

City of Pittsburgh

*510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL***

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council

Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Khari Mosley, Theresa Kail-Smith, Erika Strassburger, Barbara Warwick, Bobby Wilson

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 2 - Council Member Coghil, and Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2025-1786](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the artistic and social impact of Monteze Freeland and his work within the Greater Pittsburgh Region, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 25th, 2025, to be "**Monteze Freeland Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 242

[2025-1787](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby ask for all Pittsburghers to help raise the public awareness of autism to create more inclusive and understanding communities for individuals with autism and their families; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of April 2025 to be "**Autism Awareness Month**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 243

[2025-1788](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commends Lyila Wirth for her initiative in cleaning up her neighborhood and for transforming a lesson from her parents into a positive and impactful act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 29, 2025 to be “***Lyila Wirth Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 244

[2025-1789](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate “***The Neighborhood Academy***” for their commitment to hard work, discipline, and teamwork and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Friday, April 29th, 2025, to be “***The Neighborhood Academy***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 245

[2025-1790](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate “***The Sacred Heart Crusaders***” for their commitment to hard work, discipline, and teamwork and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Friday, April 29th, 2025, to be “***Sacred Heart Crusader’s Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 246

[2025-1792](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commends Tim Stevens for his unwavering commitment to justice, equity, and empowerment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, May 4, 2025 to be “**Tim Stevens Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 247

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2025-1791](#)

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Shapiro to increase funding to Pittsburgh Regional Transit by at least \$117 million in the 2026 fiscal year to prevent a catastrophic loss of transit service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council will be distributed to the Allegheny County delegations of the Pennsylvania State General Assembly and to the office of Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 248

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stormy Morris, Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Nikole Sheaffer, Bernadette Mosey, Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1777](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements and amendments thereto with Forrester Research, Inc to provide Information Technology (IT) Research and Advisory Services. Total cost is not-to-exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$495,700) over three years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1778](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 100 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2025-1779](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 135 51st Street, Pittsburgh PA 15201, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2025-1780](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for the first of two installments for the 2025 annual membership dues in an amount not to exceed FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS (\$48,400.50).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1781](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David A. Zubik for plaintiff counsel fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988(b) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d), in connection with a litigation matter in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:20-cv-1809-WSH for an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$168,500.00) over two years.

(Executive Session held 4/29/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1782](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tyisha Somerville in an amount not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,625.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (2025-CLAIM-0009) for damage to her parked vehicle from a City Environmental Services (ES) vehicle on December 20, 2024.

(Executive Session held 4/29/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1783](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of 239 42nd Street, LLC in an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,231.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (2025-CLAIM-0049) for damage to their property at 417 N. Millvale Avenue from a City Police vehicle on June 24, 2024.
(Executive Session held 4/29/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1784](#) Resolution authorizing interdepartmental transfers in the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$647,228.63) from the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Administration, the Department of Public Works Bureau of Operations, Bureau of Environmental Services, and Bureau of Facilities, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure. These budget neutral transfers are necessary to properly align funding associated with the recent Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 668 and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 2037 contract ratifications.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1785](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of Office of Management and Budget, submitting to City Council the attached status update from the Grants Office for the week ended April 25, 2025.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2025-1773](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 23, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2025-1728](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, in an amount not to exceed FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$40,000.00) over one year, for professional services in connection with immigration matters.

(Executive Session held 4/15/25)

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1774](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 23, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2025-1713](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement(s) and/or Amendment(s) with the University of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of providing supplemental waste operations in the Oakland neighborhood, at no cost to the City.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2025-1729](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an ownership and maintenance agreement with Almono, LP for six bus shelters to be constructed along Second Avenue and Blair Street in the Hazelwood neighborhood, at no cost to the city.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

[2025-1775](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for April 23, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2025-1746](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with LiveBarn and/or with Team Pittsburgh Ball Hockey (“Team Pittsburgh”) for the purpose of Team Pittsburgh live-streaming dek hockey games held at the Dek Hockey Rink in Marmaduke Park, at no cost to the City.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1776](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 23, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2025-1727](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 30th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 33-K, Lot 128 (219 Reifert Street - Council District No. 3), at no cost to the City.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Warwick motioned for a Post-Agenda relative to the Safe Passages Program. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT