



Monday, January 12th, 2026

Workshop Meeting Start @ 6:00 PM / Voting Meeting Start @ 7:00 PM

Call Meeting to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilperson Canan – Present, Councilperson D’Loss – Present, Councilperson Demko – Absent, Councilperson DiPietro – Present, Councilperson Lee – Present, President Boyd – Present, Mayor Bigham – Present

Public Comment on Listed Motions – Nothing for this evening.

1. Administration (Councilperson Canan)

- a) **MOTION to approve the Minutes from the Council meeting on December 8th, and December 15th, 2025, and January 5th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd as a primary delegate and Councilperson Lee and Borough Manager Steve Beuter as alternate delegates to the Allegheny County Southwest Collection District. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- c) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro as a primary delegate and Councilperson Lee as the alternate delegate to the Char-West Council of Governments. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- d) **MOTION to appoint Steve Beuter as the appointed official delegate and Councilperson Canan and Mayor Bigham as alternate delegates to the Congress of Neighboring Communities Group (CONNECT). Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- e) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson Boyd, DiPietro, and Lee as municipal representatives to the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall Board of Trustees. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- f) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson Demko as the primary Borough Council representative and Mayor Bigham as an alternate representative for the Carnegie Borough Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- g) **MOTION to appoint Councilperson DiPietro and Lee as municipal representatives to the Carnegie Community Development Corporation. Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

- h) MOTION to authorize the Borough Manager’s contract renewal effective January 1st, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- i) MOTION to adopt Borough Ordinance No. 2498, an Ordinance of the Borough of Carnegie amending Chapter 18, Part 6 of the Borough Code of Ordinances relating to sewers and sewage disposal for 2026. Seconded by Councilperson DiPietro – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

2. Finance (Councilperson Canan)

- a) MOTION to approve the January 2026 Bill List. Seconded by Councilperson Lee – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

3. Public Works (Councilperson Lee)

- a) MOTION to authorize Pay Application No. 1 from E2 Landscaping in the amount of \$59,745.96 for the Lexington Court Retaining Wall Project (Contract No. 2025- 01). Seconded by Councilperson D’Loss – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Public Safety (Councilperson D’Loss)

- a) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie establishing Chapter 15, Part 2, Section 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances creating a handicapped parking space near 321 5th Avenue (103-P-262). Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

COMMENT: Councilperson D’Loss explained that there is no name attached to any handicap parking spot and anyone who needs it can use it. Do not feel like it is your personal property.

5. Code Enforcement and Community Development (Councilperson DiPietro)

- a) MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03, a resolution of the Borough of Carnegie, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 103-G-141 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**
- b) MOTION to approve the application of Keith and Suzanne Mangini for the lot consolidation plan submitted for 37 Swallow Hill Road (lot and blocks 65-H-94 and 65-H-96), as recommended by the Planning Commission on August 26th, 2025 (Extension). Seconded by Councilperson Canan – Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED**

6. Committee Reports

- A. Administration – Nothing for this evening.**
- B. Finance – Nothing for this evening.**
- C. Code Enforcement and Community Development – Nothing for this evening.**
- D. Public Works – Nothing for this evening.**

E. **Public Safety and Fire Dept. / EMS Report – In December 2025, there were 132 ambulance calls and 34 fire calls.**

F. **President’s Report – Nothing for this evening.**

7. **Manager’s Report – Nothing for this evening.**

8. **Mayor’s Report – In December 2025, there were 5 criminal arrests and citations, 39 traffic stops (5 Forsythe Road), 5 traffic citations, 12 parking tickets, and 681 calls and self-initiated activity. I am glad to be here as Mayor of Carnegie. The youngest Mayor in the history of the Borough and probably the youngest Mayor in the state. This is my second week on the job. So, I just want to thank the Borough for putting their trust in me. I am excited to get to work. I will be focused on community development among other things.**

I wanted to clarify a statement made a few days ago and apologize for the language used in it. It should not have been posted in the way that it was and I want to apologize for that. I will clarify what was meant, which is that immigration is a federal responsibility. It is not a local responsibility, meaning that we will not be putting any of our local resources towards enforcing federal law. That is the purview of ICE and other federal agencies. We of course will not obstruct or hinder any lawful investigation, nobody ever suggested that.

I also wanted to say that as the Mayor I am the chief civilian oversight of the Police Department. I grew up in this town, I grew up with Chief Kennedy as the police Chief and many of our police officers have served while I grew up here and I have a great deal of respect for them. I trust them, I trust the Chief. We have probably the best police department in the county. We have very few issues, if any, and our officers take their job very seriously and they will always keep everyone safe at all times in the Borough. I have complete and full trust in them.

9. **ACFLMH / CCDC Update**

ACFLMH – Walker highlighted that in 2025 there were 75,795 visits to the library, 587 public programs with over 8,100 attendees, over 75,000 physical check outs, 25,000 digital checkouts, and over 5,000 hours or 214 days of public computer use. The library continues to be very well used. A grant for \$10,000 was

received from the Buncher Foundation which will go to increasing services to seniors or those unable to get to the library. The library will soon be able to offer digitized editions of the Signal Item on the Library website. Please visit <https://carnegiecarnegie.org/> for upcoming events. The library is also looking forward to celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year.

CCDC – Nothing for this evening.

10. **General Public Comment (Council will hear comments for up to three (3) minutes per person)**

Dennis Kurzawski (622 Beechwood Avenue) – I’ve been a resident of Carnegie for about 42 years and I’m here to take you to task for that stupid comment that you made. I see that you rescinded your comment, there are 30 people here maybe, but what about the thousands probably read that? And do you know what that does when you inhibit ICE, whether or not you like their position or not. You inhibit federal and state law and you put your police at risk. I am very upset about this, I talked to you at the Library before I voted for you at the recommendation of Pat Catena, who I respect, but if you’re here to improve your position and climbing the Democratic Party by pleasing County Council and the City, you’re mistaken.

Do not put your police officers at risk, but above all, do not put your citizens at risk. When ICE goes out and picks up these people that already have deportation warrants against them that have been out here for years, there are ones out there wanted for murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery; and by saying something like that you invite that element into our community. I am not biased against anyone, but my people are legal immigrants from 100 years ago and if you are a legal immigrant in this country, I welcome you. Everybody deserves a chance, but if you are illegal, it is time to go home. And do not put this police officer in peril because of some stupid comment that you made. Thank you.

COMMENT: Mayor Bigham reiterated an apology for the language used in that post. We would obviously not inhibit any federal activity enforcing immigration law and we would not put our officers at risk.

Eyas Azzuri (401 Washington Avenue) – I have been at the Attawheed Islamic Center for the past 8 years, but just a few words before I start. The library is amazing, they have a program for Palestine, everyone should go check it out. Mayor, welcome to politics. Talking about ICE, they showed up at the Islamic Center like a month ago. We had 1,000 worshippers like every Friday between noon and 3pm. ICE was trying to meet their quota, but luckily, we have an advantage at the Center, we do not have enough parking. So, they could not park, they drove around and then left, which brings me to my point.

We need help with the parking situation. The City of Pittsburgh has a parking variance that allows us to park on the street on Fridays, for free. We do not have to pay to feed the meter for that. If we can allow the street around Washington and Mansfield to be free parking on Fridays, or at least between 11:30am-3:30pm that would be great. It would allow us to park safely and to not double park. The second thing we need is help with the Police to direct traffic at the traffic lights feeding into the highway. What happens is that when people are leaving the parking lot, the traffic just stops where the lights are next to the highway entrance and between the two gas stations. We need help from the Police to direct traffic over there and then the Public Works to figure out the new traffic light timing so that Friday 11:30am-3:30pm, we have more parking over there. Thank you and again welcome Mayor.

Sam Rojas (10 Annabelle Street) – You all have put hundreds of thousands of dollars into Carnegie Park to make it better over the years and we have not made it safer. There is an influx of people, and we should have speed humps down Cooks Lane, so nobody gets hit or are we going to wait until that happens to

make it safer? There's Nelson Tree Service trucks parked in one of our parks and on the Carnegie Borough website, it says its illegal to be parked there after 10pm. There are 20 Nelson Tree cars parked at our park, it is the Borough's, the taxpayers. Who is letting that happen? There is a business who parks 20 cars at our park and that is illegal. They would have to pay to park and storage facilities charge \$102/month which is \$23,000/year, and Carnegie Borough is losing that money. There is no contract, so for liability, what if someone gets hurt?

COMMENT: Council President Boyd explained that Council has been given information that Mr. Rojas put together and asked if there was anything new to add. We have an informal agreement with Nelson Tree Service; they offer us emergency services anytime there is a storm that knocks trees into the park or the streets of Carnegie. They take this on themselves and have done a fabulous job, saving the Borough hundreds of thousands of dollars in the decade that they have been using the parking. The Borough is named as an additional insured on their insurance policy. We gave them permission to park there. All of this has been given to you in writing.

COMMENT: The Borough Solicitor added that public comment is not for question and answer, but for residents to comment.

Melissa Mentz (310 Lexington Court) – Thank you for getting that mirror up, it has made it so much easier to turn onto that road. I cannot thank you all enough. Thank you for taking down the tree across from me. I really appreciate it, it makes everything so much easier for us on the street as we no longer have to worry about high winds. This last couple of windstorms have been crazy down there. This has taken a lot off of us. Last Council Meeting we made the Pittsburgh Post Gazette our official newspaper and they are going to be closing. So, what are we planning to do?

COMMENT: Council President Boyd stated that he is hopeful that the state can come up with a new set of guidelines that tells Boroughs where and when to advertise. I am hopeful that it becomes an online source because advertising is extremely expensive so we will have to cross that bridge when we get to it. There is no other newspaper that meets that criteria.

Ben Bonham (250 Hidden Lane) – At the end of the year Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, my wife and I attended, and we were amazed that the board members had no idea that those townhomes had already been built. As I understand the law, there should have been some plats. Since 2022, I have been trying to find a plat for the property and when I pay for it, it just comes back as the one I did, it has not been updated. I believe those townhomes are not officially sanctioned and that you have for whatever reason have done a prohibited act. I was wondering who could explain this.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd stated that this is not the place to discuss this matter, but please schedule a meeting with the Borough.

George Honchar (36 Sigrid Drive) – I am glad that the Mayor backtracked his friendly statements about ICE. Chief are you comfortable that he walked back his statements enough that you and your wonderful policemen will not be handcuffed by the Mayor in case ICE needs you for backup? So, through Sunshine Law, I want to know the answer.

COMMENT: The Borough Solicitor reiterated that public comment is not for question and answer, but for residents to comment.

COMMENT: Borough Manager Steve Beuter added that Mr. Honchar can submit a Right to Know Request for more information.

Pat Catena (629 Beechwood Avenue) – As you recall, we have been working on extending the Panhandle Trail. Anyone that realizes the difficulty in dealing with the railroads, it is almost impossible to get anywhere with them. I would really like to tell you I have great news and that this is a done deal, but they want \$6 million dollars for that tiny piece of property. I struggle with \$6 million dollars, the County is bringing \$2 million, the Redevelopment Authority has brought another \$2 million, and we are asking the federal government to bring another \$2 million to the table so we can finally get this deal done. The problem is, we will not know until this Spring as to the federal government funding. My hope is that Congressman Deluzio can bring that \$2 million to Carnegie to get this done. This would bring the trail into Carnegie and connect it to Settlers Cabin and to the Montour Trail. It has been years in the making, and I remember looking out the window with Councilperson D’Loss and saying how wonderful it would be to have a trail all the way down to the city. I can tell you I am trying but working with the railroad is tough.

The other thing is the Rt. 50 corridor flooding. There was a good meeting called back in the fall, and we had Congressman Deluzio, Rich Fitzgerald, Councilperson D’Loss, State Representatives Kulik and Deasy, State Senator Fontana, as well as representatives from other communities.

This was a good meeting, and I believe we have a plan in place, but it is not going to happen overnight. The fix is probably a \$3-5 million dollar plan. There is something called a Transportation Improvement Plan which is in place for funding different projects and the Rt. 50 was deemed one of those projects that need to get done because of the emergency it represents. During the last severe flooding we had in that area, a woman with two children in an electric vehicle became stuck and it turned into a swift water rescue by the Glendale Fire Department. They pulled everyone out, but this has been going on for 90 years. The fix will not be imminent, but hopefully within the next two years.

COMMENT: Council President Boyd added that this issue has been going on longer than 90 years. The flooding affects the last home in Carnegie on Washington Avenue, and they provided a picture of flooding from 90 years ago which matches a picture I took of the recent swift water rescue. It is ironic how much of the infrastructure is still there, there's cars stuck in the water in both pictures. It is just a matter of time before it becomes a bad news headline.

11. Council Good and Welfare

Councilperson DiPietro – I wanted to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. Be kind to your neighbors, help them with snow removal. Go Steelers.

Councilperson Canan – I want to echo that and also, I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to serve. I was just sworn in last week and so far, so good. I appreciate everyone's trust. The celebration of the life and work of Dr. King is coming up on January 19th. I encourage everybody to go out and be of service to your neighbor or your community. I will see you out there.

Councilperson D'Loss – Regarding what Walker was talking out with the library's newspaper project, this is a huge thing for Carnegie. Everybody that is here at some point had their family have something that was put in the Signal Item: a death, a wedding, a church being founded. As soon as Walker gets the link ready, you will be able to go online and look up anything you want from the last 130 years. I know my family history is in that paper and it is incredible to have this.

Councilperson Lee – The CCDC has run a program in the past in which the able-bodied amongst us could sign up to adopt a neighbor and they would clear their sidewalk. I believe that program is still in effect. The next work session will be on February 2nd at 6pm, another work session will be held on February 9th at 6pm, and the next voting session will be on February 9th. January 19th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

COMMENT: Mayor Bigham added that the CCDC is working on this program to improve it. There have been issues connecting volunteers to sidewalks.

Council President Boyd – Go Steelers. Thank you all for coming out and expressing your concerns.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Councilperson Lee. Seconded by Councilperson D'Loss. Vote: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

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