

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, September 5, 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**240629****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution calling on the Pennsylvania State Senate to enact House Bill 2370 to fairly fund schools in Philadelphia and across the Commonwealth to ensure fair allocation of resources for all students.

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.

240368**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance continuing a neighborhood improvement District, known as the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of East Passyunk Avenue from the south side of Federal Street to the east side of South Broad Street, certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of East Passyunk Avenue, both sides of South Broad Street from the north side of McKean Street to the north side of Snyder Avenue, and the west side of South Broad Street from the south side of Mifflin Street to the north side of McKean Street; designating the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., relating to the District; and authorizing the East Passyunk Avenue 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.

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.

240416-A**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.

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTIONS****240675**

Resolution the Council of the City of Philadelphia is pleased to honor and recognize The Honorable Stephen Kinsey for his exceptional service and leadership as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 2013 to 2024. Elected to represent the 201st Legislative District, Stephen Kinsey proudly served for six terms, demonstrating unwavering dedication to his constituents and community; and

240676

Resolution recognizing September 2024 as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” to raise awareness about the importance of screening for and treatment of prostate cancer, to encourage prostate cancer research, and to encourage Philadelphians to take an active role in the fight to end prostate cancer.

240677

Resolution honoring and recognizing the Philadelphia Youth Network (“PYN”) as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

240678

Resolution honoring and recognizing Youth Action for over two decades of inspiring leadership and community service in Philadelphia.

240679

Resolution honoring and recognizing Brown's Linens, Inc. For its historic contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence across four generations.

240680

Resolution honoring and recognizing Buccann for its significant contributions to the local culinary landscape and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in modern Dominican cuisine.

240681

Resolution honoring And Recognizing Bally's Pizzeria For Its Significant Contribution To The Culinary Landscape And Its Unwavering Dedication To Quality, Community, And Authenticity.

240682

Resolution honoring and recognizing Bruce R. Hawkins Funeral Home for its remarkable contributions to the community and its commitment to excellence over the past 40 years.

240683

Resolution honoring And Recognizing Cathryn's Cake Salon For Its Dedication To Exceptional Service, Community Engagement, And Its Contribution To The Local Economy

240684

Resolution honoring and recognizing Eatible Delights Catering and its founder, David Simms, for their extraordinary contributions to the culinary arts and their unwavering commitment to community service.

240685

Resolution honoring and recognizing Island Fritay for its outstanding contributions to the local culinary scene and its commitment to excellence, community engagement, and authenticity in Haitian Caribbean cuisine.

240686

Resolution honoring and recognizing Paul Beale's flowers for its remarkable 50-year history and its enduring impact on the community.

240687

Resolution honoring and recognizing Ron's Caribbean Cuisine for its significant contribution to the culinary landscape and its unwavering dedication to quality, community, and authenticity.

240688

Resolution honoring and celebrating Dermatology, Laser, and Aesthetic Surgery, and its owner, Dr. Louis A. Brown, Jr., for their extraordinary contributions to the Rising Sun Avenue Business Corridor and the broader Philadelphia community.

240689

Resolution recognizing the recent partnership between PhilaPort and Norwegian Cruise Line and celebrating the return of cruising in the City of Philadelphia

240690

Resolution recognizing, honoring and celebrating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated on the Occasion of Zeta Day at City Hall

240697

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless to hold hearings on how setting affordable housing program eligibility according to the metric of regional Area Median Income (AMI) fails to reflect the true state of housing affordability needs of Philadelphians, how this leads to City housing programs not providing enough funding to those who need it most, and how the adoption of a more locally defined AMI can be utilized to create and sustain genuinely affordable housing across the city of Philadelphia.

240698

Resolution honoring and congratulating The Rex 6 Basketball Team for winning the 2024 Brotherly Love Basketball Championship.

240699

Resolution honoring and Congratulating Preparatory Charter High School Graduate Kahleah Copper on winning the Gold Medal in Women's Basketball during the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris France.

240700

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings investigating the city's progress towards achieving its Vision Zero goals and examining opportunities to increase safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists.

240701

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings to assess the current state of Philadelphia's preparations for the multitude of events being held across the city throughout 2026 as we celebrate America's 250th birthday and Philadelphia's central role in America's founding.

240702

Resolution honoring and congratulating Joel Embiid on his gold medal finish in the 2024 Olympic Games basketball final and for becoming the first player in Philadelphia 76ers franchise history to win a gold medal with Team USA.

240703

Resolution authorizing the joint Committees on Public Safety and Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to investigate the effectiveness and potential expansion of mobile mental health units administered by the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services.

240704

Resolution honoring and recognizing 6abc Philadelphia news anchor and reporter Rick Williams for his contributions to the impactful "Crimefighters" series.

240705

Resolution honoring and recognizing Drexel University alumnus Justin Best, who mastered the sport of rowing on the Schuylkill River at Boathouse Row in the 4th Councilmanic District, for his contribution in securing the gold medal as one of four on the United States Olympic Rowing Team at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, France.

240706

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings investigating the rate of food waste and determining distribution options for excess food in the School District of Philadelphia.

240707

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to investigate the ability and preparedness of critical city departments to possess a redundancy of records.

240709

Resolution recognizing September 10, 2024 as Suicide Prevention Day in the City of Philadelphia, and affirming the need for suicide prevention awareness and robust mental health services.

240710

Resolution honoring and recognizing Maia Weintraub for representing Philadelphia and the United States in the 2024 Summer Olympics and winning a gold medal in team fencing

240715

Resolution authorizing the joint Committees on Public Safety and Streets and Services to hold hearings to investigate Philadelphia Police Department precinct policies and practices for approving and denying block party permits, and exploring methods to increase block party permit applications

240716

Resolution authorizing the Council Committee on Streets and Services to hold hearings to investigate the policies, procedures, and practices regarding the changing of the direction of streets as authorized by the Philadelphia Department of Streets

240718

Resolution authorizing the Joint Committees on Public Safety and Legislative Oversight to hold hearings examining actions necessary to significantly reduce the Philadelphia prison population in an effort to permanently close Philadelphia's oldest and most inhumane prison facility, The Detention Center.

240719

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to investigate the economic impact of the Philadelphia Water Department's implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure on the residents of the City of Philadelphia

240720

Resolution authorizing the Special Committee on Kensington to hold public hearings to examine the current state of transportation infrastructure and services in the City of Philadelphia in response to the opioid crisis.

240726

Resolution recognizing September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month," and promoting the public awareness and research of childhood cancer in the City of Philadelphia.

240727

Resolution recognizing the prevalence of childhood abuse and the severe impacts it has on the children of Philadelphia, and affirming the City of Philadelphia's commitment to examining the effectiveness of City funded programs that provide services for child welfare and safety.