

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 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 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2023-1159](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks WQED-FM for its service to the citizens of the region over these 50 distinguished years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council declares Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to be WQED-FM Day 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: 21

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Miller, Renee Wilson, Naomi Mullen, Ikhana-hal-makina and Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2023-1144](#) Resolution granting a vacation of unopened portions of Haberman Ave and Palmetto Way, laid out in the McClain and Maples First Plan of Beltzhoover, as recorded in P.B.V. 5 Pg. 298-299, in the 18th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1144 Cover Letter-320 Cedarhurst St vacate council](#)

[2023-1144-Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1144](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1145](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened 10ft alley, known as Nashville Way, as recorded in the plan of Ross Common in Plan Book Volume 2, Pg. 30., and also, in the Amended Plan of Glenwood recorded in Plan Book Volume 3, page 269 in the Department of Real Estate of Allegheny County, PA in the 15th Ward, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1145 Cover Letter-Nashville Way Vacate council](#)

[2023-1145-Nashville Way](#)

[Summary 2023-1145](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1146](#) Resolution granting unto SPRING WAY CENTER LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new shallow vault, 28 to 30" deep with solid concrete lid, at 2330 Penn Ave in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2023-1146 Cover Letter-2330 Penn Ave Encroachment council](#)

[2023-1146-Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1146](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1147](#) Resolution granting a vacation of a portion of Wylie Avenue, laid out in the Lower Hill Planned Development District Improvement Subdivision Site Plan No. 1, from the intersection of Logan Street to its southwestern terminus in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1147 Cover Letter-council-signed](#)

[2023-1147-Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1147](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1148](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh, the dedication of portions of Washington Place and Bedford Ave (2-C-450), in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1148 Cover Letter-council - signed](#)

[2023-1148-Washington Pl Application 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1148](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2023-1160](#) Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Community Health and Safety to develop a Crisis Support Program for frontline retail and food service workers in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1149](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Max Petrunya, PC, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) in settlement of litigation filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at docket number 2:22-cv-00614.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1149 Cover Letter -Giles - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1149](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1150](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tucker Arensberg, P.C., in an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$8,933.00) for professional services for an Early Neutral Evaluation related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:21-cv-00443-CCW.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1150 Cover Letter-Tucker Arensberg Council letter \(AT&T\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1150](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1151](#) Resolution amending 260 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Campbell Durrant, P.C., for professional legal services and expert advice regarding labor matters, by increasing the total spend by \$100,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$490,000.00.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1151 Cover Letter-Campbell Durrant Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[2023-1151-WCP20-042 Campbell Durrant](#)

[Summary 2023-1151](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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 Requested)

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

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

[Summary 2023-1152](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1153](#) Resolution amending 458 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fisher Phillips for legal services in connection with collective bargaining, by increasing the total spend by \$250,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00.
(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1153 Cover Letter-Fisher Phillips Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[2023-1153-WCP22-025 Fisher Phillips](#)

[Summary 2023-1153](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2023-1154](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, December 28, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2018, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1154 Cover Letter-D5 CDBG 2018 Reprogramming](#)

[Legislation Letter 1.11.23 JP Signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1154](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2023-1155](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 647 of 2020, effective December 23, 2020, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2021 Capital Budget and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2021 through 2026 Capital Improvement Program” by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2021, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1155 Cover Letter-D5 CDBG 2021 Reprogramming Legislation Letter 1.12.23 JP Signed Summary 2023-1155](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2023-1156](#) 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” so as to identify specific Public Service Grant projects in City Council District 5 and authorize a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1156 Cover Letter-2022 Public Service D5 Grant Letter 1.5.23 JP Signed Summary 2023-1156](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1157](#) Resolution naming the lower Herschel Park Field as “Dan Barry Field”
(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

[2023-1158](#) Communication from Mayor Ed Gainey, submitting Executive Order 2022-01, dated November 23, 2022.

Attachments: [2023-1158 Executive Order Rescinding EO2018-01](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-1143](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 18, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0677](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of City Planning, the Department of Finance, the Department of Innovation & Performance, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety, and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to temporarily address the public health emergency of homelessness in the City of Pittsburgh and to provide for policies and programs to address the lack of affordable housing, and their consequent contribution to chronic homelessness as directed herein until more permanent solutions can be implemented.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Wilson, Council Member Coghill and Council Member Strassburger

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2022-1073](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with **a vendor chosen through the City bid process for the purpose of purchasing and discharging** ~~RIP Medical Debt to purchase and discharge~~ eligible health care debt owed by Pittsburghers, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh's American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).
(Briefing held 1/9/23)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Burgess, Council Member Warwick and Council Member Strassburger

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

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

No: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Kail-Smith

Abstain: 0

[2023-1114](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Brandy Bailey, in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$2,608.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to her parked vehicle near 2055 Rehman Street from a city Public Works vehicle on January 17, 2022.

Attachments: [2023-1114 Cover Letter-Brandy Bailey - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1114](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER