

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-SECOND COUNCIL***

Theresa Kail-Smith, President of Council

*Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Bruce A. Kraus,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Erika Strassburger, Barbara Warwick, Bobby Wilson*

Kim Clark-Baskin, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Kraus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

[2023-1240](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the national FBLA organization, and Central Catholic High School’s FBLA program in particular, for its longstanding positive impact on young people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council declares February 12-18, 2023, to be “**National FBLA Week**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 52

[2023-1241](#) ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the City of Pittsburgh designates Sunday, February 19, 2023 as “**Beth Shalom Men’s Club Annual Sports Luncheon Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 53

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr Ronald Lynn Miller, Naomi Mullen, Ralph Williams, Danette Veahman, Yvonne F. Brown, Flora Williams, Bernadette Mosely

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2023-1228](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Allegheny County Conservation District for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$220,000.00) dollars to support storm water remediation and road paving on Haverhill Street.

Attachments: [2023-1228 Cover Letter-ACCD Haverhill - Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1228](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1229](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental agreement or agreements with WSP USA, Inc. for costs associated with the Liberty Ave HSIP Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Fifty Nine Cents (\$1,620,798.59), an increase of One Million Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$1,036,336.17) from the previously executed agreement (53337).

Attachments: [2023-1229 Cover Letter-Liberty Ave HSIP WSP Sup Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1229](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2023-1230](#) Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Sister Cities Association of Pittsburgh, as a single-source provider, to manage the City of Pittsburgh's relationships and programming with its Sister Cities and develop new partnerships with cities throughout the world at a cost not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000).

Attachments: [2023-1230 Cover Letter-Letter to Council on SCAP 2023](#)

[2023-1230-WCP23-009 SCAP](#)

[Summary 2023-1230](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1231](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Innovation Center project, Lots 33, 37, 42, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

Attachments: [2023-1231 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter - CMU Robotics](#)
[2023-1231-CMU Robotics Innovation Center Sewage Facilities Planning Module 2023.02.02](#)
[2023-1231-B02 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)
[Summary 2023-1231](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1232](#) Resolution approving execution of a Deed by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the City of Pittsburgh, to convey Parcel B in the Henderson Subdivision Plan (a to-be-filed subdivision of Block 92-H, Lot 120 [264 Glass Run Road, Hays]) in the 31st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Hays Woods - Council District No. 5).

Attachments: [2023-1232 Cover Letter-Henderson Subdivision Parcel B Conveyance Letter 02072023.docx](#)
[Summary 2023-1232](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1233](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation for the sale of Block 27-B, Lots 53 and 54, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2023-1233 Cover Letter-PHDC Transfer Letter 02072023.docx](#)
[Summary 2023-1233](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1234](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Studio Volcy, LLC, or a related entity, for the sale of Block 10-K, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and Block 10-P, Lots 121-5, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, and 128, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh. (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2023-1234 Cover Letter-Studio Volcy Disposition Letter 02072023.docx](#)
[Summary 2023-1234](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1235](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to accept a donation from Whelen Engineering of GPS/Telematics devices for Emergency vehicles valued at THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN (\$39,510.00) dollars.

Attachments: [2023-1235 Cover Letter-Whelen donation - letter_JP_Signed](#)
[2023-1235-Donation Acceptance Form - Whelen](#)
[2023-1235-Whelen Donation Receipt](#)
[Summary 2023-1235](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1236](#) Resolution appointing Gisele Betances as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, Mayor’s Office Representative for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

[2023-1237](#) Resolution appointing Sanjeeb Manandhar as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, Pittsburgh Public Schools Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

[2023-1238](#) Resolution appointing Kelsey Ripper as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission as the Community Organization Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

[2023-1239](#) Resolution appointing Deborah Steinberg as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, as the University Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2023-1117](#) Resolution appointing James Robert Martin II as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2025.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 54

[2023-1131](#) Resolution appointing Ariam Ford as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 55

[2023-1132](#) Resolution appointing Lisa Carver as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 56

[2023-1133](#) Resolution appointing Megan Zeigler as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 57

[2023-1134](#) Resolution appointing Celeste Smith as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 58

[2023-1135](#) Resolution appointing Christine Bethea as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 59

[2023-1136](#) Resolution appointing Mikael Owunna as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 60

[2023-1137](#) Resolution appointing Tom Mosser as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

Enactment No: 61

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-1224](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1152](#) Resolution amending 527 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Cohen Law Group to address a matter of pending telecommunications litigation at USDC 2:21-cv-443, by increasing the total spend by \$50,000.00 for a new not exceed amount of \$196,050.00.

(Executive Session held 2-1-23)

Attachments: [2023-1152 Cover Letter-Cohen Law Group Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[2023-1152-WCP21-069 Cohen Law Group 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1152](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1177](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman, Thomas & Battle, for legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Two Hundred Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5,203.50).

Attachments: [2023-1177 Cover Letter-Spilman Thomas Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1177](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1223](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for payment to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry for settlement of a compliance matter.

Attachments: [2023-1223 Cover Letter DOL Council letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1223](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2023-1225](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for February 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1168](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 203, effective May 14th 2022, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and 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 a Trail Condition Study.” to accept the grant and authorize necessary expenditures.

Attachments: [2023-1168 Cover Letter-DCNR Trail Asset Management Plan-Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1168](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1169](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for costs associated with the West Ohio Street Bridge project where PWSA would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work described herein and itemized in Exhibit “B” at an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$285,777.25) an increase of Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Dollars and Twenty Five Cents from the previously executed agreement (53176) as authorized by Resolution Number 636 of 2018.

Attachments: [2023-1169 Cover Letter-West Ohio Street - PWSA RA Amend Letter - signed](#)
[2023-1169-Exhibit B](#)
[Summary 2023-1169](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1170](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a professional services agreement with Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., for work on Frankstown Avenue Signal Design Project at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$232,701.68).

Attachments: [2023-1170 Cover Letter-Frankstown Ave PE - Traffic Planning and Design - Letterhead - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1170](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1171](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the 28th Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed ~~Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars (\$31,263.00)~~ **Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars (\$33,829.00).**

Attachments: [2023-1171 Cover Letter-28th Street Bridge Norfolk Southern RA Letter - signedrev](#)
[2023-1171 SUMMARY VERISON 2](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1180](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2022 Capital Budget and the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2022 through 2027 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing LED STREET LIGHT UPGRADES by \$1,000,000.00.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Attachments: [2023-1180 Summary](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2023-1226](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1179](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, and Industrial Arts Workshop Inc., for the creation of artwork on land which is owned by the URA and which is intended to be transferred to the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1179 Cover Letter-LET Summerset at Frick Park Artwork \(1\) Summary 2023-1179](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2023-1227](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for February 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1172](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 50 26th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Attachments: [2023-1172 Cover Letter-50 26th - Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter](#)
[2023-1172-50 26th - Planning Module Book](#)
[2023-1172-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)
[Summary 2023-1172](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1174](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1100 Shady Ave. Plan of Lots, 1100 Shady Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Attachments: [2023-1174 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter - 1100 Shady Ave](#)
[2023-1174-13661 Planning Mod book](#)
[2023-1174-13661 - City of Pgh - Sewer Module Questionnaire](#)
[Summary 2023-1174](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

[2023-1175](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 3339 Ward Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Attachments: [2023-1175 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter](#)
[3339 Ward St](#)
[2023-1175-13873 - Planning Mod - Booklet - building](#)
[2023-1175-13873 - City of Pgh - Sewer Module Questionnaire](#)
[Summary 2023-1175](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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: 1 - Council Member Kraus

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER