

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 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**

[2025-1761](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in the City of Pittsburgh to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law in the pursuit of expanding opportunities and improving the quality of life for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commits to make every effort to support the citizens of Pittsburgh and the Departments, Boards, Offices, and Authorities of the City of Pittsburgh in their fight to end discrimination in housing and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April 2025, as “**Fair Housing Month**,” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 224

[2025-1762](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, April 24, 2025 to be “**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 225

[2025-1763](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh designates the week of April 21-25, 2025, as “**National Community Development Week**” in support of this valuable program that has made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and the economic well-being of our city; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the United States Congress and the Trump Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally with CDBG by supporting continued or increased funding for the program in FY 2026.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 226

[2025-1764](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the thousands who participate and urges the entire Pittsburgh School District community to actively participate in this worthwhile event; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 22, 2025 to be “**Take a Father to School Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 227

[2025-1765](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate **Charles “Chuck” Cooper** Navy veteran, Duquesne University Graduate, National Basketball League (NBA) Legend for his commitment to community, serving his country and shattering racial barriers and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, to be “**Charles “Chuck” Cooper 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: 228

[2025-1766](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and officially celebrate **Arbor Day** on April 26th, 2025, here in the City of Pittsburgh, and does commend Allegheny Commons Park's designation as an arboretum that will protect and preserve its rich and valuable ecosystem.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 229

[2025-1767](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does commend Partners For Quality for their continued dedication to providing impactful services to those in need and for being an active member in the community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Saturday, April 26th, 2025, to be "**Steel City Duck Derby Day**" here 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: 230

[2025-1768](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Elizabethan Herb Garden in Mellon Park as a place of beauty, respite, and learning; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 26, 2025, to be "**The Western Pennsylvania Unit of the Herb Society of America Day**" 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: 231

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Larry Whetstone, Bernadette Mosey, Yvonne F. Brown, David Tessitore

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1746](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with LiveBarn and/or with Team Pittsburgh Ball Hockey (“Team Pittsburgh”) for the purpose of Team Pittsburgh live-streaming dek hockey games held at the Dek Hockey Rink in Marmaduke Park, at no cost to the City.

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

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1747](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 7415 Hermitage Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208, 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

Not introduced

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1748](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the New Pittsburgh Courier, doing business as Real Times, Inc., for legal advertisements published on February 5, 2025 in connection with City of Pittsburgh Quiet Title actions for an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$6,158.30).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1749](#)

Resolution authorizing eleven (11) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with five vendors to provide professional services on an on-call basis as required related to special events services as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) annually for a three-year term, and providing for funding of the costs thereof,

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1750](#) Resolution authorizing the Directors of the Departments of Finance and Mobility and Infrastructure to take actions necessary for recordation of temporary construction easements over certain City-owned parcels in order to advance a project for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and repair of Smithfield Street in the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1751](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works and/or the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with Riverlife for the purpose of allowing access to the Riverlife Barge from the Allegheny Landing Dock, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1770](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title 6: Conduct, Article I: Regulated Rights and Actions, Chapter 609: Weeds and Grass, by creating a new Section 609.08: Managed Natural Landscapes to allow for the planting and maintenance of managed natural landscapes by residents.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

[2025-1771](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title 10: Building, Chapter 1004: International Property Maintenance Code Adoption, Section 1004.02: Changes Specified to allow for the planting and maintenance of managed natural landscapes by residents.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2025-1752](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain Structure known as Donny's Place, located at 1226 Herron Avenue (26-Q-189), in the Polish Hill Neighborhood, in the 5th Ward, City of Pittsburgh. The owner of the property does not support the nomination and there is no cost to the City.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2025-1753](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with the Museum of Contemporary Art (“MOCA”), for the purpose of loaning the City-owned Stephen Foster Statue to MOCA, at no cost to the City.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1754](#) Resolution appointment of Audra Mitchell, as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2028.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2025-1755](#) Resolution appointment of Terri Minor Spencer, as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2028.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2025-1756](#) Resolution appointment of Nikkole Terney, as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2028.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy . The motion carried.

[2025-1757](#) Resolution appointment of Crystal Wamalwa, as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire April 1, 2028.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2025-1758](#) 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 18, 2025.

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

[2025-1759](#) Communication from Rachael Heisler, City Controller, submitting a summary worksheet highlighting Premium Pay budget use in the first quarter of 2025, dated April 11, 2025.

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

[2025-1760](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Department of Mobility & Infrastructure for Zachary Workman & Michael Panzitta, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2025-1772](#) Resolution amending and supplementing the Rules of Council to provide for contingent presiding officers over regular meetings of Council in the event of absences.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2025-1740](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1634](#) Resolution repealing an item in Resolution Number 512 of 2022, effective date September 23, 2022, in order to rescind the sale.

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

[2025-1709](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Angelina Priore, and her attorneys, Kontos Mengine Killion & Hassen, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$80,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-005903.

(Executive Session held 4/8/25)

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

[2025-1710](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gladys Sanchez in an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (\$8,301.36) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (2025-CLAIM-0010) for damage to her vehicle from an accident with a City Police vehicle on December 17, 2024.

(Executive Session held 4/8/25)

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

[2025-1711](#)

Resolution authorizing the execution of quitclaim deeds conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the City-owned properties located in the 12th Ward of the City and designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block & Lot: 124-N-282, 283, 288, 290, 291, 292, 293, 124-P-96, 125-B 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, to Larimer Consensus Group ("LCG") through the Pittsburgh Land Bank ("PLB") for consideration set forth herein, relating to the full and final settlement of cases filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at CS 21-43; CS 21-47; CS 21-49; CS 21-50; CS 21-52; CS 21-60; CS 21-61; CS 21-62; CS 21-65; CS 21-67; CS 21-68; CS 21-90.

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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2025-1741](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1703](#) 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 County of Allegheny for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the 2023 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant in the amount not to exceed THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND (\$37,000.00) dollars to support overtime for PBP detectives for the investigation of old sexual assault cases, the purchasing of materials to properly furnish a soft interview room for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, and participation in approved training opportunities.

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 BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1742](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1712](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Emerald View Trail project. The grant proposal includes an ask of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00) with a match of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$250,844.42) from the City of Pittsburgh's Capital Budget for a total project cost of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$500,844.42) dollars for this stated purpose.

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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-1743](#)

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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 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

[2025-1739](#) 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 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 THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

[2025-1744](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1707](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director Parks and Recreation to enter into a sponsorship agreement with Dollar Bank for Cinema in the Park 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

[2025-1708](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into multiple Sponsorship Agreements enumerated herein for the Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race.

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

[2025-1745](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 16, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1704](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 296 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, PA ~~15232~~ **15213**, 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

[2025-1705](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 215 South 21st St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, 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

[2025-1706](#)

Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (“ALCOSAN”) to provide permanent easements for subterranean tunnels through nine (9) parcels of City-owned properties, currently identified as Allegheny County Parcel ID Nos. 44-S-230; 7-A-195; 7-M-110-9; 7-F-107; 8-B-150; 8-G-250; 8-D-15; 7-L-31; and 7-P-200, and to accept payment therefor in the amount of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$8,200).

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

Councilman Coghill motioned for a Post-Agenda relative to Police, EMS & Fire. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT