

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, January 28, 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** 8 - 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

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Charland

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

[2025-1422](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday January 28th, 2025, to be “**Center for Employment Opportunities Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 10

[2025-1450](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Mark Victor DePasquale for his years of service to the City of Pittsburgh and congratulate him on his retirement; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, January 28, 2025 to be “**Mark Victor DePasquale 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: 11

[2025-1451](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Eden’s Farm for their dedicated work in supporting survivors of human trafficking. Their efforts bring hope and healing to those affected, and help build stronger, safer communities in Pittsburgh; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, January 28, 2025 to be “**Eden’s Farm 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: 12

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2025-1433](#) Resolution amending Resolution 134 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership to provide an ambassador program to assist police with non-criminal matters in the Central Business District, by increasing the approved amount by \$1,200,000 for an amended total cost not to exceed TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) over four years.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2025-1434](#) Resolution amending Resolution 649-2022, 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 Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., for a municipal pension contribution data system by increasing the approved amount by Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000) over five years.

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

[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, Article 1, HOME RULE POWERS - DEFINITIONS, be amended and supplemented by adding new Section 104(g)5 to restrict the lease and/or sale of the City’s water and sewer system to private entities?”

**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 Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

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

**COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:**

[2025-1435](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 938 & 940 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, at no cost to the City.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2025-1436](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with America250PA for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Semiquincentennial Grant in the amount not to exceed TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) dollars for City’s Independence Day Celebration.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2025-1437](#) Resolution amending Resolution 316 of 2022, which provided for an Agreement or Agreements with Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. and Global Wordsmiths, by increasing the authorized spend for Global Wordsmiths by Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) for services in 2025, for a new total cost not to exceed Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000.00) over four years.

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

[2025-1438](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of James Sheehan, Lauren O’Neill Sheehan and their attorneys, Goodrich and Geist, P.C., for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$150,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-001137. *(Executive Session Requested)*

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

[2025-1439](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Shavontay Glover, and her attorneys, Allegheny Law Group LLC, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,500.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division, at No. AR 24-000023.

*(Executive Session Requested)*

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

[2025-1440](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 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 increasing COMPLETE STREETS by Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$221,600) to account for additional Federal Highway Administration funding being received by the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2025-1441](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with Merante Contracting Incorporated to provide access to City of Pittsburgh-owned parcels 26-E-301, 26-E-302, 26-E-303, 26-E-304, and 26-E-305 to support the replacement and rehabilitation of portions of the existing retaining wall supporting Ruthven Street above the Pittsburgh Regional Transit Martin Luther King Busway and to replace various sewer infrastructure in the vicinity, at no cost to the City.

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

#### **COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:**

[2025-1442](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction Phase of the Sylvan Avenue Multimodal Path Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$1,809,585.00), an increase of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (835 of 2023);

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

[2025-1443](#) Resolution agreement amending Resolution No. 172 of 2020, allowing for compensation paid to PennDOT of the local costs associated with the East Carson Street Supplemental Improvement Project being undertaken by PennDOT, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed Nine Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$942,001.11), an increase of Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$55,838.12) from the previously executed agreement.

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

#### **COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2025-1444](#) Resolution reappointment of Adrienne Walnoha as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2028.

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

Enactment No: 13

[2025-1445](#) Resolution appointment of Darius Wallace as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 14

[2025-1446](#) Resolution appointment of Terrel Thomas as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2026.

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

Enactment No: 15

[2025-1447](#) Resolution reappointment of Deidra Washington as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2028.

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

Enactment No: 16

[2025-1448](#) Resolution appointment of Rochelle Preston as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2027.

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

Enactment No: 17

[2025-1449](#) 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 24, 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

[2025-1427](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

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

[2025-1428](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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%.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

[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%.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

## **COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES**

[2025-1429](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

## **COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

[2025-1430](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

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

[2025-1431](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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).

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

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

[2025-1432](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for January 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Charland

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**