

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Charland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

[2025-1503](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proudly recognizes and commends “Trapper” Tom Leturgey for his exceptional storytelling, unwavering enthusiasm, and dedication to the fans of the Keystone State Wrestling Alliance, affectionately known as the “Krazies;” and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 22, 2025 to be “**Tom Leturgey Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 70

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:

[2025-1511](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern PA for administrative services related to the 2025 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2025-1512](#) 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 Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant in the amount not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000.00) dollars to for training and certification of Freedom House participants.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2025-1513](#) 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 Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant in the amount not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY EIGHT CENTS (\$15,676.48) to purchase Trauma Bags.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1514](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements and amendments thereto with Plante Moran, PLLC to serve as an Enterprise Resource Planning Consultant (ERP), to lead requirements gathering and procurement efforts to support the future implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning system. Total cost is not-to-exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) over two years.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2025-1515](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) and increasing PARK RECONSTRUCTION by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1516](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Blake Consulting LLC, in an amount not to exceed Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) over one (1) year, for expert witness services in connection with ongoing litigation, Case No. 2:24-cv-1234-PLD.

(Executive Session scheduled for 2/18/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1517](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to take all necessary actions to acquire and secure a right-of-way and permanent and/or temporary construction easements, as-needed, including the taking of property by eminent domain if necessary, involving the Swindell Bridge project and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Zero Dollars (\$0.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1518](#) 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 agreement to provide membership dues with the National Association of City Transportation Officials Inc. (“NACTO”) from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$33,125.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1519](#) 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 February 14, 2025.

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

[2025-1520](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 857 of 2023, effective December 27, 2023, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program” by updating the name PITTSBURGH FLAG FOOTBALL CORPORATION as a grant to PENNSYLVANIA FLAG FOOTBALL FOUNDATION and authorizing a subsequent Agreement for a total cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

[2025-1521](#) 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 increase the cost by Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Three Cents (\$9,286.03) for a total cost not to exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Eighty-Eight Dollars and Seven Cents (\$498,088.07) to replace end of life hardware.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2025-1507](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 12, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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 held 2/4/25)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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 held 2/4/25)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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).

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1508](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for February 12, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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).

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-1509](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 12, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-1303](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Introduction and Establishment, Section 902.03, Zoning Map, to rezone parcels bounded by Neville Street, Forbes Avenue, S Bellefield Avenue, and Bigelow Boulevard in the North Oakland neighborhood from RM-M, RM-VH (Multi-Unit Residential, Moderate and Very High Density), OPR-B (Oakland Public Realm, Subdistrict B), SP-7 (Specially Planned District 7), UI (Urban Industrial), and H (Hillside) to Urban Center Employment (UC-E) and Urban Center Mixed Use (UC-MU) in the North Oakland neighborhood.

(Public Hearing held 2/5/25)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[2024-1343](#) Resolution approving an Institutional Master Plan Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article II, Chapter 905, Section 905.03.D. to Central Catholic High School, property owner, for the Central Catholic High School campus located along Fifth Avenue and South Neville Street, Parcels 52-J-264 and 52-J-118, zoned “EMI”, Educational Medical Institution, 14th Ward, Council District No. 8.

(Public Hearing held 2/5/25)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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).

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1510](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for February 12, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1405](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-7710, from Los Patrones, Inc., located at 1138-1141 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 to the Applicant, REVA HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, INC. D/B/A REVA MODERN INDIAN CUISINE located at 220 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 2/11/25)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

[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.

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Charland

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT