

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, November 14, 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.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**240724****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to strengthen enforcement against illegal activity in merchants that impact neighborhoods throughout the City of Philadelphia.

240834**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board and the Office of Prison Oversight and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

241034**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1766-72 N Bodine St; 2244 and 2246 Hope St; 218 Cecil B Moore Ave located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

241035**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Brooks

Resolution calling on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to establish an Office of the Public Healthcare Advocate within the Office of the Attorney General.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**240242****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Jones and Gilmore Richardson

An Ordinance amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by amending Section 14-524, entitled “/FDO, Fourth District Overlay District”, to establish use regulations on medical facilities, all under certain terms and conditions.

240427**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

An Ordinance amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Nonconformities,” by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

240612**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Squilla and Lozada

An Ordinance continuing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District (“District”), in the area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the west side of Delaware Avenue to the southwest side of Lehigh Avenue, both sides of North Front Street from the north side of Poplar Street to the south side of Diamond Street, both sides of East Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue continuing to the west side of East Berks Street, the north side of West Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue to North 2nd Street, and the south side of West Girard Avenue from Frankford Avenue to Howard Street, and certain blocks of streets that intersect portions of these streets; approving an extension of the boundaries of the District to include North Front Street from Montgomery Street to Diamond Street, East Girard Avenue from East Fletcher Street to East Berks Street, and the north side of West Girard Avenue from Front Street to North 2nd Street; continuing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as the neighborhood improvement district management association for the District; approving a plan for and report concerning the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and re-authorizing the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

240004**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Title 11 (“Streets”) and Title 21 (“Miscellaneous”) of The Philadelphia Code to amend requirements concerning publication of notices in newspapers, all under certain terms and conditions.

240817**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

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 the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election; all under certain terms and conditions.

240613-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance amending Chapter 12-1100 (“Miscellaneous Regulations and Penalties”) and Chapter 12-2800 (“Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations”) of The Philadelphia Code, making revisions to disability parking space standards and procedures, creating an application process for residential disability parking spaces limited for use by a specific person with disability, creating a new administrative hearing process, and amending applicable penalties.

240931**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing and directing the changing of the name of Taney Street to LeCount Street, from West Toronto Street to West Somerset Street; from Ridge Avenue to Cecil B. Moore Avenue; from Master Street to Aspen Street; from Pine Street to Bainbridge Street; from Catharine Street to Christian Street; from Dickinson Street to Morris Street; and authorizing and directing the changing of the name of Taney Terrace, from Point Breeze Avenue to Jackson Street, to LeCount Terrace, all under certain terms and conditions

240304**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmembers Young, Squilla and Harrity

An Ordinance amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), to require proof of certain insurance certificates; all under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS**

241065

Resolution honoring and celebrating The Philadelphia Tribune, an advocate and trailblazer for the African American community, on the occasion of its 140-year anniversary as the oldest, continuously published newspaper, owned and operated by African Americans.

241071

Resolution authorizing the Joint Committees on Public Safety and Parks and Recreation to hold hearings to examine the interdepartmental protocol, administered by Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, the Philadelphia Fire Department, and the Office of Emergency Management, for urban-fire management in public parks and park adjacent neighborhoods, considering the recent unprecedented droughts and wildfires across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

241072

Resolution recognizing November 17, 2024 as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in the City of Philadelphia.

241073

Resolution declaring the Third Week of Every November as "Restorative Justice Week" in the City of Philadelphia in Honor of the International Campaign "International Restorative Justice Week"

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Week originated in 1975 in England as "Prisoner's Sunday," evolving into "Prisoner's Week" and later being expanded in 1996 by Canada into "Restorative Justice Week." Today, the International Restorative Justice Week is celebrated globally, with the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) actively promoting initiatives since 2000 that honor this legacy and foster community connections; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the third week of November is designated as Restorative Justice Week, an international campaign where organizations raise awareness about restorative justice. The 2024 theme, "The Promise of Restorative Justice in a Polarizing World," emphasizes the role of restorative justice in fostering dialogue and understanding, with events scheduled from November 17 to 23; and

WHEREAS, According to the Philadelphia Prison Population Pictochart report, as of September 2024, the City of Philadelphia's prison population stands at roughly 4,800 individuals, with 20% of those incarcerated being children from the 7th Council District, and 30% of the incarcerated child population also in foster care; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Department of Prisons Monitor's Reports indicate that a lack of appropriate alternative housing for individuals experiencing mental illness has led to some being placed in administrative segregation, a form of solitary confinement that isolates inmates from the general population. Despite recognizing the significant harms that extended isolation can inflict, documentation from PDP shows that as of August 8, 2022, there were 331 class members in segregation status, with 47% on the behavioral health caseload and 12% documented as having serious mental illness (SMI); and

WHEREAS, Upon release, these individuals will require assistance in securing and maintaining basic needs such as housing, employment, healthcare, and financial support. Moreover, these individuals-especially children released from the prison system-will need support to cope with the trauma experienced during their incarceration. As these individuals reintegrate into society, restorative justice offers a vital framework that not only promotes accountability and understanding but also fosters healing for both offenders and victims; and

WHEREAS, Restorative justice is an approach that focuses on repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior through inclusive processes involving victims, offenders, and the community, emphasizing accountability, understanding, and community engagement; prioritizing healing and community restoration as fundamental responses to harm rather than punishment; and

WHEREAS, By facilitating dialogue and community involvement, restorative practices help create supportive networks that empower formerly incarcerated individuals to reclaim their identities, find

employment, and address underlying issues, ultimately leading to significantly reduced recidivism rates and fostering safer, more resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Designating the Third Week of every November as "Restorative Justice Week" will enhance community awareness and encourage meaningful conversations about its principles and benefits, providing a valuable opportunity for engagement and reflection on restorative justice's positive impact in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Implementing educational programs and training for community members, law enforcement, and justice system stakeholders on restorative justice principles and practices will foster a deeper understanding of its benefits, encourage broader community involvement, and enhance the effectiveness of restorative initiatives in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Philadelphia recognizes the importance of fostering healing and understanding among victims, offenders, and the community at large, as restorative justice empowers victims, encourages accountability, rebuilds community relationships, and promotes a holistic approach to addressing the root causes of crime, ultimately leading to better outcomes for all involved; and

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby declares the third week of every November as "Restorative Justice Week" in Philadelphia.

241076

Resolution recognizing the 300th Anniversary of The Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia. The Nation's Oldest Trade Guild and the Stewards of Carpenters' Hall