

City of Pittsburgh

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



Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 4, 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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**[2025-1474](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the NAMI Youth Mental Health Conference and honor NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania for their dedication to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness through education, support, advocacy and awareness and their valiant work on behalf of youth; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, February 7, 2025 as “**NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania Youth Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

[2025-1476](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsburgh City Council and the citizens of Pittsburgh join in celebrating the 80th birthday of Arthur L. Baldwin, recognizing his lifelong contributions to the scientific community, his leadership in public service, and his tireless dedication to bettering the lives of others through education, mentorship, and community involvement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 8, 2025 as “**Arthur L. Baldwin Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

[2025-1477](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsburgh City Council and the citizens of Pittsburgh join in celebrating the 80th birthday of the Honorable Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin and honor her lifelong commitment to justice, education, leadership, and public service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 8, 2025 as “**Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Passed in Council on February 4, 2025

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2025-1459](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Kittelson, LLC for expert witness services in connection with a litigation matter filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G. D. 22-2782 for an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$8,071.25) over one year.

(Executive Session scheduled for 2/4/25)

Attachments: [2025-1459 Cover Letter-Council Letter Kittelson](#)
[Summary 2025-1459](#)

[2025-1460](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of three (3) warrants with the total sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$248,001.00) over one (1) year. It is further understood and agreed that the payment schedule of the total settlement amount shall be as follows: (i) ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE DOLLARS (\$100,001.00) payable to Michael Zokaites and his attorney, Wendy Williams, Esq. ; (ii) SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) payable to Martin A. Dietz, Esq. ; (iii) SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$78,000.00) payable to Bruce Thomas and his attorney, Noah Geary, Esq., in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District Court of Pennsylvania at consolidated case 2:18-cv-01567.

(Executive Session scheduled for 2/4/25)

Attachments: [2025-1460 Cover Letter-Council Letter DeLuca Case](#)
[Summary 2025-1460](#)

[2025-1461](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of National League of Cities for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed NINETEEN THOUSAND, FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$19,054.00).

Attachments: [2025-1461 Cover Letter-NLC Letter JP signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1461](#)

[2025-1462](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for professional services relating to eviction prevention for tenants at a cost not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) over one year.

Attachments: [2025-1462 Cover Letter-URA Eviction Prevention - Letter JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1462](#)

[2025-1463](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Controller to enter into a Professional Service Agreement and/or Contract with The Binkley Kanavy Group, LLC for services associated with the Popular Annual Financial Report, including accounting services, production, printing, and mailing. Cost not to exceed Forty Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,300) over a term of two years.

Attachments: [2025-1463 Binklev Kanavv - Cover Letter 1.27.25](#)
[2025-1463 2024-RFP-324 with Attachments](#)
[Summary 2025-1463](#)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1464](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to execute a Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants and appurtenant documents, in cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh, over certain property and right-of-way in the vicinity of Bigelow Boulevard between Fifth Avenue and Forbes Avenue within the City of Pittsburgh, as a condition of an NPDES Permit granted in conjunction with street and property improvements in the area, at no cost the city.

Attachments: [2025-1464 Cover Letter-Bigelow Blvd Maintenance Agreement Letter - s](#)
[Summary 2025-1464](#)

[2025-1465](#) Resolution providing for an amended Agreement for Construction services with S.E.T., Inc. for the South Side Signals project at a cost thereof, not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$3,822,335.96), an increase of Five Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$542,335.96) from the previously legislated contract authorization (142 of 2022).

Attachments: [2025-1465 Cover Letter-South Side Signals CON Amend letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1465](#)

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2025-1466](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with Paramount Pursuits, LLC for technical assistance services to nonprofits awarded Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) grants in need of capacity building, in the amount not to exceed Forty-One Thousand Dollars (\$41,000.00).

Attachments: [2025-1466 Cover Letter-2025 Paramount Pursuits Letter 1.17.25 JP Sign](#)
[Summary 2025-1466](#)

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

- [2025-1467](#) Resolution appointment of Rachel Shepherd as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire February 1, 2028.
- [2025-1468](#) Resolution appointment of Devon Taliaferro as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire February 1, 2028.
- [2025-1469](#) Resolution appointment of Avery Hart as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission with a term to expire February 1, 2028.
- [2025-1470](#) 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 31, 2025.
- Attachments:** [2025-1470 Grants Notice for Council 2025-01-31](#)
- [2025-1471](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Mayor's Office for Paul Scott & Cydney Cooper, the Department of Public Works for Raymond Gilbert & Robert E. Sapp III and the Department of Public Safety for Donna Harper, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.
- Attachments:** [2025-1471 Acting Pay Memo MO PW PS](#)
[2025-1471 Cooper Scott Acting Pay JP Signed](#)
[2025-1471 Harper - Acting Pay Request - 1.1.25 JP Signed](#)
[2025-1471 R. Gilbert - Acting Pay - DPW Ops JP Signed](#)
[2025-1471 R.Sapp - Acting Pay - DPW RAD-Facilities JP Signed](#)
- [2025-1472](#) Communication from Rachael Heisler, City Controller, submitting a performance audit of the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Administration, Office of Film and Event Management (OFEM) Special Events, as conducted pursuant to the power and duties of the Controller under Section 404(b) of the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter.
- Attachments:** [2025-1472 department-of-public-safety-ofem-special-events](#)
- [2025-1475](#) Communication from Felicity Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff, submitting the Equal Opportunity Review Commission Quarterly Report for the period ending December 31, 2024.
- Attachments:** [2025-1475 EORC O4 2024 Report 1-31-25](#)
- [2025-1473](#) Resolution authorizing an extension of the term of the Acting Chief of Police for thirty (30) additional days, effective January 31, 2025.
SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE
- Attachments:** [2025-1473 01-29-25 Interim Approval Acting Chief Ragland](#)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2025-1453](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[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)

Attachments: [2025-1407 Cover Letter-Council Letter Stang](#)
[Summary 2025-1407](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
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1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended
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[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)

Attachments: [2025-1408 Cover Letter-Council Letter Phillips](#)
[Summary 2025-1408](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
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1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended
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[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

Attachments: [Summary 2025-1424](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

[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

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
1/29/25	Standing Committee	AMENDED
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended as Amended

[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

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

[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

Legislative History

1/28/25	City Council	Waived under Rule 8
1/28/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law
1/29/25	Standing Committee	AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTE
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended as Amended

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2025-1454](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[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

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness
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1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended
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COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1455](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[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).

Attachments: [2025-1411 Cover Letter-West Pittsburgh REACH Neighborhood Mobility Summary 2025-1411](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure
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1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended
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[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%.

Attachments: [2025-1413 Cover Letter-CDR Maguire Amendment Supplement 10 Letter Summary 2025-1413](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure
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1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended
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COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

- [2025-1456](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
- [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.

Attachments: [2024-1141 Cover Letter-DHS - Letter JP Signed Summary 2024-1141](#)

Legislative History

11/12/24	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources
11/20/24	Standing Committee	Held for Briefing
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- [2025-1457](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
- [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 HEIGHTS 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

Attachments: [Summary 2025-1406](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

[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).

Attachments: [2025-1414 Cover Letter-2025 Beechview Historic Survey Letter 1.10.25](#)
[Summary 2025-1414](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1415 Cover Letter-2025 D'appolonia Resolution Letter](#)
[2025-1415 Approval letter - Emergency Geotechnical Services - 2024](#)
[2025-1415 emergency geotechnical services-2025-01-06-14-29-12](#)
[Summary 2025-1415](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

[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).

Attachments: [2025-1416 Cover Letter-ICC - Legislation Letter 2025](#)
[2025-1416 2024.12.2 ICC Quote 233765](#)
[Summary 2025-1416](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1458](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for January 29, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1404 Cover Letter-Clean Express Car Wash Sewer Cover Letter](#)
[2025-1404 Clean Express Car Wash SFPM](#)
[2025-1404 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - Clean Express - W](#)
[Summary 2025-1404](#)

Legislative History

1/22/25	City Council	Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs
1/29/25	Standing Committee	Affirmatively Recommended

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT