

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 13, 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** 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2025-1834](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend A.B.A.T.E. for their efforts in teaching motorcycle safety and awareness; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 2025 to be “**Motorcycle Safety 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: 278

[2025-1836](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize St. Edmund’s Academy for its outstanding efforts in advancing sustainability and environmental justice through education.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 16, 2025, to be the “**Day of Sustainability and Environmental Justice**” 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: 279

**WILLS OF COUNCIL**

[2025-1835](#)

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass Representative Roni Green's legislation (HB1150) to raise the minimum wage to \$15/hr; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges that any minimum wage legislation include an annual cost of living adjustment and grants municipalities local wage freedom by lifting state preemption on wages; 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: 280

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Edward Wrenn, Devin McClain, Yvonne F. Brown,  
Special Agent Sunshine**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

[2025-1821](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Agency for the purpose of receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (\$583,100) dollars to support the Auto Squad.

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

[2025-1822](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement or Agreements with Von der haus Gill German Shepherds Inc., for the purchase of canines for the Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) over three years.

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

[2025-1823](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement or Agreements with Brawner Group K-9 Services LLC., for the purchase of canines for the Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) over three years.

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

[2025-1824](#)

Resolution authorizing Council's consent to an extension, pursuant to § 922.05.E of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances (the "Zoning Code"), of the deadline for Council to act on Council Bill #2024-1214.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL**

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:**

[2025-1825](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1300 Gardner Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, at no cost to the city.

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

[2025-1826](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of receiving grant funds from FY24 Community Project Funding in the amount not to exceed ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE (\$1,666,279.00) dollars to construct the Field House in Homewood Park, specifically to fund the construction of the field house, amphitheater, and community gathering space.

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

[2025-1827](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, or a related entity, for the sale of a to-be-subdivided portion of Block 25-S, Lot 112, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (2829 Bedford Avenue - Council District No. 6), at no cost to the City.

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

[2025-1828](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and The Pittsburgh Land Bank for the sale of Block 10-K, Lot 345, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (McClarren Street - Council District No. 6), at no cost to the City.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2025-1769](#) Resolution transferring the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) within the 2025 Operating Budget from City Council Salaries & Wages, Regular to the Office of the City Clerk for the purpose of professional services.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH**

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

[2025-1829](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a two-year sponsorship agreement with Clearview Federal Credit Union for the 2025 and 2026 Gingerbread House Display and Tree Lighting Ceremony at no cost to the City.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2025-1833](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Dickie McCamey & Chilcote for one-time legal services rendered for an amount not to exceed TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS (\$12,503.75) over one year.

*(Executive Session held 5/13/25)*

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

**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:**

[2025-1830](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company for the installation and maintenance of one (1) pole and wires on and over City-owned parcel IDs 29-B-212 (ROMEO ST PITTSBURGH, PA 15213; Council District 3), 29-B-180 (ROMEO ST PITTSBURGH, PA 15213; Council District 3), 29-B-158 (BATES ST PITTSBURGH, PA 15213; Council District 3), and 29-B-157 (BATES ST PITTSBURGH, PA 15213; Council District 3) at no cost to the City.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2025-1831](#) Resolution informing Council of the appointment of Robert Columbus, as Assistant Director - Code Enforcement in the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections.

**A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy . The motion carried.**

[2025-1832](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting to City Council the attached status update from the Grants Office for the week ended May 9, 2025.

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

[2025-1837](#) Resolution authorizing Council's consent to an extension, pursuant to § 922.05.D and § 922.05.E of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances (the "Zoning Code"), of the deadline for the Planning Commission and/or Council to act on Council Bill #2025-1417.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE**

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2025-1818](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 7, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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)*

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[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)*

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[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)*

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[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.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[2025-1801](#)

Resolution providing for ratification and extension by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, for 30 days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 30, 2025; in response to the severe thunderstorm of April 29, 2025 in the City of Pittsburgh.

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



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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

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

[2025-1819](#)

Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for May 7, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### **COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS**

[2025-1820](#)

Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for May 7, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[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.

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[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).

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

**Council person Strassburger motioned for a Post-Agenda relative to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The motion carried.**

## EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## **ADJOURNMENT**