City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 29, 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Mosley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, Councilperson Deb Gross proudly presents these Proclamations to the Honorary French Consul (on behalf of the Republic of France), American Friends of Lafayette Grand Tour Bicentennial Committee, Pittsburgh Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution, and French Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh in recognition of Lafayette's invaluable contribution to American independence.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 304

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, City Council recognizes Age-Friendly Neighborhood: Beechview and applauds its ongoing efforts to create a more inclusive, accessible and age-friendly community for all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 29, 2025 to be "**Age-Friendly Neighborhoods: Beechview**" 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: 305

2025-1874 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we congratulate and thank Dan for his years of service for the City of Pittsburgh and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 29, 2025 to be "**Dan Cuneen**" 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: 306

2025-1875

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call upon all residents to celebrate the diversity that strengthens our city and to continue striving toward a future where everyone is free to live, love, and thrive; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, June 1, 2025 to be "**Pittsburgh Pride 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: 307

2025-1876

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Julie Heath for her dedication to our seniors at the West End Healthy Active Living Center; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 29, 2025 to be "**Julie Heath 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: 308

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:

2025-1861

Resolution providing for the filing of applications by the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Human Services for grants in connection with the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) and providing for the authorization to enter into agreements with various agencies and to pay for expenditures for costs to support, implement and administer the program. Cost not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Four (\$3,828,594) Dollars

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

2025-1862

Resolution authorizing an extension of the term of the Acting Chief of Police for two hundred and forty-two (242) additional days, to run through February 1, 2026.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain:

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Charland

1 - Council Member Mosley Absent:

2025-1863

Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 ("Acceptance of Gifts to City") of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Public Safety to accept a donation from The Allegheny-Kiski Health Foundation in the amount of NINE THOUSAND AND NINETY (\$9,090.00) dollars to purchase compressed air carts for EMS.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

2025-1864

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Purvis Systems Incorporated in an amount not to exceed FIFTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50,245.00), for payment of batteries and installation services of the Station Alerting System at the Training Academy and Fire Station 7.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

Resolution amending Resolution 898 of 2024, which authorized 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 eDocs Technologies, LLC for the implementation of an enterprise-wide content management system (ECM), to add funding for document imaging for the Bureau of Police, by increasing the approved amount by \$31,640 (THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed \$3,031,640 (THREE MILLION THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS) over one year.

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

2025-1866

Resolution amending Resolution 937 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Innovation & Performance, Finance, and Public Safety, to enter into an amended agreement with B-Three Solutions, Inc. for the continued provision of software maintenance and support services for critical applications and transition guidance, by increasing the approved amount by \$12,000 (TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed \$2,141,321 (TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS) over eight years.

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

2025-1867

Resolution amending Resolution 119 of 2025, which authorized an Agreement or Agreements with RouteSmart Technologies, Inc. through November 30, 2027 to provide trash and recycling routing optimization software that provides turn-by-turn directions to Environmental Service Drivers, at a cost not to exceed \$247,127.00 (Two Hundred Forty-Seven One Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars), by adding the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance as a signatory.

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

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

2025-1868

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Adler Tree Service, doing business as Adler Tree Service and Landscaping, for emergency storm response to remove a tree fell on the residence at 205 Millbridge St., Pittsburgh Pa, 15210 on March 13, 2025 in an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$6,750.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Resolution amending Resolution 372 of 2023, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Buchanan, Ingersoll, & Rooney PC, for expert legal services in connection with human resource related legal litigation, by extending the contract another year and increasing the total not to exceed amount by Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for a new not to exceed amount of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000), over the course of two (2) years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

2025-1870

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Gannett Fleming, Inc. for costs associated with the Smithfield Street Reconstruction project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Seven Thousand Forty-Two Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$1,707,042.29), an increase of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$227,715.25) from the previously executed agreement (53417-1) as previously authorized by Resolution 336 of 2023 to add funding for the Final Design and Construction Phases of the project.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

2025-1848

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to execute a quit claim deed or deeds, and any other necessary or appropriate documents, agreements, and instruments conveying AS IS all of the City's right, title and interest, if any, in Block 25-P, Lots 11 and 12, in the 2nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (2608 Penn Avenue - Council District 1), to the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh ("URA") for consideration of \$1.00, contingent upon the Mayor and Director of the Department of Finance first entering into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the URA setting forth the rights and obligations of the City and the URA relating to these initial conveyances and further setting forth the rights and obligations of the City and the URA relating to the subsequent disposition of this property to a third party at no cost to the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

2025-1871 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 May 23, 2025.

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

2025-1877 Communication from Rachael Heisler, City Controller, submitting to City Council a Special Report on the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP), dated May 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

2025-1855 Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Dickie McCamey & Chilcote for one-time legal services rendered for an amount not to exceed TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FIVE CENTS (\$12,503.75) over one year.

(Executive Session held 5/13/25)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

2025-1856 Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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 Auto Theft Prevention Agency for the purpose of receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (\$583,100) dollars to support the Auto Squad.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement or Agreements with Von der haus Gill German Shepherds Inc., for the purchase of canines for the Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) over three years.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle,
Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member
Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

2025-1823

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement or Agreements with Brawner Group K-9 Services LLC., for the purchase of canines for the Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) over three years.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2025-1857 Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2025-1858 Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

2024-0749

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with Auberle for services relating to Non-Congregate Shelter Services related to the HOME-ARP program, for a total not to exceed One Million Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

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

2025-1859 Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

2025-1829 Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a two-year sponsorship agreement with Clearview Federal Credit Union for the 2025 and 2026 Gingerbread House Display and Tree Lighting Ceremony 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

2025-1860 Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for May 19, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a cooperation agreement with Pittsburgh Regional Transit for post-construction ownership, access, and maintenance of certain City owned steps to be constructed around Downing Street in the 6th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1300 Gardner Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

0 Abstain:

Absent: 1 -Council Member Mosley

2025-1826

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of receiving grant funds from FY24 Community Project Funding in the amount not to exceed ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE (\$1,666,279.00) dollars to construct the Field House in Homewood Park, specifically to fund the construction of the field house, amphitheater, and community gathering space.

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

No: 0

Abstain:

Absent: 1 -Council Member Mosley

2025-1827

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, or a related entity, for the sale of a to-be-subdivided portion of Block 25-S, Lot 112, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (2829 Bedford Avenue - Council District No. 6), 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

2025-1828 Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land

between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and The Pittsburgh Land Bank for the sale of Block 10-K, Lot 345, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh

(McClarren Street - Council District No. 6), 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member

Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT