

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, May 30, 2024

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.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**240030****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Office of the Homeless Services Ombudsperson, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

240068**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter further providing for mandatory annual appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

240510**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution authorizing The Special Committee on Kensington to convene for the purpose of investigating and addressing the barriers to accessing treatment beds in the Kensington area.

240516**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Tioga Urban Renewal Area, identified as a portion of 3030 North Twentieth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with NewCourtland Apartments at Clearfield LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

240518**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad for Council President Johnson

Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to allocate full funding for School-Based Health Centers and to give the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children an opportunity to thrive by providing complete mental and physical health in their schools.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

240220-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Neill

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Red Lion Road, the Montgomery County line, the Bucks County line, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

240241**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance amending Section 14-704 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Open Space and Natural Resources" by changing the applicability of steep slope protection requirements for certain stream restoration activities, all under certain terms and conditions.

240336**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by adding definitions; and creating a new Chestnut Hill Lower East /NCO in the area generally bounded by the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line, Cresheim Valley Drive, Germantown Avenue, Winston Road, Moreland Avenue, Devon Street, Ardleigh Street, and Springfield Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

240059**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke, Brooks, Gilmore Richardson, Lozada and Squilla

An Ordinance amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finances, Taxes and Collections," by adding a new Chapter 19-4600, entitled "Low-Income Tax Provisions," providing for the refund or forgiveness of real estate tax liability of certain low-income residents attributable to real estate tax increases and increases in the assessed value of the taxpayer's homestead, under certain terms and conditions.

240376**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing an increase in the non-electoral indebtedness of the City within the Pennsylvania constitutional limit; authorizing the Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale, to provide funds toward various capital municipal purposes; providing for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment of such bonds; and authorizing agreements to provide credit or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds in connection with issuance of the bonds, and certain other actions; and rescinding the authorization set forth in Bill No. 230186-A (approved September 15, 2023).

240005**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Brooks, Gauthier, Driscoll and Squilla

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 create the Office of Homeless Services Ombudsperson as set forth in a Resolution approved by Council; 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.

240061**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke, Brooks and Squilla

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 further providing for mandatory annual appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

240187**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Philadelphia Land Bank," to allow interested parties to require open bidding when the Land Bank seeks to exercise special authority to acquire property at a Sheriff's sale and allow prior owners to redeem property when such special authority is exercised, all under certain terms and conditions.

240303**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of two certain areas located on either side of Hunting Park Avenue, east of Whitaker Avenue, as slope easements, under certain terms and conditions.

240370**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Bass, Council President Johnson, Lozada, Landau, Jones, Gauthier, Brooks, Ahmad, O'Rourke, Thomas, Harrity, Driscoll, Squilla, O'Neill and Young

An Ordinance renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as the West Oak Lane Library, located at 2000 East Washington Lane, as the "Dwight Evans Library of West Oak Lane" in the City of Philadelphia.

240383**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the City's Chief Innovation Officer or their designee to enter into a cable television franchise renewal agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, renewing the cable television franchise granted by the City to Verizon, for Franchise Areas I, II, III and IV of the City, all under certain terms and conditions.

240423**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Schuylkill River and the Wissahickon Creek for public recreational purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

240425**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire a fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the Philadelphia Land Bank and the Philadelphia Housing and Development Corporation, all under certain terms and conditions.

240428**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance prohibiting the Commissioner of Public Property, or any other official of the City of Philadelphia (the “City”) acting on behalf of the City from entering into, executing, or authorizing a lease extension, lease amendment, lease renewal or new agreement by and between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for or on behalf of any Commonwealth Department or Agency, at the property located at 2100 W. Girard Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

240431**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, of certain parcels of land along the Delaware River in the Tacony-Holmesburg area for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating and maintaining public parks for recreational use, under certain terms and conditions.

240435**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land situate at 121-25 East Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all under certain terms and conditions.

240245**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, O'Rourke, Landau, Thomas, Ahmad, Jones, Lozada, Harrity, Driscoll, Squilla and Bass

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Landlord and Tenant,” to modify requirements and authorizations related to the City’s residential eviction diversion program, including associated changes to the landlord and tenant relationship, and to make certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS**

240533**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of service of the Honorable James R. Roebuck, Jr.

240542**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring Eric D. Williams, founder of the Project Elijah Empowering Autism Foundation, for his work ensuring that children with autism are supported, included, protected, and empowered by creating the “Autistic Person Area” street sign.

240543**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution declaring June 2024 LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Philadelphia.

240544**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings examining disparities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community and exploring solutions to achieving equity for LGBTQ+ Philadelphians.

240548**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution recognizing May 2024 as Building Safety Month in the City of Philadelphia.

240553**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution week Celebration in Philadelphia, taking place from June 1st to June 15th.