



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

City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Council Member Wilson, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Warwick, Council Member Gross, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Mosley

Absent 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Howard B. Slaughter, Jr.

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2024-0089](#) Resolution amending Resolution 909 of 2023 titled "Resolution authorizing the fee schedule for 2024 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code" to reduce the cost of employee parking.

(Need to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [2024-0089 2024 Fee Schedule-Final](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/28/2024. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2024-0110](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 88 of 2023, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into an amended Professional Services Agreement with Bromberg & Associates LLC for effective communication services for City meetings and events, by exercising the contract option to extend the term for 1 year, adding the City Clerk as a signatory, and increasing the total spend by \$150,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$478,976.00.

Attachments: [2024-0110 Cover Letter-Bromberg - Letter](#)

[Summary 2024-0110](#)

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

Enactment No: 105

[2024-0111](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS (\$95,767.99) over one year.

Attachments: [2024-0111 Cover Letter Spilman](#)

[Summary 2024-0111](#)

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

Enactment No: 106

[2024-0112](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Thomson Reuters- West for legal subscription services for an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETEEN CENTS (\$7,034.19) over one year.

Attachments: [2024-0112 Cover Letter-Council Letter Thomson Reuters](#)

[Summary 2024-0112](#)

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

Enactment No: 107

[2024-0113](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Kittelson, LLC for expert witness services in connection with two matters filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G. D. 18-0203 and G. D. 22-0077 for an amount not to exceed FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-THREE CENTS (\$14,675.33) over one year.

Attachments: [2024-0113 Cover Letter-Council Letter Kittelson](#)

[Summary 2024-0113](#)

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

Enactment No: 108

[2024-0114](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Kroll Associates, Inc. for expert witness services in connection with a litigation matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:20-cv-00965 for an amount not to exceed TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTEEN CENTS (\$24,008.13) over one year.

Attachments: [2024-0114 Cover Letter-Council Letter Kroll](#)

[Summary 2024-0114](#)

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

Enactment No: 109

[2024-0115](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of National League of Cities for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$18,499.00).

Attachments: [2024-0115 Cover Letter-National League of Cities Letter 2024](#)

[Final](#)

[Summary 2024-0115](#)

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

Enactment No: 110

[2024-0116](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of Finance to extend the Lease and Tower Use Agreement with Crown Communication LLC at 1330 Hassler Street (Tax Parcel #19-E-214-T1) for four (4) additional five (5) year terms.

Attachments: [2024-0116 Cover Letter-Crown Castle](#)

[2024-0116 -Exhibit A_Crown Castle](#)

[Summary 2024-0116](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/21/2024. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 115

[2024-0120](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 42 of 2024 entitled “providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through N: A: 2825 Webster Avenue, B: 2823 Webster Avenue, C: 5163 Hillcrest Street, D: 415 N Graham Street, ~~E: 229 Shetland Avenue~~, F: 6506 Meadow Street, G: 7042 Kedron Street, H: 1050 Wheeler Street, I: 0 Oakwood Street, J: 0 Oakwood Street, K: 5874 Douglas Street, L: 516 Cedarhurst Street, M: 3003 Zephyr Avenue, N: 419 Marshall Avenue” as to add item **E: 229 Shetland Avenue.**

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER MOSLEY

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

Enactment No: 111

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 14th, 2024 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

Brown, Daniel – travel reimbursement (Dist. 5) 29.57

Scupp, Isabella – research assistance on office policy priorities (Dist. 7) 476.00

Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition – sponsorship (Dist. 5) 250.00

Brookline Together – membership fee (Dist. 4) 75.00

DEPT OF MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE

Anderson, Paige – reimbursement of training 230.99

DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Deist Industries – equipment for recycling drop-off containers 356.00

Sports Floors Inc – Arlington scoreboard installation 1,943.00

Zoresco Equipment Co – storage trailer rental 675.00

PA Dept of Labor and Industry – certification renewals 84.67

Sonitrol Security Systems – security system maintenance 3,166.04

Quality Services Inc – strip & wax Council Chambers 2,865.00

Dominion Elevator Inspection Services – elevator inspections 1,394.00

Fort Pitt Exterminators, Inc – pest control services 280.00

Studio Zewde – Homewood Park conservation district permit 1,950.35

DEPT OF INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Burns, Zoe – reimbursement for service desk lunch 290.91

Spok Inc – pager services 775.74

Spok Inc – pager services 626.74

DEPT OF FINANCE

Allegheny County Bar Association – treasurers’ sale advertisements 4,968.00

Allegheny County Bar Association – treasurers’ sale advertisements 4,422.00

Allegheny County Bar Association – treasurers’ sale advertisements 1,182.00

New Pittsburgh Courier - treasurers’ sale advertisements 4,403.17

New Pittsburgh Courier - treasurers’ sale advertisements 3,558.96

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATIONS

Gassmann, Karl – travel reimbursement 82.41

DEPT OF LAW

Citron Alex PC – outside legal counsel 2,870.00

AKF Reporters Inc – court related documents 2,150.30

Sargents Court Reporting Service, Inc – court related documents 101.30

Center City Legal Reproductions Inc – court related documents 34.71

Copeland, Robert – expert legal services 2,758.96

Stephens, Leslie – reimbursement for meeting supplies 25.23

DEPT OF HUMAN RESOURCES & CIVIL SERVICE

Griffith, Mary – reimbursement for office supplies 42.36

DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Jermon Drake – tennis clinic instruction 246.41

Hassan Shan – tennis clinic instruction 383.28

Mark Haffner – tennis clinic instruction 66.76

Benji Gluzman – tennis clinic instruction 501.91

Aldene Lacaria – tennis clinic instruction 631.25

Richard Parks – tennis clinic instruction 923.44

Mark J Paull – tennis clinic instruction 912.32

Witt, Crystal – travel reimbursement 57.44

O'Malley, Noreen – travel reimbursement 49.78

McBroom, Keith – travel reimbursement 78.92

Freiss, Patricia L – travel reimbursement 20.63

**Roxanne's Take-Out & Catering – catering for Black History Month reception
1,745.00**

Ulrich, Edward – reimbursement for certification and supplies 115.11

O'Malley, Noreen – reimbursement for certification 60.00

Backa, William – advertisement for Mascot Madness event 1,531.00

Allegheny County Treasurer – food safety certification course 270.00

Moscato, Aritro – pianist for Black History Month reception 40.00

Frost, Lyndon - pianist for Black History Month reception 40.00

Elser, Elijah - pianist for Black History Month reception 40.00

DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Apply4 Technology, LLC – web application for film & event permitting 4,932.00

BUREAU OF POLICE

SSA – security systems 576.00

SSA – security systems 180.00

Orr's Jewelers – badges 412.50

SecureWatch24 – Auto Squad mobile system software 320.00

Daly, Sharon – Zone 4 clerical services 702.00

Holzer Specialties LLC – Narcotics vehicle equipment 2,975.00

BUREAU OF FIRE

Hydro Test Products – recalibration of hydro test machine 207.45

BUREAU OF EMS

Rostraver/West Newton EMS – reimbursement for EMS coverage 2,511.15

Ambulance & Chair EMS Inc - reimbursement for EMS coverage 926.83

Ford City Hose Co #1 Ambulance Service - reimbursement for EMS coverage 381.24

Phillips, Frank - reimbursement for EMS coverage 431.83

Phillips, Frank - reimbursement for EMS coverage 317.70

Cranberry Township EMS - reimbursement for EMS coverage 349.47

Bucks County Community College – trench rescue awareness certification 1,200.00

Bucks County Community College – trench rescue awareness training 600.00

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item](#) P-Cards
[0005-2024](#)

Attachments: [Weekly Council Rpt 1-31-24-02-06-24 Revised](#)

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

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MRS.
WARWICK, CHAIR**

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2024-0139](#) Resolution amending Resolution 838 of 2023 which provided for an Agreement or Agreements with MS Consultants, Inc. for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering Phase for the California Avenue Bridge project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Eight Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and One Cent (\$844,796.01), reimbursable at 100%. This amendment adjusts only the accounts authorized to enter into this contract, at no additional cost to the city.

Attachments: [2024-0139 Cover Letter-California Ave Bridge - MS PE Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0139](#)

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

Enactment No: 114

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. CHARLAND, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2024-0098](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Optum (Connect Your Care) for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Flexible Spending Account program for a sum not to exceed Forty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$40,500.00) over three years and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2024-0098 Cover Letter-Optum Letter](#)
[2024-0098 Memo](#)
[Summary 2024-0098](#)

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

Enactment No: 94

[2024-0099](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with P&A Group for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) program for a sum not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) over one year and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2024-0099 Cover Letter-P & A Letter](#)

[2024-0099 Memo](#)

[Summary 2024-0099](#)

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

Enactment No: 95

[2024-0100](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with consultants and/or service providers for professional services in connection with Civil Service and MPOETC required assessment and evaluation of Public Safety candidates, and providing for payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00).

Attachments: [2024-0100 Cover Letter-MPOETC Letter](#)

[2024-0100 Memo](#)

[Summary 2024-0100](#)

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

Enactment No: 96

[2024-0101](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Workpartners (Life Solutions) for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Employee Assistance Program for a sum not to exceed Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) over one year and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2024-0101 Cover Letter-Workpartners Letter](#)

[2024-0101 Memo](#)

[Summary 2024-0101](#)

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

Enactment No: 97

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-2089](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article V: Use Regulations, Chapter 911: Primary Uses, at Section 911.02: Use Table and Article VI: Development Standards, Chapter 914: Parking Loading and Access, at Section 914.02: Off-Street Parking Schedules, and adding Section 912.09.B.: Child care (Accessory Use) at Chapter 912: Accessory Uses and Structures, all to amend Childcare Uses and Standards.

(Sent for a Report & Recommendation on 11/2/23)

(Report & Recommendation received 11/30/23)

(Public Hearing held 2/13/24)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Gross

Attachments: [2023-2089 Planning Commission Recommendation](#)

[2023-2089 Residential Childcare Amendment Hearing Report](#)

[2023-11-28](#)

[2023-2089 VERSION 1 Attachment \(Full Text\)](#)

[2023-2089 VERISON 1 Attachment \(Use Table\)](#)

[2023-2089 VERISON 2 Attachment \(Full Text\)](#)

[2023-2089 VERISON 2 Attachment \(Use Table\)](#)

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

Enactment No: 4

NEW PAPERS

[2024-0121](#) 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 removing POISE FOUNDATION as a grant recipient along with PEOPLE OF ORIGIN RIGHTFULLY LOVED AND WANTED P.O.O.R.L.A.W. and authorizing a subsequent Agreement for a total cost of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0121](#)

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

Enactment No: 112

[2024-0122](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective January 1, 2020 as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program” to correct the JDE Job Number for ST. MICHAEL’S FOOD BANK.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0122](#)

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

Enactment No: 113

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR. MOSLEY, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2024-0103](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 4th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 28-P, Lot 333 (3319 Niagara Street - Council District No. 3), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0103 Cover Letter-PLB 3319 Niagara Street Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0103](#)

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

Enactment No: 98

[2024-0104](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 20-A, Lot 106 (1461 Chartiers Avenue - Council District No. 2), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0104 Cover Letter-PLB Chartiers Avenue Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0104](#)

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

Enactment No: 99

[2024-0105](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 23rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 24-F, Lot 102 (Chestnut Street - Council District No. 1), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0105 Cover Letter-PLB Chestnut Street Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0105](#)

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

Enactment No: 100

[2024-0106](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 125-B, Lots 281 and 283 (Lincoln Avenue - Council District No. 9), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0106 Cover Letter-PLB Lincoln Avenue Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0106](#)

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

Enactment No: 101

[2024-0107](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned properties in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 19-C, Lots 184 and 213; Block 20-L, Lot 250; Block 20-M, Lots 195, 203, and 228; Block 20-R, Lot 17; and Block 42-P, Lot 7 (211 and 911 Amherst Street, 1042 Lakewood Street, 304 and 320 Lorenz Avenue, 1021 Rue Grande Vue Street, 1012 Chartiers Avenue, and 1017 Fairdale Street - Council District No. 2), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0107 Cover Letter-PLB PHDC West End Properties Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0107](#)

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

Enactment No: 102

[2024-0108](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned property in the 24th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 47-M, Lot 214 (1815 Rialto Street - Council District No. 1), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0108 Cover Letter-PLB Rialto Street Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0108](#)

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

Enactment No: 103

[2024-0109](#) Resolution authorizing The Pittsburgh Land Bank to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 175-B, Lots 57, 58, 60, and 61 (Tioga Street - Council District No. 9), at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0109 Cover Letter-PLB Tioga Street Acquisition Letter 01162024](#)
[Summary 2024-0109](#)

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

Enactment No: 104