

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL***

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council

***Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghil, 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**

[2025-1502](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Lea Etta Rhodes for her selfless service to her community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 11, 2025 to be “Lea Etta Rhodes 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: 53

[2025-1504](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February to be “*Career and Technical Education Month*” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 54

[2025-1505](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 11, 2025 to be “*Mal Goode Day*” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 55

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Chad Ringbloom, Joseph Griffo, Ralph Williams, Yvonne F. Brown, Burnadette from Beechview, Special Agent Sunshine

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:**

[2025-1484](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with consultants and/or service providers for professional services in connection with Civil Service and MPOETC required assessment and evaluation of Public Safety candidates, and providing for payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2025-1485](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Center for Employment Opportunities to clean and revitalize community spaces, for a sum not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Twenty-two Dollars (\$456,022.00) over one year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2025-1486](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of The United States Conference of Mayors for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed NINETEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$19,840.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2025-1487](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Allegheny League of Municipalities for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed NINE THOUSAND, DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$9,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2025-1488](#) Ordinance authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Borough of Wilkinsburg (“Borough”) for providing fire and emergency management services to the Borough pursuant to the General Local Government Code, 53 Pa. C.S. §§2301 *et seq.*, and the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §§7501 *et seq.*, at a total cost not to exceed ELEVEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$11,933,932) over five years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1489](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of James E. DePasquale for plaintiff counsel fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988 in connection with a litigation matter in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SIX CENTS (\$123,873.76) over one year.
(Executive Session held 2/11/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1490](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$26,406.04) over one year.
(Executive Session held 2/11/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1491](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 857 of 2023, effective December 27, 2023, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing STREET RESURFACING by Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to account for the payment for a surety bond made to the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1492](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Euna Solutions, Inc for one year subscription in an amount not to exceed EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$18,500.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2025-1493](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of Sixty-Seven Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$67,550,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2025-1494](#) Resolution providing for a Preemption Interconnection Construction and Maintenance Agreement between CSXT and the City of Pittsburgh for construction and maintenance of highway rail grade crossing warning devices, consisting of automatic flashing lights and gates, at the grade crossings of Tecumseh Street and Hazelwood Avenue; 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

[2025-1495](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 466 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Studio Zewde for professional landscape architectural services for Homewood Park Infrastructure Upgrades, by increasing the overall cost by One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Nine Dollars, and Sixty Cents (\$176,609.60) for a new City cost not to exceed Two Million Forty One Thousand, and Eighty Two Dollars, and Thirty Cents (\$2,041,082.30) over one (1) year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1496](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 857 of 2024, effective December 27, 2023, as entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program,” to decrease Sport Facilities by One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$115,170.00), and increase Park Reconstruction by One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$115,170.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1497](#) Resolution amending Resolution 291 of 2024 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute an agreement(s) with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) in order to continue providing electronic waste collection and recycling services for City residents, by extending PRC’s services for one (1) year to December 31, 2025 and increasing the authorized spend by Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$78,750.00) for a new total amount not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$393,750.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2025-1498](#) Resolution amending Resolution 562 of 2024, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) dollars to develop revised historic guidelines in the Mexican War Streets historic district. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (\$12,500) dollars for this stated purpose for a total project cost of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$37,500) dollars” to include the Manchester District.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1499](#) Resolution appointing Christopher Ragland, as Chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Department of Public Safety.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy . The motion carried.

[2025-1500](#) 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 7, 2025.

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

[2025-1501](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an acting pay request on behalf of the Department of Public Works for Donald Brooks, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2025-1478](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1409](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 547 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Futures for professional services relating to leadership development training, by increasing the authorized spend by Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$76,800.00) for services in 2025 for a new total cost not to exceed of Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$338,136.00) over four years.

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

[2025-1410](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement with The Pittsburgh Steelers LLC to allow for the use of the City Seal on official Steelers-branded merchandise, at zero 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

[2025-1437](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 316 of 2022, which provided for an Agreement or Agreements with Center for Hearing & Deaf Services, Inc. and Global Wordsmiths, by increasing the authorized spend for Global Wordsmiths by Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) for services in 2025, for a new total cost not to exceed Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000.00) over four years.

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

[2025-1438](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of James Sheehan, Laureen O'Neill Sheehan and their attorneys, Goodrich and Geist, P.C., for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$150,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-001137.

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

[2025-1439](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Shavontay Glover, and her attorneys, Allegheny Law Group LLC, for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,500.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division, at No. AR 24-000023.

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

[2025-1440](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program" by increasing COMPLETE STREETS by Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$221,600) 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

[2025-1441](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with Merante Contracting Incorporated to provide access to City of Pittsburgh-owned parcels 26-E-301, 26-E-302, 26-E-303, 26-E-304, and 26-E-305 to support the replacement and rehabilitation of portions of the existing retaining wall supporting Ruthven Street above the Pittsburgh Regional Transit Martin Luther King Busway and to replace various sewer infrastructure in the vicinity, 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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2025-1479](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1433](#) Resolution amending Resolution 134 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership to provide an ambassador program to assist police with non-criminal matters in the Central Business District, by increasing the approved amount by \$1,200,000 for an amended total cost not to exceed TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) over four years.

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

[2025-1480](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1412](#) Resolution authorizing the taking, appropriating, and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh of certain easements necessary for the completion of temporary construction work for sidewalk construction and associated miscellaneous work for public transportation purposes through eminent domain and further authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto at an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), reimbursable at eighty percent.

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

[2025-1442](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction Phase of the Sylvan Avenue Multimodal Path Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$1,809,585.00), an increase of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (835 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

[2025-1443](#) Resolution agreement amending Resolution No. 172 of 2020, allowing for compensation paid to PennDOT of the local costs associated with the East Carson Street Supplemental Improvement Project being undertaken by PennDOT, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed Nine Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$942,001.11), an increase of Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$55,838.12) from the previously executed agreement.

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

[2025-1481](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1436](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with America250PA for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Semiquincentennial Grant in the amount not to exceed TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) dollars for City's Independence Day Celebration.

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

[2025-1482](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1434](#) Resolution amending Resolution 649-2022, 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 Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., for a municipal pension contribution data system by increasing the approved amount by Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000) over five years.

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

[2025-1483](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for February 5, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1435](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 938 & 940 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Coghill motioned for a Public Hearing relative to the appointment of Christopher Ragland as Chief of Police. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT