



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

City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Wilson, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Warwick, Council Member Gross, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Mosley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Addy Lord
Kenneth Mostern
Erik Oas
Benjamin Case
Aparna Nigam
Callie Disabato
Carmen Brown
Bernadette
Yvonne F. Brown
Special Agent Sunshine

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2025-1452](#)

Ordinance, entitled “Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter be amended and supplemented by adding a new Article 11: RIGHT TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER SYSTEM, AND STORM SEWER SYSTEMS, which restricts the lease and/or sale of the City’s water and sewer system to private entities?”

(Public Hearing scheduled for 2/3/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

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

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1407](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Mary Ann Stang, and her attorneys, Ainsman Levine, LLC, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 21-001501.

(Executive Session held 1/21/25)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1408](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Noel Phillips, and her attorneys, Mills & Henry, Attorneys at Law, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$20,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at GD-24-006299 and for acquisition of the parcel identified as 5166 Broad Street (L&B 50-L-189).

(Executive Session held 1/21/25)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1409](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 547 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Futures for professional services relating to leadership development training, by increasing the authorized spend by Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$76,800.00) for services in 2025 for a new total cost not to exceed of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$338,136.00) over four years.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/5/2025. The motion carried.

[2025-1410](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement with The Pittsburgh Steelers LLC to allow for the use of the City Seal on official Steelers-branded merchandise, at zero cost to the City.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/5/2025. The motion carried.

[2025-1424](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 293 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Bromberg & Associates LLC for effective communication services, by exercising the contract option to extend the term for 1 year and by increasing the total spend by \$150,000, for a new not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and No Cents (\$628,976.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1425](#)

Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question, “Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article One, Home Rule Powers - Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new Section, “105. Local Governance”, by prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of race, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, disability, place of birth, national origin or association or affiliation with any nation or foreign state in conducting business of the City?”

(Public Hearing scheduled for 2/3/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill and Council Member Wilson

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

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.

[2025-1426](#)

Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article One, Home Rule Powers - Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new section, "104. Amendments to Charter", by prohibiting the use of the Home Rule Charter Amendment process to add duties or obligations beyond the lawful scope of the city's authority."

(Public Hearing scheduled for 2/3/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill and Council Member Wilson

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the January 29th, 2025 Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

BUREAU OF POLICE

Orr's Jewelers – badge repairs 467.50

Summit Fire & Security – fire extinguisher service 233.50

Summit Fire & Security – fleet fire systems 2,467.50

SSA – security systems at Academy 756.00

Sonitrol Security Systems – fire monitor systems 3,507.00

[PA Chiefs of Police Association – annual dues for Chief Ragland 1,250.00 - DELETED]

MCI A Verizon Company – PSC long distance 25.49

Cranberry Psychological Center – psych evaluations 525.00

Thick Bikes LLC – Bicycle Unit repairs/maintenance 830.94

Coyne, Lucas – reimbursement for K9 medication 122.75

Roberts, Brian – reimbursement for K9 medication 122.07

B&R Starters Inc – Auto Squad vehicle inspections 752.59

DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Zoresco Equipment Co – rental of storage trailers 260.00

A motion was made to Amend this matter. The motion carried.

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item](#) P-Cards
[0003-2025](#)

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1423](#) Resolution amending and supplementing the Rules of Council, by adding Rule XIII, “Hearings for Appointments of Heads of Administrative Units.”

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MRS. WARWICK, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1411](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Toole Design, LLC for costs associated with the West Pittsburgh REACH Neighborhood Mobility Plan, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Hundred Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$104,274.00).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1412](#)

Resolution authorizing the taking, appropriating, and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh of certain easements necessary for the completion of temporary construction work for sidewalk construction and associated miscellaneous work for public transportation purposes through eminent domain and further authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto at an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), reimbursable at eighty percent.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure, due back by 2/5/2025. The motion carried.

[2025-1413](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a supplemental agreement or agreements with CDR Maguire, Inc., for Project Design Management Services and Reviews in connection with various City of Pittsburgh projects to add funding for the Preliminary Engineering phase increasing the total not to exceed to Three Million Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$3,711,256.73), a net increase of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), reimbursable at 95%.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. CHARLAND, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2024-1141](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny to support children, youth, and family programs administered by the Department of Human Services, at a cost not to exceed Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000.00) for a one-year pilot agreement.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2024-0959](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article VI, Chapter 919, Signs, to create Entertainment Districts and regulate signs. *(Sent to the Planning Commission for a report and recommendation on 1/29/25)*

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

A motion was made to discharge the hold and return to Agenda. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTE. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Charland

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Report and Recommendation to the Planning Commission. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1406](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing THE OPEN DOOR by eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) and increasing CRAFTON HEIGHS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH dba THE OPEN DOOR YOUTH OUTREACH by eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00), and authorize subsequent agreements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1414](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with Clio Consulting, for a Historic Survey of the Beechview District and related costs, in the amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1415](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with Ground Technology, Inc. , d/b/a D'Appolonia "D'appolonia" geotechnical professional service that include assessments, evaluations, land remediation plans, and expert testimony of properties subject to active life safety code enforcement violations, for a total cost not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$300,000.00) over three years.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1416](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections, for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the International Code Council (ICC), for the purchase of 2021 ICC building code books for building code officers and officials, at a cost not to exceed Forty Thousand and Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$40,058.90).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1417](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Introduction and Establishment, Section 902.03, Zoning Map, to rezone parcels 45-A-166 and 45-E-43 from R1D-H (Single Unit Detached Residential, High Density) to UC-MU (Urban Center Mixed Use).

(Sent to the Planning Commission for a Report & Recommendation on 1/29/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Report and Recommendation to the Planning Commission. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR. MOSLEY, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1404](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for *2310 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226*, at no cost to the City.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1405](#)

Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-7710, from Los Patrones, Inc., located at 1138-1141 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 to the Applicant, REVA HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, INC. D/B/A REVA MODERN INDIAN CUISINE located at 220 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing scheduled for 2/11/25)

**A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Public Hearing.
The motion carried.**