

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 17, 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*

*Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2023-2060](#)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the American Advertising Federation of Pittsburgh for providing numerous professional opportunities for young professionals, for providing critical scholarships for students, and for supporting nonprofits in our region; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 16th, 2023 through October 22nd, 2023 to be “Pittsburgh Advertising Week” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 654

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - Naomi Mullen, Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Chad Ringbloom, Chief Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaj, Chief Ikhana, Joe Griffo, Devin McClain, Yvonne F. Brown.**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2023-2059](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) to support the Office of Community Health & Safety's efforts to develop and pilot a Post Overdose Support Team (POST) to respond to overdoses with teams of certified peer recovery specialists and case managers.

**Attachments:** [2023-2059 Cover Letter-SAMHSA - POST - Grant Recipient Letter](#)  
[2023-2059 SAMHSA - POST - Proposed budget](#)  
[Summary 2023-2059](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-2050](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 6440 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-2050 Cover Letter-6440 Frankstown Cover Letter](#)  
[2023-2050 6440 Frankstown Questionnaire](#)  
[2023-2050 6440 Frankstown SFPM](#)  
[2023-2050 Address Update Letter from PWSA](#)  
[Summary 2023-2050](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-2051](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a permanent easement with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for the installation, maintenance, repair, operation, and removal of a sewer line on city-owned property (Parcel ID 82-H-00001-02) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-2051 Cover Letter](#)  
[2023-2051 Exhibit A to Legislation Draft](#)  
[Summary 2023-2051](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-2061](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-9652, from The Wheel Bar, Inc., located at 3058 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 to the Applicant, Games N Axes, LLC, located at 2010 Josephine Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

*(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-2061 Application Games N Axes, LLC](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:**

[2023-2052](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unused, unopened portion of Lacy Way, in the 14th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Attachments:** [2023-2052 Cover Letter-Council - Lacy Way](#)

[2023-2052 DOMI-VAC-2022-09417-600 S Linden Ave-Finance](#)

[Summary 2023-2052](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-2053](#) Resolution granting unto DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, seven (7) bio-retention tree pits and a retaining wall at 1305 Forbes Avenue, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Attachments:** [2023-2053 Cover Letter-Council - 1305 Forbes](#)

[2023-2053 Application](#)

[Summary 2023-2053](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2023-2054](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$117,204.00) over one year, relating to full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at g.d. 21-013484

**Attachments:** [2023-2054 Cover Letter-Warrant in favor of Chartiers Valley for \\$117204 - Council Letter Summary 2023-2054](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-2055](#) Resolution providing for the encumbrance of funds in the amount of \$588,514.92 to secure a stay during the City’s appeal of a Fraternal Order of Police grievance award.

**Attachments:** [2023-2055 Cover Letter-Ltr for resolution Summary 2023-2055](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-2056](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance (on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh) to acquire all rights, title and interest to the property located on Coyne Terrace in the 15th Ward and identified as Block 54-R, Lot 92 in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and known as the “Coyne Terrace Stairs” for the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred dollars (\$6,900.00) plus all necessary and incidental expenses in connection with such acquisition.

**Attachments:** [2023-2056 Cover Letter-Coyne Terrace Summary 2023-2056](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-2057](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing Section 197.09 of the City Code under Article XI of Title One: Administrative, by creating a process to recruit new members, increasing the relevancy of qualification standards, and improving other internal administrative affairs of the Ethics Hearing Board.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Attachments:** [2023-2057-Cover Letter for 197.09 EHB legislation Summary 2023-2057](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:**

[2023-2058](#) Resolution amending Resolution 177 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Cycom Data Systems, Inc., for professional services relating to continuing maintenance, support and upgrades to CityLaw, the Department of Law's current legal case management and administrative support software system, by increasing amount by Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and No Cents, for a total not to exceed amount Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$22,752.00) over two years.

**Attachments:** [2023-2058 Cover Letter-Agreement with Cycom for \\$22752 - Council Letter](#)  
[Summary 2023-2058](#)

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2023-2002](#) Resolution appointing Sean Luther as a Member of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority Board of Directors with a term to expire September 20, 2027.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

### COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-2045](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1937](#) Resolution amending 164 of 2023, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Loeb & Loeb LLP for legal services related to real estate matters, by increasing the total spend by \$250,000.00 for a new not exceed amount of \$400,000.00 over one year.

*(Executive Session held 9/28/23)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1937 Cover Letter-Loeb Amendment Council Letter \(2023\)](#)

[2023-1937 WCP23-041 Loeb & Loeb](#)

[Summary 2023-1937](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1997](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,450.00) over one year, in favor of Ansen Burr, in full and final settlement of a claim (23C-0147) for damage to a parked vehicle near 234 S. Millvale Avenue from a felled city right-of-way tree.

**Attachments:** [2023-1997 Cover Letter-Settlement for \\$4,450 of Claim of Ansen Burr \(23C-0147\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1997](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-2003](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 855 of 2011, effective December 29, 2011, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2011 Capital Budget and the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2011 through 2016 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing CITY CLERK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS by ninety thousand eight hundred fifty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$90,859.95) and increasing CITY CLERK'S OFFICE MODERNIZATION by ninety thousand eight hundred fifty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$90,859.95).

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

**Attachments:** [Summary 2023-2003](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

## **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS**

[2023-2046](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for October 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1988](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$17,598,124.00) for the purchase of radios.

**Attachments:** [2023-1988 Cover Letter-PCCD Radios Cover Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1988](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

## **COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

[2023-2047](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for October 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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



[2023-1994](#) Resolution granting unto SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, (2) two electrical vaults, a bioretention tree well, and a planting area at 680 Logan Street, in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Attachments:** [2023-1994 Cover Letter-Council- Logan](#)

[2023-1994 Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1994](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-1995](#) Resolution granting unto OFFICE PARTNERS XXIII BLOCK G1 LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a bio-retention tree pit and a planting area at 626 Washington Place, in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Attachments:** [2023-1995 Cover Letter-Council Letter Washington Place](#)

[2023-1995 Washington Pl App2](#)

[Summary 2023-1995](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-1996](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of a portion of 5000 Forbes Avenue (53-B-50), in the 14th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1996 Cover Letter-Council - Forbes Ave](#)

[2023-1996 Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1996](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-2017](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of People's Natural Gas Company, in the amount of Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$24,947.02), in payment for non-contracted work on the Homewood Park reconstruction project.

**Attachments:** [2023-2017 Cover Letter COVER LTR Homewood PNG Warrant - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-2017](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

## **COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

[2023-2048](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Senior Services for October 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1980](#) Resolution repealing Resolution No. 428 of 2023, effective July 9, 2023, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Homewood Community Sports (HCS) for community liaison services at an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$300,000)" by repealing it in its entirety.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

**A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

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

[2023-2049](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for October 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1989](#) Resolution amending resolution 413 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements relating to the shared operation and administration of the City of Pittsburgh Child Care Quality Fund, by extending the term through 2024 at no further cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1989 Cover Letter-Revised Letter Legislation for amending childcare quality fund and agreement Summary 2023-1989](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-1990](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 5321 Holmes Street, 10th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1990 Cover Letter-5321 Holmes Cover Letter](#)

[2023-1990 11 DCP-LOT-2022-00361 - signed](#)

[2023-1990 5321 Holmes St Questionnaire for Council](#)

[2023-1990 5321 Holmes Street Resolution Submission](#)

[Summary 2023-1990](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

[2023-1991](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in the not to exceed amount of \$48,400.50 for the second installment of 2023 Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission dues.

**Attachments:** [2023-1991 Cover Letter-Letter - SPC - 2nd payment JP Signed](#)

[2023-1991 SPC 2nd half invoice](#)

[Summary 2023-1991](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, 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 Burgess

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Council President Kail-Smith called for an executive session on legalities and procurement.**

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**