

City of Philadelphia

*City Council
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402 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107*



Meeting Minutes (Long)

Thursday, April 10, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

CITY COUNCIL

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

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend James A. Callahan, Pastor Emeritus, Christ the King Parish, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, April 3, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence were requested.

COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 705, 709, and 713 N 35th St; 3712 and 3714 Wallace St; and 3810 Haverford Ave located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 250363)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Keystone Opportunity Zone, Economic Development District, and Strategic Development Area," to provide for additional extensions of certain benefits, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250364)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for use by the City of premises located at 4101 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 250365)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on April 09, 2025, I signed the following bill, which were passed by Council at its session on March 27, 2025:

Bill No. 250066-A (File No. 250366)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 250323: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for use by the City of premises located at 4101 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032300](#)

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

Bill No. 250324: An Ordinance Amending subsection 19-2604(6) of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Credit for Contributions to Community Development Corporations, Nonprofit Organizations Engaged in Developing and Implementing Healthy Food Initiatives and Nonprofit Intermediaries,” under which businesses may enter into agreements to make contributions to community development corporations and certain other organizations to receive tax credits, by expanding eligibility for recipients of such funds and the uses to which such funds may be used; and which taxes that are used for this tax credit program, and increasing the number of businesses to which the credit shall be made available; and providing the option for a commensurate grant program; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032400](#)

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

Bill No. 250325: An Ordinance Amending subsection 9-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Street Vendors,” by permitting vendors licensed to operate on certain City streets from certain otherwise prohibited conduct; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 250326: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land located in and about the area bounded by 31st Street, Ludlow Street, and 32nd Street, together with all improvements thereon, for purposes of placing on the City Plan, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032600](#)

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

Bill No. 250327: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 5313 Haverford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19139, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032700](#)

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

Bill No. 250328: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 226 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Bristol Street from Second Street to Hunting Park Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032800](#)

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

Bill No. 250329: 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,

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and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25032900](#)

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

Bill No. 250330: 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.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25033000](#)

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Rourke:

Bill No. 250331: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to hereby authorize the creation of an Anti-Displacement Fund, to establish violations for displacement, and to authorize the Department of Planning and Development to administer the Anti-Displacement Fund; and amending Section A-505, entitled "Cease Operations Order" to add notice requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250332: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-3200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Keystone Opportunity Zone, Economic Development District, and Strategic Development Area," to provide for additional extensions of certain benefits, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25033200](#)

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

Bill No. 250333: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 Zoning Code of The Philadelphia Code, Sections 14-409 entitled "SP-CIV, Civic, Educational, and Medical (Special

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Purpose) District,” and amending Title 14-602 entitled “Use Tables,” by allowing Religious Assembly uses in certain Special Purpose districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25033300](#)

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

Bill No. 250334: An Ordinance Amending section 14-1000 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled Historic Preservation, requiring notification to City Council Members of historical designations in the City of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25033400](#)

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Phillips, Ahmad, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Johnson, Landau, Lozada, O'Neill, O'Rourke, Squilla and Young:

Resolution No. 250335: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 5th to 11th, 2025, as “Week of the Young Child” in Philadelphia in support of The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and commending the work of NAEYC for promoting high quality educational and developmental services for children under 8 years of age.

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

Resolution No. 250336: Resolution Recognizing April 11 - 17, 2025, as “Black Maternal Health Week” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250337: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 705, 709, and 713 N 35th St; 3712 and 3714 Wallace St; and 3810 Haverford Ave located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 250338: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Erik Reynolds for his historic contributions to the St. Joseph's University men's basketball program, his record-breaking journey to becoming the University's all-time leading scorer, and his lasting impact on the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250339: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to create a taskforce investigating the current state of higher education as this pillar of the Philadelphia regional economy and cultural landscape undergoes generational change.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Ahmad, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Johnson, Landau, Lozada, O'Rourke, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas and Young:

Resolution No. 250340: Resolution Honoring Inspector Verdell Johnson for his retirement and years of service from the Philadelphia Police Department.

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

Resolution No. 250341: Resolution Honoring and recognizing The Elevation Project, a non-profit organization, for its outstanding contributions to reducing recidivism, supporting formerly incarcerated individuals, and helping create pathways to a brighter future.

Councilmember Landau Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Landau, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Squilla and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250342: Resolution Calling on the Trump Administration to reverse the mass termination of Health and Human Services (HHS) staff that manages the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which distributes \$4.1 billion annually to state governments to assist low-income households in paying their utility bills, threatening the health and safety of vulnerable populations in extreme temperatures.

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

Resolution No. 250343: Resolution Calling on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass the Ready to Rent Act and increase housing opportunities for Pennsylvanians by automatically sealing most eviction records.

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

Resolution No. 250344: Resolution Recognizing April 10, 2025, as National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250345: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Philadelphia chefs and restaurants named as finalists for the 2025 James Beard Awards.

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

Resolution No. 250346: Resolution Recognizing April 15, 2025, as World Art Day in the City of Philadelphia, and celebrating the creativity, innovation and cultural diversity of the city's fine arts.

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

Resolution No. 250347: Resolution Calling on the National Football League to abandon proposed rule changes to halt the usage of the Philadelphia Eagles' signature quarterback sneak, better known as the "Brotherly Shove" or the "Tush Push."

Councilmember Young Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Young, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Brooks, Harrity, Driscoll, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250348: Resolution Authorizing the establishment of the Special Committee on Reform of ACT 135, the *Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act*, to develop recommendations for reforming the Act to prevent its use for exploitation of vulnerable communities.

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Councilmember Young Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Young, Ahmad, Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Johnson, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, O'Rourke, Phillips, Squilla and Thomas:

Resolution No. 250349: Resolution Recognizing April 6 through 12, 2025 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250350: Resolution Recognizing the month of April as "National Woodworking Month" in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 250351: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 13-19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 250352: An Ordinance Authorizing the Special Committee on Kensington to hold hearings on the intersection of homelessness and substance use disorder (SUD) in communities with both unstable housing and addiction.

Councilmember O'Rourke Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers O'Rourke, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, Harrity, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 250353: Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to draft and pass bipartisan legislation that will secure necessary funding for SEPTA to prevent service closures, fare increases, and a decline in mobility and economic activity for the citizens of Philadelphia and neighboring counties.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250354: Resolution Approving the appointment of James Lamont Rozier to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

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Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250355: Resolution Approving the appointment of Myra Ralph to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250356: Resolution Approving the appointment of Dave Jannette to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250357: Resolution Approving the appointment of Darby Ford to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Driscoll Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Driscoll:

Resolution No. 250358: Resolution Approving the appointment of Angela Dunston to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

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

Resolution No. 250359: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Neumann-Goretti girls basketball team on winning the PIAA State Championship.

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

Resolution No. 250360: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Neumann-Goretti boys basketball team on winning the PIAA State Championship.

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

Resolution No. 250361: Resolution Authorizing the creation of a "Special Committee

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on Child Separation in Philadelphia" to review child separation practices in Philadelphia's child welfare system and develop recommendations to ensure compliance with state child protective services law, protect children, uphold due process rights of families, and prevent the unnecessary break-up of families.

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

Resolution No. 250362: Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold a hearing on the policies of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding child welfare protections.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Bill No. 250102: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220639), approved January 10, 2023, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 27-S by striking from the City Plan the easterly twenty feet wide portion of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Snyder Avenue, striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Vandalia Street from Wolf Street to Weccacoe Avenue, and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes within the portion of Swanson Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the beds of the remaining unopened portions of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Jackson Street and from Jackson Street to Snyder Avenue," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250102.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250148: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System to Improve Safety," by providing for the use, administration and enforcement of automated speed cameras on routes located within specified school zones, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250148.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250176: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 118 by striking from the City Plan and vacating a widened portion of Warnock Street, on the westerly side thereof between Berks Street and Norris Street, and relocating the westerly houseline of said Warnock Street so as to align with the westerly houseline of the unaffected portions of Warnock Street as extending from Berks Street to Norris Street, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250176.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250177: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 22 Wolf St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250177.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250203: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ogden street between N. 13th street and Camac street; Wood street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; N. 21st street between Hamilton street and Pennsylvania avenue; Franklin Town boulevard between Callowhill street and Wood street.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250203.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250208: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1117 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking," as it will take effect pursuant to Bill No. 240613-AA (approved December 18, 2024), by revising the definition of disability parking space and further amending The Philadelphia Code by updating cross-references to Section 12-1117 that now appear in Title 9, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," and Title 12, "Traffic Code," all under certain terms and conditions.

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COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250208.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250209, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to clarify penalties and procedures associated with smart loading zone parking enforcement, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250209, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250240: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-900 ("Parking Regulations and Penalties") and Chapter 12-2800 ("Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations") of The Philadelphia Code revising penalties related to parking certain large vehicles, including boats, motor homes, house coaches, house trailers, truck campers, recreational cargo trailers, and recreational trailers, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250240.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250241: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220454), approved November 30, 2022, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Krewstown Road from Norwalk Road to its terminus southwestwardly therefrom, under certain terms and conditions," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250241.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250266: An Ordinance Regulating the direction of movement of traffic on 47th Street between Chestnut Street and Kingsessing, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250266.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25026600](#)

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

Bill No. 250267: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of a travel lane on 47th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250267.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25026700](#)

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

Bill No. 250271: An Ordinance Amending The Philadelphia Code by increasing the penalties for the prohibited parking or maintaining of semitrailers and truck tractors at residential properties, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250271.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Attachments: [Bill No. 25027100](#)

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

Bill No. 250272: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 322-40 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250272.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 250274: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 219 West Rittenhouse St, Philadelphia, PA 19144, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 250274.

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

Bill No. 250102: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220639), approved January 10, 2023, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 27-S by striking from the City Plan the easterly twenty feet wide portion of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Snyder Avenue, striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Vandalia Street from Wolf Street to Weccacoe Avenue, and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes within the portion of Swanson Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the beds of the remaining unopened portions of Swanson Street from Wolf Street to Jackson Street and from Jackson Street to Snyder Avenue," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

Bill No. 250148: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of An Automated Speed Enforcement System to Improve Safety," by providing for the use, administration and enforcement of automated speed cameras on routes located within specified school zones, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250176: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 118 by striking from the City Plan and vacating a widened portion of Warnock Street, on the westerly side thereof between Berks Street and Norris Street, and relocating the westerly houseline of said Warnock Street so as to align with the westerly houseline of the unaffected portions of Warnock Street as extending from Berks Street to Norris Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250177: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 22 Wolf St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain

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terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250203: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ogden street between N. 13th street and Camac street; Wood street between N. 18th street and N. 19th street; N. 21st street between Hamilton street and Pennsylvania avenue; Franklin Town boulevard between Callowhill street and Wood street.

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

Bill No. 250208: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1117 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking," as it will take effect pursuant to Bill No. 240613-AA (approved December 18, 2024), by revising the definition of disability parking space and further amending The Philadelphia Code by updating cross-references to Section 12-1117 that now appear in Title 9, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," and Title 12, "Traffic Code," all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250209, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to clarify penalties and procedures associated with smart loading zone parking enforcement, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250240: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-900 ("Parking Regulations and Penalties") and Chapter 12-2800 ("Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations") of The Philadelphia Code revising penalties related to parking certain large vehicles, including boats, motor homes, house coaches, house trailers, truck campers, recreational cargo trailers, and recreational trailers, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250241: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 220454), approved November 30, 2022, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Krewstown Road from Norwalk Road to its terminus southwestwardly therefrom, under certain terms and conditions," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

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Bill No. 250266: An Ordinance Regulating the direction of movement of traffic on 47th Street between Chestnut Street and Kingsessing, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25026600](#)

Bill No. 250267: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize a bicycle lane and removal of a travel lane on 47th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25026700](#)

Bill No. 250271: An Ordinance Amending The Philadelphia Code by increasing the penalties for the prohibited parking or maintaining of semitrailers and truck tractors at residential properties, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Attachments: [Bill No. 25027100](#)

Bill No. 250272: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 322-40 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19106, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 250274: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of planters in the vicinity of 219 West Rittenhouse St, Philadelphia, PA 19144, under certain terms and conditions.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina Curry KGR Resolution
Erik Reynolds Thomas Resolution
Juanita Clark 250317
Kate Perez 250318
Christine Sullivan KGR Resolution

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Damaris Alvarado-Rodriquez 250298
Saleemah McNeil KGR Resolution
Jenne Johns KGR Resolution
Vonee Hill KGR Resolution
Dianna Coleman O'Rourke Resolution
Leslie Spina 250298
Susan Kavchok 250298
Christine Coleman 250298
Sonya Hackett 250298
April Jackson 250298
Jonae McAllister KGR Introducing
Marianne Fray KGR Introducing
Seneca Grant 250317
Mark Clincy 250317
Sean Fleming 250317
Marguerite Byrd 250317
Tonya McClary CPOC
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Julia Koprak 250318
George Matysik 250318
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Thomas Kennedy CPOC
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Tyreece Roger 250317

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- **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

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250250: Resolution Appointing Malika Rahman to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250251: Resolution Appointing Gilberto Gonzalez to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250252: Resolution Appointing Michelle Enix-Kenney to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250253: Resolution Appointing LaTanya Whitehead to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250254: Resolution Reappointing Haakim Peay to the Citizen's Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250297: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1911 Mountain Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250298: Resolution Calling on the Trump Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to preserve funding and administrative support for Head Start, prevent program disruptions, and protect access to early childhood education for low-income families.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250299: Resolution Calling on the Trump Administration to reverse the termination of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant awarded to the City of Philadelphia to support efforts to address flooding in Eastwick, a community that has been disproportionately impacted by environmental injustice and hardships.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 250300: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 813 Union Street, 6130 Ellsworth Street, 4910 Kingsessing Avenue, 5417 Florence Avenue, 5425 Florence 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250304: Resolution Renaming the 5700 block of W Oxford Street “Fred Rosenfeld Way” to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Frederick C. Rosenfeld for his outstanding contributions to youth sports in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250305: Resolution Appointing Ericka Stewart to the Citizen’s Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 250310: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2323-31 N. 5th Street, 2322 N. Orkney Street, 2324 N. Orkney Street, 2326 N. Orkney Street, 2328 N. Orkney Street, 2330 N. Orkney Street in the Seventh 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 250314: Resolution Recognizing the central role of labor organizing and labor unions in the history of Philadelphia, their ongoing importance to the wellbeing of working-class families, and condemning the Trump Administration’s continued pursuit of anti-labor and anti-worker policies.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250317: Resolution Responding to U.S Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Scott Turner’s ill-informed understanding of public housing development and call for deregulation by reinforcing the importance of the continued preservation of local control over housing development decisions to ensure development aligns with the needs and desires of our communities, and calling on Turner to preserve the Choice Neighborhood Initiatives program which enables PHA

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to preserve and expand its affordable housing stock.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 250318: Resolution Demanding the Trump Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore the funding that was cut for programs supporting Pennsylvania food banks and schools accessing local produce, which will endanger food security for vulnerable children and families in Philadelphia and further deepening the crisis of hunger in the City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 240333: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-533 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/MIN, Mixed Income Neighborhoods Overlay District,” to update the illustrative maps to reflect recent redistricting changes, 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. 240427-AA, as amended: 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.

COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG MOVED TO ORDER THE BILL PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S
SUSPENSION CALENDAR

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250335: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 5th to 11th, 2025, as “Week of the Young Child” in Philadelphia in support of The National Association

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for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and commending the work of NAEYC for promoting high quality educational and developmental services for children under 8 years of age.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

Resolution No. 250336: Resolution Recognizing April 11 - 17, 2025, as “Black Maternal Health Week” in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 250338: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Erik Reynolds for his historic contributions to the St. Joseph’s University men’s basketball program, his record-breaking journey to becoming the University’s all-time leading scorer, and his lasting impact on the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250340: Resolution Honoring Inspector Verdell Johnson for his retirement and years of service from the Philadelphia Police Department.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 250341: Resolution Honoring and recognizing The Elevation Project, a non-profit organization, for its outstanding contributions to reducing recidivism, supporting formerly incarcerated individuals, and helping create pathways to a brighter future.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250344: Resolution Recognizing April 10, 2025, as National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

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Resolution No. 250345: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Philadelphia chefs and restaurants named as finalists for the 2025 James Beard Awards.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 250346: Resolution Recognizing April 15, 2025, as World Art Day in the City of Philadelphia, and celebrating the creativity, innovation and cultural diversity of the city's fine arts.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250349: Resolution Recognizing April 6 through 12, 2025 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250350: Resolution Recognizing the month of April as "National Woodworking Month" in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 250351: Resolution Recognizing the week of April 13-19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Bill No. 250352: An Ordinance Authorizing the Special Committee on Kensington to hold hearings on the intersection of homelessness and substance use disorder (SUD) in communities with both unstable housing and addiction.

THE BILL WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Squilla called up:

Resolution No. 250359: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Neumann-Goretti girls basketball team on winning the PIAA State Championship.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Squilla called up:

Resolution No. 250360: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Neumann-Goretti boys basketball team on winning the PIAA State Championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 250362: Resolution Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold a hearing on the policies of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding child welfare protections.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Jones, and Councilmember Thomas

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

to Thursday, April 24, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.