



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-2213](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cristol L. Abbott and her attorney, Timothy Schweers, Esquire, Shenderovich, Shenderovich & Fishman, PC, 1100 Law & Finance Building, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and No Cents (\$34,996.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at GD 19-018154 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2213 Cover Letter-Cristol Abbott Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2213](#)

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

Enactment No: 859

[2021-2214](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Michael Lucas, c/o Regina M. McIlvaine, Esquire, Lowenthal & Abrams, P.C., 555 City Line Avenue, Suite 500, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,500.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at GD 17-004195 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.
(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2214 Cover Letter-Lucas Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2214](#)

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

Enactment No: 860

[2021-2215](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Kellee Masucci and her attorneys, Matzus Law LLC, 310 Grant St., Suite 3210, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$59,477.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at GD 19-003246 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.
(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2215 Cover Letter-Masucci Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2215](#)

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

Enactment No: 861

[2021-2216](#) Resolution authorizing 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 at an amount not to exceed sixty-one thousand fifty dollars (\$61,050).
(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2216 Cover Letter-Cohen 2021a Council letter](#)

[2021-2216-WCP21-069 Cohen Law Group](#)

[Summary 2021-2216](#)

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

Enactment No: 862

[2021-2217](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Allan Daniels and Simon & Simon, PC, 1818 Market Street, Suite 2000, Philadelphia, PA 19103, in the amount of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at A.R. 18-005657.
(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2217 Cover Letter-Allan Daniels Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2217](#)

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

Enactment No: 863

[2021-2218](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Sommer Abbott and Phil DiLucente and Associates LLC, 310 Grant Street, Suite 1801, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$15,000.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at 21-000918 G.D. in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.
(Executive Session held 12/6/21)

Attachments: [2021-2218 Cover Letter-Sommer Abbott Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2218](#)

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

Enactment No: 864

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2248](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement with Giant Eagle, Inc., to allow the performance of pre-development due diligence investigations and site inspections on designated City property in order to facilitate the construction of a GetGo café and market in the Homewood and Larimer community.

Attachments: [2021-2248 Cover Letter GetGo License Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2248](#)

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

Enactment No: 871

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 December 8th 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

Brillman, Laura – intern (Dist. 8) 144.00

HiTouch Business Services – staff chairs 2,428.85

Polish Hill Civic Association – legal costs/appeal of real estate

development (Dist. 7) 1,500.00

Singer, Matt – reimb/2 months of Zoom & supplies (Dist. 5) 53.36

Spectra Associates – custom minute books 474.50

OFFICE OF EQUITY

Global Wordsmiths – interpretation services 2,460.00

INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

CDW Government – supplies 594.74

CONTROLLER

Pittsburgh Mailing Systems – window envelopes 1,095.00

Pittsburgh Mailing Systems – window envelopes 630.00

FINANCE

Moore Wallace – envelopes for pensions 750.00

Amy Manfredo – notary fee 80.00

LAW

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business – legal publication 656.47

Thompson West – legal publication 806.30

Department of Real Estate – filings, copying at Recorder of Deeds Office 34.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

Kearns, Carla – reimbursement for training 942.63

Wood, Caytlin – reimbursement for training 677.00

River City Brass Band – Light Up Night event performance 2,500.00

Appel, Joseph C – Light Up Night professional photography 301.00

EMS

Gerstacker, G Fred – EMS coverage at Pitt game 400.42

Parkview VFD/EMS – EMS coverage at Pitt game 973.22

Highlands, Ryan – EMS coverage at Pitt game 400.42

**Munhall Area Prehospital Services – EMS coverage at Steelers & Pitt games
752.50**

POLICE

Galls – pepper spray 975.00

Pucci Vincent – reimbursement for training 395.00

Wolfe, Ronald – reimbursement for training 523.68

Landy, Shawn – reimbursement for training 1,012.84

Nelson, Kyle – reimbursement for training 1,069.84

McCartney Lori – training reimbursement 75.00

S&D Calibration Services – Accutrak calibrations 460.00

OMI

**National Internal Affairs Investigators – membership, materials, brochures
100.00**

Assured Polygraph Services – polygraph examinations for new hires 300.00

FIRE

Purvis Systems Inc – backup batteries for station alerting system 830.00

WB Mason Co Inc – water delivery 23.52

Hydro Test Products – hydrotest equipment 37.98

Lisa C Epps-Cuda – reimbursement for batteries 14.76

Responder Training Enterprises – hazardous materials team equipment 3,134.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Amcom Office Systems – equipment rental 452.20

Coit Services Incorporated – carpet cleaning services 100.00

Rainbowhead Farms – catfish to stock Lake Carnegie in Highland Park 3,620.00

PARKS & RECREATION

**I&M Printing – citisports basketball shirts at community recreation centers
667.00**

Burns A Joseph – kiln repair at Southside Market House senior center 1,214.76

**Backa, William – advertising for Mascot Skate at Schenley Park skating rink
1,500.60**

**Allegheny Refrigeration Sales Inc – freezer/cooler/ice machine service repairs
976.16**

**Ford, Roland – summer performance/dance instruction at Highland Park
1,750.00**

DOMI

**Traffic Control Products Inc – backup equipment for West End Bridge project
2,190.00**

The Flag Factory – WWI flags for Boulevard of the Allies 840.00

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To: The Honorable President and Members of Council

From: Office of Management and Budget

Date: 12/3/2021

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 650 of 2020, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2021 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):

Department of Public Safety – Bureau of Administration

Amount from:

\$41,000.00 from 210000.53529 Protective/Investigation

\$20,000.00 from 210000.53901 Professional Services

\$61,000.00 from 210000.56151 Operational Supplies

Amount to:

\$122,000 to 210000.57501 Machinery & Equipment

The transfer is to cover the cost of a new x-ray scanner for the basement of the City-County Building.

Department of Public Safety – Bureau of Police

Amount from:

\$20,000.00 from 230000.56151 Operational Supplies**Amount to:****\$5,000.00 to 230000.53101****\$15,000.00 to 230000.53301 Workforce Training**

The transfer is to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover end of year p-card uploads (which don't have a budget fail) and pending training reimbursements.

Office of Management & Budget**Amount from:****\$250,000.00 from 102200.54501 Rents Land & Building****Amount to:****\$250,000.00 to 102200.56201 Fuel**

The transfer is necessary to cover fuel costs for city vehicles.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

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

[Item 80](#)

P-Cards

Attachments: [Weekly Council Report 11-17-21 - 11-30-21](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-2174](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Five: Traffic, Article One: Administration, Chapter 503: Enforcement and Control, by adding a new section, Section 503.17: “Equitable and Fair Enforcement of Motor Vehicle Laws.”

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Safety Services, due back by 12/15/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2249](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into Professional Services Agreements with Animal Friends and Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh for services related to the City’s Spay and Neuter Program, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) over two years.

Attachments: [2021-2249 Cover Letter Spay and Neuter program letter](#)
[Summary 2021-2249](#)

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

Enactment No: 872

[2021-2250](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a commodities agreement or agreements with Premier Safety for the purchase of protective clothing for firefighters on an as-needed basis.

Attachments: [2021-2250 Cover Letter Premier Safety agreement letter](#)
[2021-2250 DOC071](#)
[Summary 2021-2250](#)

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

Enactment No: 873

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-2264](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Finance, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Friends of Neill Log House, pursuant to which the Friends of Neill Log House will make renovations/capital improvements to the Neill Log House and will thereafter further assist with operation and maintenance of the Neill Log House and with the provision of related programs.

Attachments: [2021-2264 Cover Letter PW Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2264](#)

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

Enactment No: 878

[2021-2265](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an supplemental agreement with CDR Maguire, Inc., for Project Design Management Services and Reviews in connection with various City of Pittsburgh construction projects to add funding for the Construction phase of the South Side Signals project, Final Design phase of the Liberty Avenue, Penn Avenue and Smithfield Street projects, and Preliminary Engineering phase of the Swindell Bridge and Larimer Avenue Bridge and to increase the total not to exceed to One Million Nine Hundred Fifty One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Seventy Six Cents (\$1,951,150.76) from agreement 53121.1, an increase of Seven Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$726,514.77).

Attachments: [2021-2265 Cover Letter Sign_CDR Maguire Amendment](#)

[Supplement 2 Letter Add](#)

[Summary 2021-2265](#)

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

Enactment No: 879

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-1744](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden for the City facility known the Garden Center for a period of ten (10) years an annual rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, with the possibility of renewal.

Attachments: [2021-1744 Cover Letter-Letter -Phipps Garden Center - signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1744](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Works , due back by 12/15/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2241](#) Resolution providing for an reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the CBD Signals Phase 4 Projects Construction Phase; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,200,000.00) This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a cost of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2021-2241 Cover Letter Sign_CBD Signals Ph. 4 Con RA](#)
[Letter_kal](#)
[Summary 2021-2241](#)

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

Enactment No: 866

[2021-2242](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental agreement with the Larson Design Group, Inc. for costs associated with the CBD Signals Phase 3 Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Nine Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$713,409.74), an increase of Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$47,792.46).

Attachments: [2021-2242 Cover Letter Sign_CBD Signals Ph. 3 Sup Letter_kal](#)
[Summary 2021-2242](#)

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

Enactment No: 867

[2021-2243](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 519 of 2021, previously entitled “Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Wenzell Avenue / Carnahan Road Intersection project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Million Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,025,000.00) an increase of Two Hundred and Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$251,000.00), to increase the projects construction budget. The original agreement was authorized by resolution 850 of 2017”, to clarify municipal incurred and total project costs.

Attachments: [2021-2243 Cover Letter Sigh Wenzell Avenue Amend RA Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2243](#)

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

Enactment No: 868

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2247](#)

Resolution providing for a Professional Service Agreement with Big Picture Lab, LLC for video production services in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Of the total cost, Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) will come from the HUD Trust Fund and Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) will come from the Commission’s Community Development Block Grant funding.

Attachments: [2021-2247 Cover Letter 2021 Big Picture Lab Resolution Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-2247](#)

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

Enactment No: 870

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

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-2286](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM by \$90,550 and increasing REMEDIATION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$90,550.

Attachments: [2021-2286 Cover Letter 2020 Demo Xfer Letter 120121](#)

[Summary 2021-2286](#)

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

Enactment No: 880

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-1867](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title V: Traffic, Article VII: Parking, Chapter 549: Residential Parking Permit Program, so as to clarify the administrative process for the program; provide for virtual permitting; add the permit fees to the City’s annual fee book; adopt regulations for the use of Visitor Permits and Non-Resident Permits; and create the hybrid RPP area program.

(Post Agenda held 10/27/21)

(Public Hearing held 11/4/21)

Attachments: [2021-1867 Cover Letter-Revised Cover Letter for City Council](#)

[Summary 2021-1867](#)

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

Enactment No: 55

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

Enactment No: 55

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2251](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program,” so as to identify specific Public Service Grant (originally budgeted as Unspecified Local Option) projects in City Council District 9 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: [2021-2251 Cover Letter District 9 2020](#)

[Summary 2021-2251](#)

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

Enactment No: 874

[2021-2252](#) 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,” so as to identify specific Public Service Grant projects in City Council District 9 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: [2021-2252 Cover Letter District 9 2021](#)

[Summary 2021-2252](#)

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

Enactment No: 875

[2021-2253](#) 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,” so as to identify specific Public Service Grant projects in City Council District 7 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: [2021-2253 Cover Letter Public Service Grant PY21](#)
[D7 Legislation Letter 11.22.21](#)
[Summary 2021-2253](#)

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

Enactment No: 876

[2021-2254](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 832 of 2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (“Department”) to enter into an Amended Agreement or Agreements with ath Power Consulting Corporation to provide customer service and soft skills training to the Department’s staff. The Amended Agreement(s) shall be in an amount not to exceed \$58,150.

Attachments: [2021-2254 Cover Letter Legislation Letter - ath Power 2021](#)
[2021-2254 2021 - 2022 Ath Power Consulting Waiver of Competitive Process Memo](#)
[2021-2254 ath Power Consulting Proposal - City of Pittsburgh PLI Training 11-9-21](#)
[2021-2254 ath Power WCP Request Form PLI 9.28.21](#)
[Summary 2021-2254](#)

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

Enactment No: 877

URBAN RECREATION COMMITTEE, REV. BURGESS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2240](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Department Parks and Recreation to enter into an amended Cooperation Agreement with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy with the intent of extending and expanding the term and scope of the existing agreement.

Attachments: [2021-2240 Cover Letter PPC MOU Update 2021 Letter to Council](#)
[Summary 2021-2240](#)

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

Enactment No: 865

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

Enactment No: 865

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0521](#) Resolution repealing, amending and re-enacting Resolution Number 18 of 1983, effective January 20, 1983, titled, “Resolution authorizing and directing that the Bureau of Cable Communications, Department of Public Works, broadcast all of Council’s regular legislative sessions, standing committee meetings;”, setting forth the responsibilities of the Department of Innovation and Performance with respect to meetings of City Council, and to reflect various changes in the City’s Departmental organization structure and other changes to reflect technological innovations since 1983.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management, due back by 12/29/2021. The motion carried.

[2021-2161](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a cable franchise agreement and certain subsidiary agreements for other services arising from the cable franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC.
(Public Hearing held 12-6-21)

Attachments: [2021-2161 Cover Letter-Comcast letter Nov 2021 - signed](#)
[Summary 2021-2161](#)

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

Enactment No: 858

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-2246](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in an amount not to exceed One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$175,000.00) to support the creation of publicly accessible park space as part of the Fifth and Dinwiddie redevelopment.

Attachments: [2021-2246 Cover Letter Cooperation Agreement URA](#)

[Summary 2021-2246](#)

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

Enactment No: 869