

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, February 16, 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**200533****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling on Comcast Spectacor to reconsider its naming rights agreement with Wells Fargo based on its history of unethical banking practices.

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.

230040**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Johnson

Resolution honoring the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of their 92nd North Atlantic Regional Conference, and declaring March 9, 2023 as "Alpha Kappa Alpha Day" in the City of Philadelphia.

230071**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring the Philadelphia Tennis Club for being the second oldest Black-owned tennis club in the Country.

230072**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring the Woodford Tennis Club for being the oldest Black-owned tennis club in the country.

230086**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution expressing Philadelphia City Council's support for graduate student workers at Temple University and urging Temple University to return to the table and bargain a fair and equitable contract with its graduate student workers.

230087**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones for Council President Clarke

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1736 North 22nd Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

230092**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Johnson

Resolution honoring and recognizing Chris DeShields, a SEPTA bus operator, for his heroism and the bravery he exhibited while stopping a carjacking and protecting his fellow citizens.

230097**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4993 W. Girard Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

230098**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Squilla and Council President Clarke

Resolution initiating action to continue a neighborhood improvement district, known as the Northern Liberties Business Improvement District, in an area that generally includes both sides of North 2nd Street from the north side of Callowhill Street to the south side of Girard Avenue, both sides of North 3rd Street from Spring Garden Street to the south side of Willey Street, Spring Garden Street from North 2nd Street to the eastern side of North 5th Street, and certain blocks of streets that intersect portions of these streets; for which the Northern Liberties Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, serves as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association; approving a preliminary plan for and report concerning 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.

220743**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter changing the requirement for contributions and minimum balance of the Budget Stabilization Reserve and making other technical changes; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

220872**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Clarke

Resolution proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create the Division of Workforce Solutions within the Department of Commerce, to promote workforce development activity serving Philadelphians seeking jobs and training opportunities in the public or private sectors; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

230016**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for exemption from civil service for staff of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

220517-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance authorizing the installation, ownership, and maintenance of various encroachments in the vicinity of 1 Convention Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104, under certain terms and conditions.

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.

220733**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to change the requirements for contributions and minimum balance of the Budget Stabilization Reserve and make other technical changes; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

220864

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Clarke

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Division of Workforce Solutions within the Department of Commerce, to promote workforce development activity serving Philadelphians seeking jobs and training opportunities in the public or private sectors; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

220865

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Clarke

An Ordinance amending Title 18 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Commerce,” by adding a new Chapter, entitled “Workforce Development Activity and Reporting,” to promote workforce development activity, and to require the Department of Commerce to report to Council certain aggregate information regarding employment rates and training opportunities, and to report on assessments of the economic impact of the City’s workforce development programs, all under certain terms and conditions.

230004

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to civil service exemptions for staff of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election; all under certain terms and conditions.

220244

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Oh

An Ordinance amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous,” by adding a new Chapter 21-3300, entitled “Flag Raisings,” to establish uniform standards for flag raising ceremonies, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS**

230112**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Licenses and Inspections to hold hearings examining the impact of new regulations on the short term rental market in Philadelphia.

230114**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the recent court decision declaring the formula for funding primary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth unconstitutional as the current formula creates have and have nots among students.

230120**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings to examine the open-air drug market and other barriers to clean, safe, crime-free streets in Kensington.