration, Council President Johnson and Governor Shapiro and make this vision a reality!
- More jobs! More pathways! More crowds! And more tax revenues to help as we deliver vital state and city services! That is how you increase Economic Mobility!
- There's MORE to our Economic Mobility Agenda, and it requires COLLABORATION and CONNECTEDNESS -
- For years there's been a Career Connected Learning program that supports summer and academic year jobs for our young people.
- In our Five-Year plan, I am proposing \$14.7 million to create an additional 1,000 new summer job slots. This will bring our total to 9,000 opportunities.
- But this is not enough - the demand far exceeds our supply. This is why I am issuing a challenge to our business community - to all of our business chambers - help us add another 1,000 jobs! We want to get to 10,000 Summer jobs for our young people - the highest amount we can remember in one Summer!
- There's MORE on our Economic Mobility Agenda in this Budget, folks!
- Philadelphia, another powerful way we are increasing economic mobility is by financially empowering our residents.
- For far too long, too many Philadelphians have been fending for themselves

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and subjected to unfair and even predatory financial practices. But that *is* changing on our watch.

- We propose investing \$13.9 Million over the Five Year Plan to break through these cycles and open new pathways to economic opportunity.
- Through programs like our Financial Empowerment Centers, the BankOn Philadelphia Coalition, and ClaimYourMoneyPHL, we are providing real, tangible support:
  - Free, expert financial counseling,
  - Expanding access to safe, low-cost banking options,
  - and helping people collect the tax refunds they've earned. Allan Domb!
- Councilmember Brooks - We're putting dollars back into the pockets of Philadelphians. Through ClaimyourMoneyPHL, we've brought \$19 million in tax refunds back to families and into our local economy.
- These types of services are essential, and we're going to develop a One Philly Economic GPS app to put them in the palm of your hand. The City gets credit ratings from Moody's, Fitch, and S&P; and Philadelphians get credit reports from Equifax, Experion, and TransUnion.
- With this app, we're going to ensure you can get help to check your credit, manage your debt, and keep your financial house in order - just like the City!
- OUR intention is that you can get access in a one-stop shop - whether that be at your District Councilperson's Office, or one of our Neighborhood Community Action Centers, or on your phone.
- This is about making sure that every Philadelphia household has its own solid financial footing and can build generational wealth and move up the socioeconomic ladder - rung by rung. THAT'S the path to self-sufficiency and greater economic opportunity for all!
- Get your own fiscal house in order and your City is going to help you.
- In Philadelphia, upward economic mobility shouldn't be the exception. It must

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be the Expectation!

- That’s why, to do this within City government - ALL of our efforts around Economic Mobility must remain coordinated, collaborative and strategic.
- To spearhead this endeavor, I propose establishing a new Economic Mobility Cabinet to oversee our City College for Municipal Employment and Workforce portfolio as well as the Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity that leads our financial empowerment initiatives.
- This Cabinet will lead across City government and with the business and philanthropic community that’s committed to making Philadelphia a place where hardworking people enjoy the quality of life they deserve.
- Hiring and adding to our City’s municipal workforce is economic mobility too!
- Since January 2024, when I became Mayor, we have added over 2,000 net new City jobs - and that’s not by accident!
- This is the result of tireless coordination to find and hire talented people who want to serve Philadelphia, with good jobs, strong salaries, and real benefits.
- And let’s talk about access to opportunity. Safe, reliable transit is the bedrock of economic mobility. That’s why the “One Philly, One Future” budget delivers an historic almost \$900 Million investment in SEPTA over the five-years.
- Public Transit is ESSENTIAL to our Region’s future and to Economic Mobility for our Residents and businesses!
- Councilmember O’Rourke, for the 3rd year in a row, we are proposing to continue our investment in the Zero Fare program - \$25 million to help low-income Philadelphians by providing them with free SEPTA passes.
- We’re also proposing \$10 million to cover fares for City employees through Key Advantage, because economic GPS starts with something simple: A reliable ride to work. That’s economic mobility in action.
- Every Philadelphian deserves a city that delivers for them in the everyday

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moments of life - the streets we drive on, the blocks we walk down, the parks where our children play.

- Because improving quality of life starts with the basics - and I know Councilmembers like Cindy Bass, Anthony Phillips, and Brian O'Neill know exactly what I'm talking about.
- That's why this budget proposes a \$7.1 Million investment to launch the "ONE PHILLY POTHOLE SQUAD."
- Now, I know some folks might be thinking, "*Mayor Parker, what's a Pothole Squad?*" I'm glad you asked!
- Last year alone, the Streets Department repaired more than 60,000 potholes across our city-but that wasn't enough
- The Pothole Squad is simple - more crews, more equipment, and more action to keep our roads in good repair. With dedicated maintenance teams in each of the city's six highway districts, the Pothole Squad will respond faster and proactively patrol neighborhoods to fix potholes and roadway defects. Philadelphians, I hear you! That's worthy of applause!
- Fixing our streets and patching potholes costs money. So in this budget, we are proposing a new Retail Delivery Tax of 25 cents per order on certain goods delivered in Philadelphia, beginning July 1, 2027. The tax will be charged to retailers.
- Essential delivery items would be excluded, including food, baby products, medications, and medical devices.
- The tax is expected to generate \$15 million annually, with the revenue dedicated to improving road conditions across our city. In other words, businesses that rely on our streets for deliveries will help pay to maintain them. Makes sense, right?
- Traffic safety is just as important. Through our capital program, we're again committing a \$30 Million investment for Vision Zero strategies to make our streets safer for everyone.
- Now, let's talk about another issue residents raise all the time: Illegal Dumping.

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- Dumping on neighborhood blocks isn't just an eyesore - it damages quality of life and disrespects communities.
- That's why this budget continues to strengthen our One Philly Illegal Dumping Task Force. Since launching this effort, we've issued 105 violation notices, cleared 88 enforcement cases, and secured \$3.5 million in judgments against illegal dumpers.
- Councilmember Lozada, we are sending a clear message: illegal dumping will not be tolerated in our city!
- And as we clean up our neighbo (File No. 260198)

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260199:** An Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260200:** An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260201:** An Ordinance To adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2027-2032 inclusive.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260202:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hotel Room Rental Tax," by providing for an additional excise tax on

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hotel room rentals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260203:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), by adding and revising Zoning Board of Adjustment fees and provisions regarding hearing scheduling, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260204:** An Ordinance Amending Title 3 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Air Management Code,” to modify the amounts of license and permit fees, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260205:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax,” to clarify the imposition of the tax on the use or occupancy of real estate with respect to cell towers; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260206:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Asbestos”), by adding and revising provisions related to various fees, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260207:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by I-76, the Schuylkill Expressway Ramp, Hartranft Street, and the Conrail Right-of-Way.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Bill No. 260208:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “School Tax Authorization,” to add a new Section 19-1808, entitled “Authorization of Rideshare Use Tax,” to authorize the Board of the School District of Philadelphia to levy a tax upon the use by a passenger of a transportation network company for a prearranged ride that originates in Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Landau:

**Bill No. 260209:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” to add a new Chapter 19-4800, entitled “Retail Delivery Tax,” to establish a tax on orders for the delivery in Philadelphia of retail consumer and other tangible goods, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Bill No. 260210:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-2705 of The Philadelphia Code (“Issuance of Resident Parking Permits”) to allow for certain residential parking permits in District 38, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 260211:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Erie Avenue, Front Street, Lippincott Street, and 2nd Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Bill No. 260212:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by McKinley Street, Leonard Street, Devereaux Avenue, and Bustleton Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260213:** An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 250198 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled “An Ordinance To adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2026-2031 inclusive,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Bill No. 260214:** An Ordinance To amend Bill No. 250197 (approved June 13, 2025), entitled “An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2026 Capital Budget,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

**Bill No. 260215:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 from: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Transportation Fund, and the Grants Revenue Fund, all from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions; to: the General Fund, the Water Fund, the Special Gasoline Tax Fund, the Grants Revenue Fund, the Aviation Fund, and the Transportation Fund, all to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Bill No. 260216:** An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of a dumpster encroachment in the vicinity of 509-19 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 260217:** An Ordinance Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 2655 S Juniper St, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 260218:** Resolution Also naming the 6200 Block of Osage Avenue “Gerald Wayne Renfrow Way” to honor the life, leadership, and enduring legacy of Gerald Wayne Renfrow in the Osage Avenue and Pine Street community.

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

**Resolution No. 260219:** Resolution Authorizing Councilmember Gauthier to intervene, on behalf of and as representative of City Council, in the appeal against the Zoning Board of Adjustment with respect to 4283 Viola Street.

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

**Resolution No. 260220:** Resolution Recognizing the month of March 2026 as “Creative and Nighttime Economy Month” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 260221:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Major Benjamin F. Brooks for his historic career in the Pennsylvania State Police and his role in expanding opportunity in law enforcement.

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

**Resolution No. 260222:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings on the status, operations, and economic impact at the Port of Philadelphia (PhilaPort) to ensure its growth and operations position the City of Philadelphia as a 21st century commerce hub.

Councilmember Harrity Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Harrity:

**Resolution No. 260223:** Resolution Designating March 8, 2026, as “Joe Frazier Day” in the City of Philadelphia in celebration and recognition of the 55th anniversary of the “Fight of the Century”, in which Philadelphia icon “Smokin” Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali to win the world heavyweight championship title.

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

**Resolution No. 260224:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the students, educators, and leadership of Imhotep Institute Charter High School for their outstanding STEM Program and global educational initiatives, including Project Kuumba: Japan, and celebrating their commitment to expanding access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for students in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 260225:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Mekia Elizabeth, Block Captain of the 4500 block of Fernhill Road in Southwest Germantown, for being named Block Captain of the Year by The Philadelphia Citizen and commending her outstanding leadership and dedication to building a stronger, more connected community in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 260226:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Max Kent on the occasion of his retirement from NewCourtland and recognizing his decades of dedicated leadership in the United States Army, healthcare administration, community service, and support of Philadelphia’s seniors and those who are underserved.88

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 260227:** Resolution Providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031, and incorporating revisions with respect to Fiscal Year 2026, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority pursuant to an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the City and the Authority.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Bill No. 260022, 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 Main Street, Ridge Avenue, the Wissahickon Creek, Kelly Drive, Falls Road, the Schuylkill River, and Dawson Street extended.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260022, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 260055:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260055.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 260073:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Cafés," and Section A-301.1.5 of Title 4, Subcode "A" ("The Philadelphia Administrative Code") of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Use Registration Permits," by removing expired provisions related to outdoor entertainment at sidewalk cafés, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 260073.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 260074, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-546 entitled /SIX, Sixth District Overlay District, revise Section 14-515, the /NE, Northeast Overlay District, remove Section 14-523, the /IMA, Industrial and Manufacturing Area Overlay District, and make other related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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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**

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

**Bill No. 260055:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes to text that has expired, all under certain terms and conditions.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeremy Blatstein 250330

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Lynn Landes 250768  
David Alexander Jenkins 250330  
Deborah Toney-Moore Bass Introducing  
Shirley Posey Bass Introducing  
Mekia Elizabeth Matthews Bass Introducing  
Dr. Deidre Farmby 260179  
Jarvis McCarther 260179  
Charles Freedman 250768  
Wlifreda Baugh 260179  
Sister Taleah Taylor 250329  
Theresa Howell 250329  
Melissa Monts 250329  
Cory Phillips 250329  
Sherman McLeod 260171  
Marvin Robinson 260175  
Tabah Lewis Gauthier Resolution  
Ogbonna Hagins  
SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY,  
MARCH 12, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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**before the meeting, preferably as a PDF attachment to the email. Electronic submissions become part of the written record of the proceedings but they are not read aloud in Council. To sign up the day of the meeting, come to Room 400, City Hall and check in at the desk by the entrance.**

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

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION**

**Note: Some items do not occur at every session:**

**Invocation.**

**Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.**

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

**Reading of communications from the Mayor.**

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

**Reports from Committees of Council.**

**Special business.**

**Bills on first reading.**

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

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

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

**Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.**

**Speeches by Councilmembers.**

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

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

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

THE BILL WAS READ AND 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. 250843-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Refuse and Littering,” to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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**Bill No. 250917-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District,” to provide for building requirements to prevent vacant lots, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS 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. 251066:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Records and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to execute a multi-year concession agreement with Ancestry.com in connection with the digitizing, indexing, and public access and search of City of Philadelphia Department of Records vital records, all under provisions set forth in the concession agreement substantially as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

THE BILL WAS READ AND 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. 260112:** An Ordinance Authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.

THE BILL WAS READ AND 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*

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*Nays: 0*

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

THE BILL WAS READ AND 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*

## RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 260220:** Resolution Recognizing the month of March 2026 as “Creative and Nighttime Economy Month” in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

**Resolution No. 260221:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Major Benjamin F. Brooks for his historic career in the Pennsylvania State Police and his role in expanding opportunity in law enforcement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

**Resolution No. 260222:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings on the status, operations, and economic impact at the Port of Philadelphia (PhilaPort) to ensure its growth and operations position the City of Philadelphia as a 21st century commerce hub.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

**Resolution No. 260223:** Resolution Designating March 8, 2026, as “Joe Frazier

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Day” in the City of Philadelphia in celebration and recognition of the 55th anniversary of the “Fight of the Century”, in which Philadelphia icon “Smokin” Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali to win the world heavyweight championship title.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

**Resolution No. 260224:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the students, educators, and leadership of Imhotep Institute Charter High School for their outstanding STEM Program and global educational initiatives, including Project Kuumba: Japan, and celebrating their commitment to expanding access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for students in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

**Resolution No. 260225:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Mekia Elizabeth, Block Captain of the 4500 block of Fernhill Road in Southwest Germantown, for being named Block Captain of the Year by The Philadelphia Citizen and commending her outstanding leadership and dedication to building a stronger, more connected community in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

**Resolution No. 260226:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Max Kent on the occasion of his retirement from NewCourtland and recognizing his decades of dedicated leadership in the United States Army, healthcare administration, community service, and support of Philadelphia’s seniors and those who are underserved.<sup>88</sup>

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

There was no Special Business today.

**SPEECHES**

There were no Speeches given today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

until Thursday March 19, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.