

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**[2025-1397](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate *Naela A. Shuman* owner of “*Shuman’s Homewood*” for her serving her fellow man, continued kindness, and unwavering commitment to those in need and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, to be “*Naela A. Shuman 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: 1

[2025-1398](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsburgh City Council proudly recognizes the significant impact Ruby Bridges has made towards the advancement of equal education and commends Prime Stage Theater as they celebrate the courage and faith of Ruby Bridges and those who forged a new path for learning and living.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 18th, 2025 as “Ruby Bridges Day” in the city of Pittsburgh

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 2

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yvonne F. Brown, Special Agent Sunshine

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:

[2025-1384](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) for the purpose of providing customized applicant preparation training for Public Safety position applicants and services associated with Civil Service exam preparation and training; providing for the payment of the costs thereof not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) over three years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1385](#) Resolution amending Resolution #724 of 2019 titled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with CSS, Inc., for the provision of a business tax and revenue management software package for a sum not to exceed Five Million dollars and zero cents (\$5,000,000.00) over five years” by adding an additional Three Million, Five Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred, and Fifty-Nine dollars and zero cents (\$3,526,659.00) to the agreement and extending the agreement for an additional five years at a new total not to exceed Eight Million, Five Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-Nine dollars and zero cents (\$8,526,659.00).

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1386](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 6277 & 6279 (Previously 141-143) Meadow St. East Liberty, PA 15206, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2025-1387](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to enter into agreements in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less with performers, instructors, artists, referees, and persons with specialized skills in connection with the Departments’ recreational and instructional programs and special events services.

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

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1388](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, as amended, 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 decreasing RAMP AND PUBLIC SIDEWALK by Six Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$673.61) to align with the most recent American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1389](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 19, 2022, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$425,104.38) to align with the most recent American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1390](#) 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 reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$78,322.24) to align with the most recent American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1391](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with McCormick Taylor, Inc. for costs associated with the Study phase of the Beaver Avenue Traffic Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Two Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$208,315.56), reimbursable at 100%.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1392](#) Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Mackin Engineering & Consultants for costs associated with Construction Inspection and Contract Administration for the Critical Sidewalks Gaps and Sylvan Ave Projects; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents (\$491,048.40), an increase of Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$24,532.32) from the previously executed agreement as previously authorized by Resolution 300 of 2023.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1393](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with A. Folino Construction for costs associated with the Construction Phase for the Safe Routes to School project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$156,156.15), reimbursable at 100%.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1394](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a License Agreement with the Friends of the Riverfront to define their maintenance privileges along the City of Pittsburgh's riverfront trails, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1395](#) Communication from Sally Stadelman, Manager, Pittsburgh Land Bank, submitting the Pittsburgh Land Bank's Annual Report for the year 2024.

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

[2025-1396](#) 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 January 10, 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

[2025-1381](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 8, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-1358](#) Resolution authorizing one (1) Open-End Professional Services Agreement with Assured Polygraph Services Inc. to provide professional services on an on-call basis as required related to the administration of polygraph testing services as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, said Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) annually for a three-year term, and providing for funding of the costs thereof,

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-1364](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 857 of 2023, effective December 27, 2023, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - SPORT FACILITIES by one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) and increasing PARK RECONSTRUCTION by one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-1371](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with Maher Duessel to provide auditing services to the City of Pittsburgh. Total cost not to exceed Four Hundred and Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$470,990) over three years with an option for two additional years.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-1372](#) Resolution authorizing the reappropriation of Four Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,600,000.00) from the Department of Finance to the Department of Public Works Bureau of Administration to pay for 2024 Pittsburgh Water service costs in 2025.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-1382](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for January 8, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-1357](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, as amended, 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 SOUTH SIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION by three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars and fifty-four cents (\$3,832.54) and increasing COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION by three thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars and fifty-four cents (\$3,832.54), and authorize subsequent agreements

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-1359](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) dollars to complete an updated architectural inventory and National Register assessment of Civil Rights History of the Manchester Historic District and to revise the National Register form. A local match of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000) dollars will bring the total project cost to FORTY THOUSAND (\$40,000) dollars

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

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1383](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for January 8, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-1370](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 449 Melwood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in the 5th Ward, at no cost to the City.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT