

Committee on Public Property Public Works

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC WORKS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 11, 2025
9:45 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL

ALSO PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON

BILL: 250807

Committee on Public Property Public Works

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 This is the Committee on Public
4 Property and Public Works. I now
5 note that the time has come.

6 Will the Clerk please
7 call the roll to take attendance.
8 Members that are present, please
9 signify that you're here by saying
10 aye when your name is called.
11 Ms. Lee, will you please call the
12 roll.

13 THE CLERK: Chair
14 Lozada.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
16 Present.

17 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair
18 Squilla.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
20 Present.

21 THE CLERK:
22 Councilmember Gauthier.

23 (No response.)

24 THE CLERK:

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1 Councilmember Driscoll.

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

3 Present.

4 THE CLERK:

5 Councilmember Harrity.

6 (No response.)

7 THE CLERK:

8 Councilmember Young.

9 (No response.)

10 THE CLERK: Recognizing

11 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore

12 Richardson is here today.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

14 RICHARDSON: Present.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: I

16 note for the record that a quorum

17 of this committee is present and

18 this hearing is now called to

19 order. This is the public hearing

20 on the Committee of Public Property

21 and Public Works regarding Bill No.

22 250807.

23 Will the Clerk please

24 read the title of the bill on the

Committee on Public Property Public Works

1 agenda for today.

2 THE CLERK: Bill No.

3 250807, introduced by Councilmember

4 Squilla, entitled An ordinance

5 authorizing the Commissioner of

6 Public Property to acquire, on

7 behalf of the City, fee simple

8 title or a lesser interest, by

9 purchase, dedication, donation,

10 condemnation, agreement in lieu of

11 condemnation or otherwise, for the

12 purpose of making, enlarging,

13 connecting, extending, operating,

14 and maintaining public parks for

15 recreational use, certain parcels

16 of land, generally bounded and

17 located between Vine Street,

18 Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and

19 12th Street, together with all

20 improvements thereon and all

21 associated easements and

22 appurtenances; and to lease the

23 property, or a portion thereof, to

24 the Center City District; all under

1 certain terms and conditions.

2 There are no further
3 bills being heard today, Madam
4 Chair.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

6 Thank you. Is there anyone here
7 today to testify on this bill?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

10 There being none, this concludes
11 the hearing and we will go into a
12 public meeting. We will now
13 convene the public meeting to
14 consider the actions to be taken on
15 the bill before us in this
16 committee.

17 Will the Clerk -- we
18 have a quorum, Councilmember
19 Driscoll, Councilmember Squilla,
20 myself, Councilmember Majority
21 Leader Richardson. We will now
22 note for the record that there is a
23 quorum present.

24 The Chair recognizes

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1 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
2 on Bill No. 250807.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Thank you, Madam Chair.

5 I offer an amendment to
6 Bill No. 250807. A copy of the
7 amendment has been circulated to
8 all members of the committee. I
9 move that the amendment to Bill No.
10 250807 be adopted.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

13 Thank you. It's been moved and
14 properly seconded that the
15 amendment to Bill No. 250807 as
16 amended be adopted.

17 All those in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

24 The ayes have it. The motion

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1 carries. The amendment to Bill No.
2 250807 as amended has been adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Squilla for a motion
5 on Bill No. 250807 as amended.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

7 Thank you, Madam Chair.

8 I move that Bill No.
9 250807 as amended be reported from
10 this committee with a favorable
11 recommendation and further move
12 that the rules of Council be
13 suspended as to permit the first
14 reading of this bill at the next
15 session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: It
18 has been moved and properly
19 seconded that Bill No. 250807 as
20 amended be reported from this
21 committee with a favorable
22 recommendation and further move
23 that the rules of Council be
24 suspended to permit first reading

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1 of this bill at the next session of
2 Council.

3 All those in favor
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

10 The ayes have it. The motion
11 carries.

12 Are there any questions?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

15 There's no further business on this
16 hearing. This concludes the
17 hearing on Public Property and
18 Public Works. Thank you so much
19 for being with us this morning.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

21 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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23 Committee on Public
24 Property and Public Works concluded

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3 and evidence noted are contained fully and
4 accurately in the stenographic notes taken
5 by me in the foregoing matter, and that
6 this is a correct transcript of the same.
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TANEHA CARROLL
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Public Property and Public Works** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**, at **9:15 AM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

250807

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.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Public Property and Public Works, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.