

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 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 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Strassburger

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

[2025-1814](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy for their work restoring Pittsburgh's Parks System to excellence and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, May 3rd, 2025, to be "***Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Spring Hat Luncheon 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: 266

[2025-1815](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Sheree Thomas as she embodies the spirit of Pittsburgh-leading with vision, mentoring with purpose, and building a legacy of excellence that uplifts our community and inspires future generations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, May 6, 2025 to be "**Sheree Thomas**" 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: 267

[2025-1816](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Slice on Broadway has officially earned its place in pizza history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 6, 2025 to be “**Slice on Broadway Day**” 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: 268

[2025-1817](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares May 31st as “**Pittsburgh Pollinator Day**” and encourages all residents to celebrate and promote the importance of pollinators, the creation of pollinator gardens, and the protection of their habitats for the betterment of our community and the environment.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 269

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, John Rhoades, Morgan Shaw, Yvonne F. Brown, Bernadette Mosey

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS:

[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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[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).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[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).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[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).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2025-1801](#) Resolution providing for ratification and extension by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, for 30 days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 30, 2025; in response to the severe thunderstorm of April 29, 2025 in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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 scheduled for 5/6/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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 scheduled for 5/6/25)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[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).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2025-1807](#) Resolution renaming the “Boundary Street Park” located in Central Oakland as the “Oakland DIY Skatepark”
(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2025-1808](#) Resolution appointing Megan Leitch, as a Member of the Pittsburgh Water Board of Directors with a term to expire May 1, 2030.

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

[2025-1809](#) Resolution appointing Jordan Fischbach, as a Member of the Pittsburgh Water Board of Directors with a term to expire May 1, 2030.

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

[2025-1810](#) 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 May 2, 2025.

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

[2025-1811](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Mayor's Office for Paul Scott and Cydney Cooper.

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

[2025-1812](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting the City of Pittsburgh Mobility Enhancement District report for the period ending December 31, 2024.

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

[2025-1813](#) Communication from Rachael Heisler, City Controller, submitting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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**

[2025-1793](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 30, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1675](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, in the 23rd Ward, in the First (1st) Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sale.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2025-1748](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the New Pittsburgh Courier, doing business as Real Times, Inc., for legal advertisements published on February 5, 2025 in connection with City of Pittsburgh Quiet Title actions for an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$6,158.30).

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2025-1749](#) Resolution authorizing eleven (11) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with five vendors to provide professional services on an on-call basis as required related to special events services as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) annually for a three-year term, and providing for funding of the costs thereof,

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2025-1772](#) Resolution amending and supplementing the Rules of Council to provide for contingent presiding officers over regular meetings of Council in the event of absences.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2025-1794](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 30, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1750](#) Resolution authorizing the Directors of the Departments of Finance and Mobility and Infrastructure to take actions necessary for recordation of temporary construction easements over certain City-owned parcels in order to advance a project for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and repair of Smithfield Street in 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2025-1751](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works and/or the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with Riverlife for the purpose of allowing access to the Riverlife Barge from the Allegheny Landing Dock, 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2025-1795](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 30, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1579](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Nine, Zoning, Article Two, Base Zoning Districts, Chapter 903, Residential Zoning Districts, to reduce required minimum lot sizes.

(Public Hearing held 4/23/25)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Warwick and Council Member Charland

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2025-1753](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement, Agreements, and/or Amendments with the Museum of Contemporary Art (“MOCA”), for the purpose of loaning the City-owned Stephen Foster Statue to MOCA, 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2025-1796](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 30, 2025 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2025-1747](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 7415 Hermitage Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208, 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 Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Strassburger

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Warwick motioned for a Post-Agenda relative to Duquesne Light Company's response to the severe weather event. The motion carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT