

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 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 Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Warwick

Absent 1 - Council Member Wilson

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

[2025-1998](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate Justin Strong and Tim Guthrie for their significant cultural contributions and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, June 28th, 2025 to be “**Shadow Lounge 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: 381

[2025-1999](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish Ken a resounding **Happy 95th Birthday**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, June 28, 2025 to be “**Ken Cole Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 382

[2025-2001](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, County Executive Sara Innamorato, and City Councilwoman Theresa Kail Smith by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby designate July 3-5, 2025 as **“World Beard and Moustache Championships Weekend”** in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, given under our hands and the Great Seal of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh on this first day of July in the year Two-Thousand & Twenty-five.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

Enactment No: 383

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Max Blair, Ellen A. Dent, Caroline Combemale, Jordan Botta, Jeffrey P. Bigham, Michael Hvozdk, Robert Sanislo, Tara Solomon, Ikhana-hal-makina, Yvonne F. Brown, William Sieroy, Special Agent Sunshine, Dr. Sharnay Hurn-Davis, Mathew King

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2025-1984](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of PulsePoint Foundation, PO Box 12594, Pleasanton, CA 94588, in an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$6,000.00), for the City’s share of the license fee for the annual renewal of the PulsePoint emergency services application.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2025-1985](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Howell Rescue Services Inc., in an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$6,264.00), for payment of preventative maintenance of hydraulic rescue tools.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2025-1986](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 715 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements and amendments thereto with Hundred Public Safety Inc. DBA Performance Protocol to identify and implement additional solutions to address Pittsburgh Bureau of Police recruitment and retention challenges, by increasing the approved amount by FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) for an amended total cost not to exceed SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$78,172.00) over two years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1987](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 524-2020, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a multi-year agreement or agreements with ePlus Technology, Inc. for network monitoring and a security professional services partner aligned with key business goals of reducing risk, improving service efficiency, and minimizing client impact to include better network utilization, monitoring and enhanced security posture throughout the enterprise, by increasing the approved amount by Seven Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$765,300) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed One Million Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$1,249,493) over nine (9) years.

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

[2025-2000](#)

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 the Planning Commission to act to recommend approval or disapproval of Council Bill #2024-1214.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1988](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture for services relating to a cooperative wildlife damage management program for white-tailed deer for a sum not to exceed NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$99,494.05) over one year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1989](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Service Agreement or Agreements and Amendments thereto with Block & Associates for legal consulting services in connection with a current City construction project, for an amount not-to-exceed Forty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00) over one (1) year.

(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)

(Executive Session held 07/01/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1990](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article III: Depositories, Chapter 221: Contracts, Sections 221.02 Requirements for Qualification, 221.06 Creation of Reinvestment Review Committee, 221.07 Evaluation of Financial Institutions, and Section 221.09: Award of Banking Business, so as to fix the term of contracts with financial institutions to three (3) years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1991](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 ("Acceptance of Gifts to City") of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to accept a donation from Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership of a mobile parklet valued at EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$18,000.00) dollars to be installed along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail at Doerr Street trailhead.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1992](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, and the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an easement or easements and any amendments thereto in order to provide access and passage for the traveling public around the Brereton Street construction site, at no cost to the city.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1993](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Introduction and Establishment, Section 902.03, Zoning Map, to rezone parcels 56-N-300, 56-N-410, 56-N-400, 56-J-325-0-3, 56-N-300-A, 57-F-100-A-1, 56-N-96, 56-N-97-A, 56-N-97, 56-N-98-A, 56-N-98-B, 56-N-98-C, 56-N-99, 56-N-99-B, 56-N-95, 56-N-52, 56-N-93, 56-N-91, 56-N-90, 56-N-88, 57-A-8, 57-B-300, 57-B-350, 30-M-100, 57-F-50-A-1, 57-F-2, 57-F-100-A-1, 57-G-425, 30-M-100, 57-H-150-A-1, 57-H-200-A, 90-E-10-0-1, 90-E-50-A, 89-L-100-A, 57-S-50, 57-S-100, 57-S-30, 57-S-89, 57-S-92, 57-S-60, 57-S-60-0-2, 57-S-40, 57-S-6, 57-S-12, 92-D-60, 92-D-50, 92-D-300-9, 92-D-10-1, and 92-D-20 from the RIV-GI (Riverfront General Industrial Subdistrict) to RIV-IMU (Riverfront Industrial Mixed-Use Subdistrict) in the Hazelwood neighborhood of the 15th Ward, and in the 31st Ward.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2025-1994](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, for the installation and maintenance of a mural at Leslie Recreation Center, at no cost to the City

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

[2025-1995](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and Casey Droege Cultural Productions d.b.a. The Art Supply Company, for the installation and maintenance of a photo installation at Beechview Healthy Active Living Center, at no cost to the City.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1996](#)

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 June 27, 2025.

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

[2025-1997](#)

Communication from City Controller Rachael Heisler submitting a special report on Inclusionary Zoning and Affordable Housing Financing, dated June 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

[2025-1979](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 25, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1940](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 953 of 2024 which authorized Fifty-Two (52) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with multiple vendors to provide on-call professional services as needed by various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, with each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) annually for a Three (3) year term, by authorizing an additional Forty-One (41) Agreements for an updated total of Ninety-Three (93) Open-End Professional Service Agreements.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1941](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 954 of 2024 which authorized Fifty-Two (52) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with multiple vendors to provide on-call professional services as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, with each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) annually for a Three (3) year term, by authorizing and additional Forty-One (41) Agreements for an updated total of Ninety-Three (93) Open-End Professional Service Agreements.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1980](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for June 25, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1942](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 322 of 2025, effective May 29, 2025, entitled “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” by authorizing the installation and maintenance of four (4) poles, three (3) anchors, and wires on and over City-owned parcels 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 Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Warwick

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1944](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of City Planning to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Pennsylvania Strategic Investments To Enhance Sites Program to provide funding for planning around the South Hills Junction. The grant proposal includes an ask of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Warwick

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1945](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Larson Design Group, Inc. for costs associated with Construction Inspection for the Liberty Avenue HSIP Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$1,476,674.46), reimbursable at eighty percent.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1946](#)

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Alfred Benesch & Company for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Swinburne Bridge Replacement Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$1,308,284.86) an increase of Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$477,712.39) from the previously executed agreement, reimbursable at ninety-five percent.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1947](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP for costs associated with Construction Inspection for the Penn Avenue Phase 2 Reconstruction Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Three Cents (\$1,338,158.03), reimbursable at eighty percent.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1948](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, and Amendments with Norfolk Southern Railway Company to allow positive train control equipment to remain at current location in Allegheny Commons Park. This agreement would supersede the September 19th, 2017 Temporary Right of Entry to install and Temporary License to maintain positive train control equipment in Allegheny Commons Park between the City of Pittsburgh and Norfolk Southern Railway Company, 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 Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Warwick

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-1981](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 25, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1851](#) Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.64 to the Neighborhood Academy, property owner, for authorization to construct additions to a School, Elementary or Secondary (General) use at 709 N Aiken Avenue, Parcel 81-S-63, zoned "R1D-L", Single-Unit Detached Residential, Low Density, 10th Ward, Council District No. 9.

(Public Hearing held 6/24/25)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

[2025-1949](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, as amended, effective December 28, 2017, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing FAIR HOUSING by Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$8.80), reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$12,783.51), reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - CITY FACILITIES by Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$3,542.15), reducing COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS by One Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100.00), and increasing CDBG PERSONNEL Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$16,434.46).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

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

[2025-1983](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for June 25, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1939](#) Resolution amending Resolution 333 of 2024 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Starfire Corporation, for the display of a fireworks show in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Independence Day Festival for a three-year term at a total amount not to exceed of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$252,200.00) by modifying the code account to include payment from the general fund.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

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

[2025-1982](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for June 25, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1963](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or a Memorandum of Understanding with the Logistics Management Institute d/b/a NobleReach Foundation for the purpose of receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) to support one fellowship position in data science and one fellowship position in cyber security. A local match not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$152,000.00) will bring the total project cost to an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Wilson

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Gross motioned for a Public Hearing on Bill #2025-2000. The motion carried.

Councilperson Charland motioned for a Post-Agenda relative to the Controller's most recent report of IZ. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT