

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 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 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**[2025-1843](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Pittsburgh commends its artistic excellence, educational impact, and ongoing commitment to uplifting and uniting the Pittsburgh community; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize May 17th as “**City Theatre Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 292

[2025-1844](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the community of Knoxville, the City of Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh City Council join in mourning the passing and celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Joan C. Smith; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 3, 2025, to be “**Mrs. Joan Smith Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 293

[2025-1845](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby designate the week May 18-24, 2025, as “**National Public Works Week**”; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 294

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Laura Totin Codori, Natia Platt, Jodi McLaughlin, Patrice Bolomope, Brandi O Allen, Raqueeb Bey, Anthony White, Jamie Christian, Ebony Lunsford-Evans, Abdulkadir Chirambo, Sara Williams, Ashley Cooper, Derek Brian Jones, Tonya Foster, Latisha Branch-Nalls, Brenda Simpson, Dana Dolney, Dorisa King-St Felix, Teaira Collins, Sarah Buranskas, Dawn Marie Clepper Hall, Helen Gerhardt, Joanna "Jo" Deming, Yvonne F. Brown, Lisa Freeman

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2025-1846](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Emergency Services Provider Agreement or agreements with University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Vitalant, at no cost to the City, for professional services related to the stocking and use of emergency medical supplies for blood transfusions on City Emergency Medical Services vehicles, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1847](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of RPC Video in the amount of Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$6,198.00) to extend the City Channel control room video switcher warranty by one year.

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY 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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

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

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1849](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cohen Law Group for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter for an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$8,247.80) over one year.
(Executive Session scheduled for 5/27/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1850](#) Resolution amending Resolution 467 of 2022 titled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund for the South 21st Street Complete Green Street Project and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE MILLION THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY TWO (\$1,036,422.00) dollars" to decrease the grant amount, accept the grant award, and authorize necessary expenditures.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[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.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2025-1854](#) Resolution establishing a Task Force on Sustainable Funding for the Pittsburgh Land Bank to develop recommendations for long-term financial stability.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1852](#) 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 16, 2025.

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

[2025-1853](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting the City of Pittsburgh Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 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

[2025-1838](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 14, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1802](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Lawi Oung in an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$8,971.17) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (24C-0191) for damage to his vehicle from an accident with a City Police vehicle on July 29, 2024.

(Executive Session held 5/6/25)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

[2025-1803](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Harry How, c/o Stefania Jeffrey, Mgr., Three Management, in an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,493.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (24C-0219) for damage to rental property at the corner of Kosciusko Way and Leticoe Street by a City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services vehicle on August 24, 2024.

(Executive Session held 5/6/25)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1839](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for May 14, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1804](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into certain temporary construction easements and permanent right-of-way acquisitions on certain properties in the 2nd and 6th Ward of the City in order to advance the Liberty Avenue Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Costs for these temporary construction easements and right-of-way acquisitions shall not exceed Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$689,970.00), reimbursable at 90% for the first \$90,000.00, and reimbursable at 80% for the remaining \$599,970.00.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

[2025-1805](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Duquesne Light Company for costs associated with the Smithfield Street Phase 1 project where Duquesne Light Company would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

[2025-1806](#)

Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of portions of Auburn Street (83-S-335), Kalida Drive and Princeton Place (83-S-192), at no cost to the City, located in the Larimer/East Liberty Phase 1 Plan of Lots, as recorded in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate in Plan Book Volume 283, Page 22, in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2025-1840](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for May 14, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1797](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 18 of 2025 (effective February 3, 2025), which authorized the Mayor and the Director of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) with UPMC Benefits Management Services, Inc. D/B/A WorkPartners for services relating to providing Third-party Administrative Services of the City of Pittsburgh's Workers' Compensation Program, for costs not to exceed Five Million Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$5,002,764.00) over the course of four years, by correctly re-stating the amounts to be incurred annually, with no change to the total amount.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1842](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for May 14, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1798](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Water for costs associated with the Liberty Avenue HSIP project where Pittsburgh Water would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

[2025-1799](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Water for costs associated with the Smithfield Street Phase 1 project where Pittsburgh Water would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

[2025-1800](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Water for costs associated with the Penn Avenue Phase 2 project where Pittsburgh Water would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, 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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT