

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 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 Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Lavelle

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

[2025-1737](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate ***Bessie Lee Harris*** proud mother, activist, union member, and lively host for her commitment to community, serving our youth, and has been a proud resident of Pittsburgh for over 56 years and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Friday, May 2nd, 2025, to be ***“Bessie Lee Harris 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: 217

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Yvonne F. Brown, Pete Schmidt, Jacob Poole, Bernadette Mosey

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:**

[2025-1738](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking; Chapter 549, Residential Parking Permit Program to clarify the regulations for posting of signage.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2025-1739](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 98 of 2017, providing for the implementation of a Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) Area 'KK' in the South Side Flats to expand the streets pursuant to Pittsburgh City Code Chapter 549.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1727](#)

Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 30th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 33-K, Lot 128 (219 Reifert Street - Council District No. 3), at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1728](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, in an amount not to exceed FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$40,000.00) over one year, for professional services in connection with immigration matters.

(Executive Session held 4/15/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1729](#)

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 ownership and maintenance agreement with Almono, LP for six bus shelters to be constructed along Second Avenue and Blair Street in the Hazelwood neighborhood, at no cost to the city.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1730](#)

Resolution appointment of Anne Marie Ellison as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2029.

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

Enactment No: 218

[2025-1731](#)

Resolution appointment of Elliott Williams as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2029.

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

Enactment No: 219

[2025-1732](#)

Resolution appointing Bryan Murray to the Pittsburgh HIV / AIDS Commission, per Title I: Administrative, Article IX: Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Chapter 179C: Establishment of Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission, §179C.02(1) and §179C.02(2) of the Pittsburgh City Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

Enactment No: 220

[2025-1733](#)

Resolution appointing Clarisse Jordan to the Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission, per Title I: Administrative, Article IX: Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Chapter 179C: Establishment of Pittsburgh HIV/AIDS Commission, §179C.02(1) and §179C.02(2) of the Pittsburgh City Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

Enactment No: 221

[2025-1734](#)

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 April 11, 2025.

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

[2025-1735](#)

Communication from Felicity Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff, submitting the Equal Opportunity Review Commission Quarterly Report for the period ending March 31, 2025.

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

[2025-1736](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Six: Conduct, Article I: Regulated Rights and Actions, Chapter 626: Paid Sick Days Act, Section 626.03: Accrual of Sick Time, so as to change the rate at which employees can accumulate paid sick leave hours, and increase the maximum total amount of paid sick leave hours that can be accumulated.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024-0986](#) Resolution reappointment of Aftyn Giles as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission with a term to expire September 1, 2028.

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

Enactment No: 222

[2025-1668](#) Resolution reappointing Janet Evans, as a Member of the Housing Authority of City of Pittsburgh Board of Directors with a term to expire December 31, 2029.

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

Enactment No: 223

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2025-1724](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 9, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1687](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of County of Allegheny in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$13,647.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (2025-CLAIM-0062) for damage to the glycol line sidewalk heating system at the Allegheny County Courthouse by DOMI Traffic Division during sign placement on the Forbes Avenue sidewalk area of the Courthouse on December 3, 2024.

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1725](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 9, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1689](#) Resolution amending resolution No. 803 of 2024, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to apply for a grant from Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development’s Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Penn Avenue Lighting project. The grant proposal includes an ask of FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS (\$461,856.00) dollars for this stated purpose.” to accept the grant, reduce the grant amount and authorize necessary expenditures.

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1690](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 133 of 2024 titled ‘Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for the professional design services for Fort Pitt Park Phase 1 Improvements at a cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars’, by increasing the total City cost by One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$115,170.00), for a new total City cost not to exceed Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$415,170.00) over one (1) year.

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1726](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 9, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1681](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Pennsylvania Municipal League for one year subscription in an amount not to exceed FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, NINE HUNDRED, SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS and TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$52,962.24).

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1682](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") in the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$72,500.00) for delinquent debts owed by the City of Pittsburgh for 811 damage prevention calls.

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1683](#) Resolution repealing Resolution 366 of 2019, effective June 14, 2019, authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 15th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 56-B, Lot 345 (Council District No. 5) 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1684](#) 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-J, Lots 259 and 260, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Erin Street - Council District No. 6), 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1685](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Island Avenue Holdings, LLC, for the sale of Block 21-D, Lot 42-A, in the 27th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Island Avenue - Council District No. 2), 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1686](#)

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 83-A, Lot 48, in the 11th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (N Aiken Avenue - Council District No. 9), 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

[2025-1723](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Finance, to enter into an easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company and Pittsburgh Water to provide, install, use, own, operate, maintain, repair, renew, and finally remove one (1) pole anchor upon City-owned property (Parcel ID 82-G-50); six (6) poles, five (5) anchors, and overhead wires upon City-owned property (Parcel ID 82-H-1-0-2) (collectively, the “DLC Assets”); to manage vegetation on parcel 82-H-1-0-2 in the vicinity of the DLC Assets; and to perform landscaping in the vicinity of the DLC Assets, at no cost to the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilperson Charland motioned for a Public Hearing relative to the trash situation in Pittsburgh. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT