

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, May 14, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

Speakers for public comment can sign up in advance, submit comments electronically, or sign up to speak the day of the meeting. To sign up in advance, speakers may call 215-686-3406 or email chiefclerk@phila.gov by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting. Speakers who sign up in advance will be added to the list. Speakers must sign up individually, not on behalf of others or groups, and provide the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

Speakers may also submit public comment electronically by email to chiefclerk@phila.gov no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting, preferably as a PDF attachment to the email. Electronic submissions become part of the written record of the proceedings but they are not read aloud in Council. To sign up the day of the meeting, come to Room 400, City Hall and check in at the desk by the entrance.

***If you require an accommodation or service to fully participate, please let the Chief Clerk's Office know when signing up for Public Comment.**

***If you need an interpreter for these events, please call or email the Chief Clerk's office for information about our language services.**

***Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40, or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>.**

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.

RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260469****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 4100 Block of Powelton Avenue as “West Powelton Steppers Way” to honor the legacy and impact of the West Powelton Steppers and Drum Squad on the community.

260480**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution supporting the proposed Sam Worley Elderly Tax Relief Act, legislation to exempt qualifying long-term elderly homeowners from school, county, and municipal property taxes on their primary residences in Pennsylvania.

260481**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling for the expansion of equitable cultural opportunities for children enrolled in childcare facilities throughout the City of Philadelphia through membership access to the Art-Reach ACCESS Program, particularly during the summer season when the City welcomes visitors from around the world.

BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**250768****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

260063-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as Panati Playground, located at 3100 N 22nd Street, to the “Allegheny West Recreation Center” in recognition of the community and neighborhood that it serves.

260340**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 323 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, under certain terms and conditions.

RESOLUTIONS

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260537**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

Resolution honoring and recognizing Ad Prima Charter School for being designated a 2026 State and National School of Character, becoming the first school in Philadelphia to receive this distinction, and celebrating this extraordinary achievement as a testament to the school’s commitment to strong culture, ethical leadership, character development, and educational excellence.

260538**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

Resolution honoring and recognizing Russell Byers Charter School on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and celebrating 25 years of educational excellence, civic purpose, and service to children and families in the City of Philadelphia, and further recognizing Laurada Byers for her visionary leadership and enduring impact.

260539**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution declaring May 13th, 2026, the 41st Anniversary of the MOVE Bombing, as a day of reflection and remembrance in the City of Philadelphia.

260540**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold hearings on the implementation and progress of vegetated green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) under the Green City, Clean Waters initiative, and to examine the benefits of expanding Green Stormwater Infrastructure throughout the City.

260541**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution honoring and congratulating the Blackhawks Athletic Club Under 12 Football Team on winning the 2025 American Youth Football 12U Division I National Championship

260542**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution recognizing and honoring the month of May as "Youth Mental Health Awareness Month" in the City of Philadelphia to center the well-being of young Philadelphians and urging for youth-led, trauma-informed investments in every neighborhood.

260543**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Philadelphia.

260544**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution recognizing and celebrating Ben Fletcher - Philadelphia's revolutionary labor leader - and honoring Local 8, the 1913 Longshoremen's Strike, and the city's Black-led tradition of multiracial solidarity in the fight for dignity and respect at work and in our communities.

260547**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month, raising awareness of the impact of brain tumors on individuals, families, and communities, and promoting education, research, and support for those affected.

260549**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as American Stroke Month in Philadelphia

260550**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as National Tennis Month

260551**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

260552**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold public hearings on the process of starting a microbusiness or pop-up shop in Philadelphia, and on how the City can streamline that process so more microbusinesses grow into small businesses.