

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

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

*R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council*

*Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghil, 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 Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**Absent** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

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

[2024-0847](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Charles Evans, Esq. on receiving the Judge James R. McGregor Award from Amen Corner; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, September 5, 2024 to be “**Charles Evans, Esq. Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 574

[2024-0848](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Judge Christine A. Ward on receiving the Judge Robert E. Dauer Award and thank her for her contributions to our community; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, September 5, 2024 to be “**Judge Christine Ward Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 575

[2024-0849](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Brian and Michelle Ralston for their contribution to the sport of fastpitch softball and for their service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Wednesday, September 4, 2024 to be “**Brian and Michelle Ralston Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 576

[2024-0850](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 29th, 2024, to be “Thaddeus Mosley 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: 577

[2024-0851](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 31st, 2024, to be “Seth Hufford 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: 578

[2024-0852](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate Louise Silk for her years of work that have enriched the City’s cultural identity and artistic legacy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, September 1, 2024, to be “Louise Silk Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 579

[2024-0853](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in these trying times for the Ukrainian nation, the people of the City of Pittsburgh join the brave people of Ukraine to honor Ukrainian independence and fervently support the existence of a free and sovereign Ukraine; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, August 24 to be “Ukrainian Independence Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 580

[2024-0854](#)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of September 2024 to be “**Addiction Recovery Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh, and recognizes Shanea Clancy, Melissa Osburn, and Joey Pagano for their extraordinary efforts to support recovery in our region.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 581

[2024-0855](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes September as Suicide Prevention Month throughout the City of Pittsburgh starting 2024 and onward.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 582

[2024-0856](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 4th, 2024, to be “**Ira Ritter Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Presented in Council on September 4th, 2024.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 583

[2024-0857](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Our Lady of Victory Maronite Church for their service to the community and their faithfulness to their heritage; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 6-8, 2024, to be "*Lebanese-American Days*" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 584

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dr Ronald Lynn Miller, Harold Keller, Jon Hanrahan, Ralph L Williams, Jala Rucker**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2024-0834](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Department of Justice for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$966,000) to support the Office of Community Health and Safety's LEAD Program, which aims to lower rates of recidivism, increase quality of life outcomes of participants through service provider referrals, and provide long-term support to vulnerable residents.

**Attachments:** [2024-0834 Cover Letter-BJA - LEAD GRANT- 2024 - COVER signed Summary 2024-0834](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

[2024-0835](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Department of Public Safety to receive rolling grants through December 31, 2024 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the form of Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and xylazine test strips valued at an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) to be distributed by the Office of Community Health and Safety.

**Attachments:** [2024-0835 Cover Letter-PCCD - NARCAN CONTINUED SUPPORT - 2024 - COVER Summary 2024-0835](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2024-0836](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements and amendments thereto with Vision Point Systems ("VPS") to obtain Twilio Flex support services to meet the needs of the City of Pittsburgh, for a total cost not-to-exceed Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) over one year.

**Attachments:** [2024-0836 Cover Letter-Vision Point Systems legislation letter 8-14-24 - signed Summary 2024-0836](#)

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

**COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:**

[2024-0837](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with housing development in the Upper Hill District, at a cost not to exceed Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$77,662.79).

**Attachments:** [2024-0837 Cover Letter-URA Upper Hill - Letter\\_JP\\_Signed Summary 2024-0837](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2024-0838](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Proud Haven for one-time financial assistance for the 2024 Pittsburgh Pride Celebration in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00).

**Attachments:** [2024-0838 Cover Letter-Proud Haven - Letter](#)  
[2024-0838 Proud Haven - Invoice](#)  
[2024-0838 Proud Haven - Invoice Review](#)  
[Summary 2024-0838](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2024-0839](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with the law firm of Dickie McCamey & Chicolte PC, in connection with ongoing litigation involving City employees, at a cost not-to-exceed Sixty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000) over one (1) year.

*(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)*  
*(Executive Session Requested)*

**Attachments:** [2024-0839 Cover Letter-Dickie McCamey Council Letter](#)  
[2024-0839 Dickie McCamey WCP Approved](#)  
[2024-0839 EORC Waiver letter - Dickie McCamey](#)  
[Summary 2024-0839](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2024-0840](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with the law firm of Comber Miller, LLC, in connection with ongoing litigation involving City employees, at a cost not-to-exceed Sixty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000) over one (1) year.

*(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)*  
*(Executive Session Requested)*

**Attachments:** [2024-0840 Cover Letter-Comber Miller Council Letter](#)  
[2024-0840 Comber Miller WCP Approved](#)  
[2024-0840 Comber Miller EORC Waiver Approved](#)  
[Summary 2024-0840](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2024-0841](#) Resolution appointing April Brouwer, as a Member of the Commission on Infrastructure Asset Reporting and Investment with a term to expire September 1, 2028.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: 585

[2024-0842](#) Resolution appointing Donal Donovan, as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission with a term to expire September 1, 2027.

**Attachments:** [2024-0842 Donal D - Appointment Letter - Madam Clerk](#)

[2024-0842 Donal Donovan Resume](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: 586

[2024-0843](#) Resolution appointing Alexander Gray, as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission with a term to expire September 1, 2027.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

Enactment No: 587

[2024-0844](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting a donation from the Cahouet Family foundation, on behalf of Ann P. Cahouet, to the department of Public Safety to support the City's Mounted Patrol unit in the amount of THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$3,750.00) dollars.

**Attachments:** [2024-0844 Communication to Council - Cahouet Mounted Units](#)

[2024-0844 Communication to Council - Cahouet Mounted Units JP INITIALED](#)

2024-0844 Mounted Unit Donation

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

[2024-0845](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Mayor's Office for Cydney Cooper, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

**Attachments:** [2024-0845 Acting Pay Memo MO](#)

2024-0845 Cydney Cooper Acting Pay\_JP\_Signed

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



[2024-0846](#) Resolution renaming the “Robert E Williams Shelter” located at the Robert E Williams Park as the “Schenley Heights Pavilion”.

*(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)*

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2024-0832](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for August 28, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0685](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny for the completion of lead safety projects, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh's American Rescue Plan Act allocation, at a cost not to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00).

**Attachments:** [2024-0685 Cover Letter-Allegheny County - Letter\\_JP\\_Signed](#)

[Summary 2024-0685](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0770](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title II: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237: STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND for the purpose of dedicating a portion of the fund to support the City of Pittsburgh’s ongoing work to provide legal counsel for tenants facing evictions.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**CO-SPONSOR /S:** Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Warwick, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Charland and Council Member Wilson

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0805](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program”, by reducing SMALLMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION by Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$35,340.92) and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$35,340.92).

**Attachments:** [2024-0805 Cover Letter-2018 COMPLETE STREETS\\_Letter 08-19-24\\_JP\\_Signed Summary 2024-0805](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0806](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2022 Capital Budget and the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2022 through 2027 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing CBD SIGNAL UPGRADES (TIP) by Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)

**Attachments:** [2024-0806 Cover Letter-2022 Complete Streets Letter 08-19-24 JP Signed Summary 2024-0806](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0807](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 857 of 2023, effective December 27, 2023, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing COMPLETE STREETS by Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$880,000), to account for additional Federal Highway Administration funding being received by the City of Pittsburgh.

**Attachments:** [2024-0807 Cover Letter-2024 Complete Streets Letter 08-19-24 JP Signed Summary 2024-0807](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

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**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

[2024-0833](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for August 28, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0742](#) 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 agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for maintenance obligations of facilities on Butler Street. This resolution serves to authorize only the Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh.

**Attachments:** [2024-0742 Cover Letter-Butler St Maintenance Agreement Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2024-0742](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0815](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with C.H. & D. Enterprises, Inc. for costs associated with the North Avenue Reconstruction Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Four Million Nine Hundred Forty-One Thousand Five Dollars and One Cent (\$4,941,005.01), of which Two Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000.00) are reimbursable.

**Attachments:** [2024-0815 Cover Letter-North Ave Reconstruction letter - signed](#)  
[2024-0815 VERSION 2 DRAFT](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

[2024-0816](#) Resolution amending Resolution 191 of 2024, providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction phase of the North Avenue Signals and Safety Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00), an increase of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00) from the previously executed agreement, reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

**Attachments:** [2024-0816 Cover Letter-North Ave Signals and Safety RA Amend Letter - signed](#)  
[2024-0816 116080. NorthAve Exhibit A01 1](#)  
[Summary 2024-0816](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**