

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 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**

[2025-1717](#) **WHEREAS**, Dr. Christine White-Taylor received her bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock State College and received her Master's and Doctoral degrees from Duquesne University. While beginning her career as a high school social studies teacher, Ms. White-Taylor began to cultivate her passions. After years in the classroom, Dr. White-Taylor ascended her position at PPS and became Vice Principal and then Principal and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 200

[2025-1718](#) **WHEREAS**, 412Thrive was established as a nonprofit in 2020 during the Covid pandemic by women who longed for connection with others facing breast cancer and aimed to build a supportive community for those in similar situations; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 201

[2025-1719](#) **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Robert J. Colville received the Judge James R. McGregor Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Community at the 63rd Annual Amen Corner Judicial Reception on Tuesday, April 8 held at the Duquesne Club; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 202

[2025-1720](#)

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mary Jane Bowes received the Judge Robert E Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership & Excellence at the 63rd Annual Amen Corner Judicial Reception on Tuesday, April 8 held at the Duquesne Club; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 203

[2025-1721](#)

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is observed annually in the month of April and is dedicated to honoring crime victims and survivors while raising awareness about their rights and services. NCVRW will be observed in 2025 the week of April 6-12; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 204

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2025-1722](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on the Governor to ~~enact Article IV, Section 20, declaring the state of litter and trash on the ground in Pittsburgh of such magnitude to constitute an emergency and~~ render essential the Commonwealth's supplementation of municipal resources to remove trash debris from publicly- and privately-owned land and to restore public health in our most livable city.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger and Council Member Wilson

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

Enactment No: 205

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

Enactment No: 205

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2025-1703](#)

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 County of Allegheny for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the 2023 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant in the amount not to exceed THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND (\$37,000.00) dollars to support overtime for PBP detectives for the investigation of old sexual assault cases, the purchasing of materials to properly furnish a soft interview room for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, and participation in approved training opportunities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

Enactment No: 255

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2025-1723](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Finance, to enter into an easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company and Pittsburgh Water to provide, install, use, own, operate, maintain, repair, renew, and finally remove one (1) pole anchor upon City-owned property (Parcel ID 82-G-50); six (6) poles, five (5) anchors, and overhead wires upon City-owned property (Parcel ID 82-H-1-0-2) (collectively, the “DLC Assets”); to manage vegetation on parcel 82-H-1-0-2 in the vicinity of the DLC Assets; and to perform landscaping in the vicinity of the DLC Assets, at no cost to the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 241

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

Enactment No: 241

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1704](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 296 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

Enactment No: 256

[2025-1705](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 215 South 21st St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

Enactment No: 257

[2025-1706](#)

Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (“ALCOSAN”) to provide permanent easements for subterranean tunnels through nine (9) parcels of City-owned properties, currently identified as Allegheny County Parcel ID Nos. 44-S-230; 7-A-195; 7-M-110-9; 7-F-107; 8-B-150; 8-G-250; 8-D-15; 7-L-31; and 7-P-200, and to accept payment therefor in the amount of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$8,200).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

Enactment No: 258

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2025-1707](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director Parks and Recreation to enter into a sponsorship agreement with Dollar Bank for Cinema in the Park at no cost to the City.

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

Enactment No: 259

[2025-1708](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into multiple Sponsorship Agreements enumerated herein for the Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race.

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

Enactment No: 260

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1709](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Angelina Priore, and her attorneys, Kontos Mengine Killion & Hassen, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$80,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-005903.

(Executive Session held 4/8/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 261

[2025-1710](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gladys Sanchez in an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (\$8,301.36) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (2025-CLAIM-0010) for damage to her vehicle from an accident with a City Police vehicle on December 17, 2024.

(Executive Session held 4/8/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 262

[2025-1711](#)

Resolution authorizing the execution of quitclaim deeds conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the City-owned properties located in the 12th Ward of the City and designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block & Lot: 124-N-282, 283, 288, 290, 291, 292, 293, 124-P-96, 125-B 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, to Larimer Consensus Group ("LCG") through the Pittsburgh Land Bank ("PLB") for consideration set forth herein, relating to the full and final settlement of cases filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at CS 21-43; CS 21-47; CS 21-49; CS 21-50; CS 21-52; CS 21-60; CS 21-61; CS 21-62; CS 21-65; CS 21-67; CS 21-68; CS 21-90.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 263

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1712](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the rehabilitation of Emerald View Trail project. The grant proposal includes an ask of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00) with a match of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$250,844.42) from the City of Pittsburgh's Capital Budget for a total project cost of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY-TWO CENTS (\$500,844.42) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

Enactment No: 264

[2025-1713](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement(s) and/or Amendment(s) with the University of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of providing supplemental waste operations in the Oakland neighborhood, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

Enactment No: 249

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1714](#) 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 April 4, 2025.

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

[2025-1715](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an acting pay request on behalf of the Department of Public Safety for Jennifer McDermott-Grubb, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2025-1716](#) Communication from Mayor Ed Gainey, submitting the Vision Zero Annual Memo, dated March 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**

[2025-1699](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 2, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1572](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to accept the sum of THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$316,367.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 24-004792, involving the Finland Street Pedestrian Bridge.

(Executive Session held 3/4/25)

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

Enactment No: 206

[2025-1660](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of two (2) warrants with the total sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$32,000.00) over one (1) year. It is further understood and agreed that the payment schedule of the total settlement amount shall be as follows: (i) SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$16,000.00) payable to Scott Alan Beatty; (ii) SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$16,000.00) payable to Samuel J. Cordes, Esq., in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District Court of Pennsylvania at 2:24-cv-01582.

(Executive Session held 3/25/25)

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

Enactment No: 211

[2025-1661](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with USI Insurance Services for insurance brokerage services for all necessary policy types. This shall be a no-cost agreement with a term of three years with two one-year options to extend.

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

Enactment No: 212

[2025-1662](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 924 of 2024, effective December 18, 2024, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2025 Capital Budget, the proposed 2025 Community Development Program, and the 2025 through 2030 Capital Improvement Program" by increasing LIBERTY AVENUE (HSIP) by One Million Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,063,333.30) to account for additional Federal Highway Administration funding being received by 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

Enactment No: 213

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2025-1700](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for April 2, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1656](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Kicker, Inc., to provide video production services, including conceptualization, scripting, and production planning, to create videos to aid with police recruitment efforts, at a total cost not to exceed THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$32,750.00) over a one-year period.

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

Enactment No: 207

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1701](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 2, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1663](#)

Resolution amending resolution No. 615 of 2024, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Smallman Street Complete Street Project. The grant proposal includes an ask of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS and THIRTY CENTS (\$2,279,662.30) with a local match of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$117,100.00) from the 2024 Capital Budget for a total grant project cost of TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS and THIRTY CENTS (\$2,396,762.30),” to accept the grant, decrease the award amount and authorize necessary expenditures.

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

Enactment No: 214

[2025-1665](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, Right of Way, and Construction phases of the Liberty Ave Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Twelve Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$12,905,556.00) an increase of Five Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,400,000.00) from the previously authorized amount; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$29,700.00), an increase of Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$24,200.00) from the previously authorized amount (600 of 2023). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific agreements.

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

Enactment No: 215

[2025-1666](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental agreement or agreements with WSP USA, Inc. for costs associated with South Negley Avenue Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Nine Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$1,188,409.39) an increase of Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$317,588.34) from the previously executed agreement (51166-3).

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

Enactment No: 216

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1702](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 2, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1657](#) Resolution amending Resolution 21 of 2025, which authorized a cooperation agreement or agreements with the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories, equipment support infrastructure, and professional services in fiscal year 2025, by increasing the authorized amount by Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$93,000.00) to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Office of Community Health and Safety, for a new total of Seven Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$7,999,319.37).

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

Enactment No: 208

[2025-1658](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Water for costs associated with the Haverhill Project where Pittsburgh Water is overseeing the design and construction of the storm water management components as well as the roadway replacement and rehabilitation and has or will retain the services of a Design Consultant, Construction Management/Inspection Consultant, and Construction Contractor for the project. The City will reimburse Pittsburgh Water for this work at a cost to the City not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$992,628.77), an increase of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$382,513.30) from the previously authorizing resolution (404 of 2023).

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

Enactment No: 209

[2025-1659](#)

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 Agility Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for purposes of exchange, documentation, and cooperation with respect to provision of in-kind services between both parties, at no cost to the City.

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

Enactment No: 210

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT