



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Wilson, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Warwick, Council Member Gross, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Mosley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yvonne F. Brown
H.P Jackson
Special Agent Sunshine

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1409 Cover Letter-Pittsburgh Futures - Letter_PC signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1409](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1410 Cover Letter-Steelers License Agreement Council Letter](#)
[Summary 2025-1410](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1437 Cover Letter-LA Letter to Council](#)
[Summary 2025-1437](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2025-1438](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of James Sheehan, Lauren 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.

Attachments: [2025-1438 Cover Letter-Council Letter Sheehan](#)
[Summary 2025-1438](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1439 Cover Letter-Council Letter Glover](#)

[Summary 2025-1439](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1440 Cover Letter-2023 Complete Streets Letter](#)

[01-21-25 JP Signed](#)

[Summary 2025-1440](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1441 Cover Letter-Merante access Ruthven Cover Letter](#)

[2025-1441 -DOMI](#)

[Ruthven Street - Construction Drawings \(05-21-2024\) - signed Exhibit A](#)

[Summary 2025-1441](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the February 5th, 2025 Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL/ CITY CLERK

Colbert Holdings LLC – folding/binding of newsletters (Dist. 6) 760.00

MAYOR’S OFFICE

New Pittsburgh Courier – EORC meeting advertising 157.41

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh – sponsorship of Racial Justice Summit 500.00

CONTROLLER’S OFFICE

Trib Total Media – Commission on Infrastructure asset reporting meeting ad 176.00

American City Business Journals – print subscription 200.00

New Pittsburgh Courier – subscription 45.00

Eileen Kelly – reimbursement for donuts for retirement party 10.00

Liz Dille – membership renewals, course/conference registrations 2,003.00

DEPT OF FINANCE

New Pittsburgh Courier – advertising for treasurers’ sale 2,168.60

New Pittsburgh Courier - advertising for treasurers’ sale 3,439.40

**Securitas Security Services – annual security monitoring for Cashiers Office
194.61**

DEPT OF LAW

Lagamba Reporting Services – court reporter for transcripts 290.00

Lagamba Reporting Services – court reporter for transcripts 300.80

Allegheny County Office of Court Reporters – court reporter for transcripts 66.00

George T Bisel Co Inc – legal publication subscription 224.39

Kittelson LLC – expert testimony 801.25

Veritext Corporate Services – court reporter for transcripts 425.60

Veritext Corporate Services – court reporter for transcripts 737.59

Cavaliere Court Reporting LLC – court reporter for transcripts 63.00

Esquire Deposition Solutions – court reporter for transcripts 626.60

Pennsylvania Bar Association – membership renewal 268.00

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business – legal publication subscription 2,626.54

West A Thomson Reuters Business – legal publication subscription 1,034.60

Verbatim Reporting – court reporter for transcripts 324.70

Pacer Service Center – legal publication subscription 171.30

**International Municipal Lawyers Association – annual membership renewal
2,543.00**

IPV Litigation Services – document copies for a case 100.00

Bernstein-Burkley PC – outside legal counsel 3,970.75

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATIONS

Net Transcripts Inc – case interview transcription 381.06

DEPT OF HUMAN RESOURCES & CIVIL SERVICE

DQE Communications LLC – fiber lease fee (Pgh Partnership) 850.00

DEPT OF CITY PLANNING

Peppers, Alex – reimbursement for APA & AICP memberships 564.00

Layman, Corey – reimbursement for APA membership 859.00

Spooner, Sharon – lunch for Historic Review Commission members 134.55

DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - ADMIN

**South Side Community Council – holiday decoration installation/takedown
4,900.00**

Responder Training Enterprises LLC – hazmat equipment 3,311.00

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Munhall Area Prehospital – coverage reimbursement (Pens, Steelers, Pitt wrestling) 4,522.20

Munhall Area Prehospital – coverage reimbursement (Pens, Steelers) 938.98

Munhall Area Prehospital – coverage reimbursement (Pens, Steelers, Trans-Sib Orchestra) 1,101.97

Phillips, Frank – coverage reimbursement (Pitt swimming, Pens) 566.44

Phillips, Frank – coverage reimbursement (Pens, NCAA volleyball) 1,683.81

Rostraver/West Newton EMS – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 1,859.60

Ford City Hose Co #1 Ambulance – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 1,516.28

Butler Ambulance Service – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 483.14

Harmony EMS – coverage reimbursement (NCAA volleyball, Steelers) 3,855.70

Oklahoma Ambulance Service – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 689.78

Murrysville Medic One – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 949.78

Plum Emergency Medical Services – coverage reimbursement (Steelers) 1,832.94

Cranberry Township EMS – coverage reimbursement (Pitt basketball) 266.56

Jackson Welding Supply Company – rental of propane cylinders/hose repair 453.19

Primary Pharmaceuticals Inc – sodium chloride 584.63

BUREAU OF POLICE

Pittsburgh Veterinary Surgery – K9 x-rays/meds 931.24

S&S Trophy Inc – Training Academy plaque 544.00

Republic Services – front load dumpster 1,500.00

WMG Garden & Supply LLC – feed for Mounted Unit horses 4,258.09

Stehle, Robert – reimbursement for Sgt. Chevrons 114.00

Harleman, Alexa – reimbursement for training supplies 55.83

AG Trimble Company – Honor Guard casket flags 628.00

Allegheny Equine Association – Mounted Unit wellness checks 231.03

B&R Starters Inc – Auto Squad replacement batteries 594.95

BUREAU OF FIRE

Butler County Community College – facility rental for recruit class 3,925.00

Republic Services – dumpster for fire station 1,500.00

DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Cardillo, Richard – reimbursement for license recertification 225.00

Zoresco Equipment Co – monthly rental of storage trailers 240.00

Chemung Supply Corporation – plow blade 2,710.00

Watters Safe & Lock – safe opening in CCB 1,285.00

PA Dept of Labor & Industry – certificate of operation renewal 90.17

Fred J. Bartsch Greenhouses – flowers for Riverview 1,909.00

DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Farmers Market Federation of NY – registration fee for online course 250.00

Allegheny Golf Cart Rentals – passenger cart for Alphabet Trails & Tales 650.00

Greenfield Farm – petting zoo for CitiCamp 4,200.00

DEPT OF MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE

PA Turnpike Toll by Plate – tolls 14.00

PA One Call System – notification system 2,251.78

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item](#) P-Cards
[0004-2025](#)

Attachments: [Weekly Council Rpt 1-21-25-1-27-25](#)

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1433 Cover Letter-PGH DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP - AMBASSADORS - 2025 - LETTER Summary 2025-1433](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MRS. WARWICK, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1412 Cover Letter-Penn Ave Phase II - Taking Letter - signed 2025-1412 16306_ROW_PlanSet_signed with Parcel 2 markup Summary 2025-1412](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[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);

Attachments: [2025-1442 Cover Letter-Sylvan Smart - RA Sup 2 Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1442](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1443 Cover Letter-E Carson St Supplemental Improvements](#)
[Amendment Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2025-1443](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2024-0749](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with Auberle for services relating to Non-Congregate Shelter Services related to the HOME-ARP program, for a total not to exceed One Million Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).

Attachments: [2024-0749 Cover Letter- Letter-Auberle](#)
[NCS-HOME-ARP_JP_Signed](#)
[2024-0749 HOME-ARP Funding NCS- 2024](#)
[Summary 2024-0749](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, due back by 3/5/2025. The motion carried.

RECREATION, YOUTH, AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, MRS. KAIL-SMITH, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1436 Cover Letter-2025 America250PA Letter JP Signed Summary 2025-1436](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1434 Cover Letter-Foster and Foster legislation letter - signed Summary 2025-1434](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR. MOSLEY, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[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.

Attachments: [2025-1435 Cover Letter-938-940 Sewer Module Cover Letter](#)
[2025-1435 -938-940 Sewer Module SFPM Packet](#)
[2025-1435 -938-940 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)
[Summary 2025-1435](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Kail-Smith motioned for a Cablecast Post Agenda on snow removal. The motion carried.