

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2025-2395](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the October 24, 2025, to be “***Apostle Dr. Jermaine Horne Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 640

[2025-2396](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize and commend the Three Rivers Rowing Association on its 40th Anniversary and for its outstanding contributions to Pittsburgh’s athletic and riverfront communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Saturday, November 8, 2025, to be “**Three Rivers Rowing Association Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 641

[2025-2403](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Gregory Sullivan Kottler for his unwavering spirit of service, compassion, and civic engagement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 28, 2025 to be “**Gregory Kottler 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: 642

[2025-2404](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Teri Grendzinski for her outstanding contributions and lifelong commitment to avian care and congratulates her for more than 30 years of service to the National Aviary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 28, 2025 to be “**Teri Grendzinski 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: 643

[2025-2405](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Terry Lundsford for 25 years of outstanding service and commitment to the National Aviary of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 28, 2025 to be “**Terry Lundsford 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: 644

[2025-2417](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor and pay tribute to the men and women who serve and have served in our armed forces and solemnly remember the sacrifice of all those who fought so valiantly to preserve our heritage of freedom; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 11 to be “**Federation of War Veterans Societies 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: 645

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elena Zaitsoff, Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Chris Maury, Ikhana-hal-makina, Bernadette Mosey, Sam Gibson, Yvonne F. Brown, Special Agent Sunshine, David Tessitore

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**[2025-2406](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement or Agreements with Allegheny County to receive funding for hazardous material incident response in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) over two years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:[2025-2407](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Sublicense Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania State Police, to allow Public Safety personnel to utilize Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS), at no cost to the City.

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:[2025-2408](#)

Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$5,775,000.00-Five Million, Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (Council Districts: All).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2025-2409](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 298 of 2025, 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), at an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$227,520.00) and further 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 Penn Avenue Phase 2 (TIP) by Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$227,520.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-2410](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Allegheny Cleanways in order for Allegheny Cleanways to lend cameras to the City of Pittsburgh to be utilized for monitoring and investigating illegal dumping in the city, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-2411](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental Agreement or Agreements with H.W. Lochner, Inc. for costs associated with the Final Design Phase for the Pittsburgh City Steps project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Thirty-One Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$1,375,031.30), an increase of Seven Hundred Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$705,180.52) from the previously executed agreement, reimbursable at eighty (80%) percent.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-2412](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, Utility Coordination, Right of Way, and Construction phases of the Penn Ave Phase 2 project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Thirteen Million Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$13,428,757.50), an increase of One Million One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,153,757.50) from the previously executed agreement, reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$68,400.00), an increase of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) from the previously executed agreement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-2413](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Gulisek Construction LLC for costs associated with the Construction Phase of the Penn Avenue Phase 2 project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Nine Million Five Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$9,554,500.24), reimbursable at 80%.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-2414](#) 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 October 24, 2025.

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

[2025-2415](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an amended and restated Community Collaboration and Implementation Plan for the Lower Hill Redevelopment, at no cost to the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

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

[2025-2416](#) Communication from Rachael Heisler, City Controller, submitting a summary worksheet highlighting Overtime and Premium Pay budget use in the third quarter of 2025, dated October 24, 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

[2025-2397](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-2357](#) Resolution transferring the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) 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 CHARLAND

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-2398](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-2347](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the McArdle Roadway Reconstruction Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

[2025-2348](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a maintenance agreement with Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for the Pittsburgh Pedestrian Wayfinding Project, 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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

[2025-2349](#)

Resolution authorizing the taking, appropriating, and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for public roadway purposes certain property in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by John & Gayle Elstner, located along Herndon Street, and authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto, in the amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

[2025-2384](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company, LLC, for consolidated payment of any and all account billing obligations in arrears on city held meters, in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$204,750.33) over a period of one (1) 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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2025-2399](#)

Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-2359](#)

Ordinance amending supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six: Conduct, Chapters 651: Findings and Policy, 653: Human Relations Commission, and Chapter 659: Unlawful Civil Rights Practices by simplifying language to offer clarity, defining terms specific to the enforcement of antidiscrimination provisions within City Code, and preserving the antidiscrimination enforcement power of the City in the wake of federal changes.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Human Resources. The motion carried.

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-2400](#)

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1417](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Introduction and Establishment, Section 902.03, Zoning Map, to rezone parcels 45-A-166 and 45-E-43 from R1D-H (Single Unit Detached Residential, High Density) to UC-MU (Urban Center Mixed Use).

(Sent to the Planning Commission for a Report & Recommendation on 1/29/25)

(Report & Recommendation received on 8/1/25)

(Public Hearing held 10/16/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

[2025-2354](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article IX: Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Chapter 174A: The Pittsburgh Land Bank, by amending Section 174A.13: Policies and Procedures, Strategic Plan, and Annual Report, to modify the Pittsburgh Land Bank's annual reporting deadline from December 31 of each year to 120 days following the end of the fiscal year.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

[2025-2401](#)

Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-2345](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 798-2023, 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 or amendments thereto with Change Agents Training for access to their Learning Management System and consultative assistance to adapt the City of Pittsburgh Gold Belt Workshop for e-Learning, by increasing the approved amount by Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) over five (5) years.

(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-2402](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for October 22, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-2346](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 697 of 2023, entitled “Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA’s application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Center in the amount of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,229,987.00) and authorizing expenditures for this stated purpose,” to increase the grant award amount by FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) to TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,729,987.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Mosley

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT