City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 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 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Mosley,
 Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member
 Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

2025-1957 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and celebrate the YMR Club for 150 years of continuous service,

civic engagement, and community building; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 20, 2025, as "YMR Club Day" in honor of this historic milestone and the Club's enduring contributions to civic life, social connection, and cultural

enrichment in the Northside.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 364

2025-1972 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

does hereby recognize and commend the Pittsburgh Aphasia Community Group for its outstanding efforts in raising awareness and supporting individuals with aphasia;

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 24, 2025, to be "APHASIA AWARENESS DAY" in the City

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 365

of Pittsburgh.

2025-1973 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

does hereby declare Saturday, June 28, 2025, to be "Squirrel Hill Night Market

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: 366

2025-1978

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and salute the men and women of all backgrounds who have defended America and the world for 250 years, inspiring our youth and reminding us what unites us; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, June 28, 2025 as a day we honor the 250th Birthdays of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and their service to our Country.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 367

WILLS OF COUNCIL

2025-1977

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on Governor Josh Shapiro to publicly affirm that gender-affirming care is essential, evidence-based healthcare that remains fully protected under Pennsylvania law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council calls on the Governor to ensure LGBTQ+ affirming healthcare is affordable and accessible to all through Medicaid/Medical Assistance and CHIP; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges Governor Shapiro to take steps to protect Pennsylvania healthcare providers and health networks from federal persecution or intimidation, making clear that Pennsylvania remains a safe haven for providers committed to delivering quality care to all patients.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 368

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Sudha Jagannathan, Kaaveri Patil, Krishna Sathya Vagheeswar, Sridevi Lakshminarayanan, John LaGue, Ralph Williams, Ikhana-hal-makina, Yvonne F. Brown, Devin McClain, Special Agent Sunshine

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

2025-1962

Resolution amending Resolution 848 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an amended Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with InTime Solutions, Inc. for EMS and Police scheduling and timekeeping services, by increasing the approved amount by \$434,140.30, at a total cost not to exceed ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$1,336,665.30) over ten years.

(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

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 Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

2025-1964

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1228 Herron Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

2025-1965

Resolution amending Resolution 932 of 2024, which authorized the fee schedule for 2025 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code, by revising utility permit fees as recommended by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

2025-1966

Resolution authorizing the taking, appropriating, and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh of certain easements necessary for the completion of temporary construction work for sidewalk construction and associated miscellaneous work for public transportation purposes through eminent domain and further authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto for the Smithfield Street Reconstruction project at an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), reimbursable at eighty percent.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

2025-1967

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Henningson Durham & Richardson of Pennsylvania Architects & Engineers P.C. (HDR) for costs associated with the Master Plan of a Public Safety training campus, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00), over a period of two (2) years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

2025-1974

Ordinance amending Title 6: Conduct, Article 1: Regulated Rights and Actions by adding a new Chapter 630 Providing for the De-Prioritization of Enforcement of Crimes Based on Identity Rather Than Conduct.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger and Council Member Gross

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

2025-1975

Ordinance amending Title 6: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659: Unlawful Practices to restrict discrimination in medical care on the basis of gender identity.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger and Council Member Gross

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

2025-1976

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 6: Conduct, Article 1: Regulated Rights and Actions by adding a new section 629 providing for the assessment of a civil fine for engaging in sex work in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger and Council Member Gross

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

2025-1968

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain Structure known as the Anathan House, located at 1620 Murray Avenue (86-G-201), in the Squirrel Hill North Neighborhood, in the 14th Ward, City of Pittsburgh. The owner of the property supports 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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

2025-1969

Resolution reappointing Khari Mosley, as a member of the Housing Authority of City of Pittsburgh Board of Directors with a term to expire April 30, 2029.

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

Enactment No: 369

<u>2025-197</u>0

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 20, 2025.

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

2025-1971

Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Chapter 173 of the Pittsburgh City Code, the naming of Room 902 of the City-County Building to the John R. Sibbet Conference Room.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 Approved. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 370

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 Approved. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 371

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

2025-1958 Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 18, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property to qualified city residents, subject to affordability restrictions, at no cost to the City. ITEMS A through E: A)1310 Pritchard Street, B) 2921 Merwyn Avenue, C) 3408 Clearfield Street, D) 195 Steuben Street, E) 454 Norton Street.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

2025-1915 Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Attorney Registration for 2025 Pennsylvania Attorney Annual Registrations, for an amount not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,225.00) over one year.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

2025-1916 Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Bernstein-Burkley, P.C. for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter for an amount not to

exceed SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$6,115.50), over one year.

(Executive Session held 6/10/25)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional consultation services agreement, agreements, or amendments thereto, with Exponent, Inc., in connection with claims and litigation involving the Fern Hollow Bridge, at a cost not-to-exceed Forty-Thousand Dollars

and Zero Cents (\$40,000) over one (1) year. (Waiver of Competitive Process Received)

(Executive Session held 6/10/25)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

2025-1920

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, 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" to decrease Facility Improvements by Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$328,662.00) and increase Park Reconstruction by Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$328,662.00).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2025-1959 Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for June 18, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

2025-1921

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design, Final Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction phases of the City Steps Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,650,000.00), an increase of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) from the previously executed agreement, reimbursable at 80%; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00), an increase of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) from the previously executed agreement.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

2025-1960 Report of the Committee on Human Resources for June 18, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Resolution amending Resolution 1 of 2022, which amended Resolution 322 of 2018, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement with Integrated Health 21, LLC for services relating to the administration and management of a wellness portal, by extending the term for six months, adding Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Forty dollars (80,540.00), for a not to exceed amount of One Million Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$1,048,520.00).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

2025-1961 Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for June 18, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

2025-1913 Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 2305 Bedford Avenue, at no cost to the City.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

2025-1914

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works 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 Pittsburgh Water, over certain easements and right-of-way in the vicinity of Riverview Park within the City of Pittsburgh, as a condition of an Operations and Maintenance, and Grant Agreements Pittsburgh Water has with The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority ("ALCOSAN") in conjunction with stormwater improvements in the area, at no cost to the city.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Kail-Smith motioned for a Post-Agenda and Public Hearing relative to Avenues of Hope funding. The motion carried.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER BILL 2025-1923

2025-1923

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution 539 of 2016, as amended, entitled "authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and/or Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements with Granicus, Inc., for software upgrades, server hosting services and annual maintenance of Legistar agenda management and video streaming" in order to extend the contract an additional 12 months, for an additional cost of sixty-four thousand eighty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$64,087.63) for a total cost not to exceed five hundred sixty-two thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars and seventy cents (\$562,175.70).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Mosley,
Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member
Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 362

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member

Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 362

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT