



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PRE-AGENDA - APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

[2023-1543](#)

Resolution appointing Namita Dwarakanath as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

A motion was made that this matter be Interview Held. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 591

ROLL CALL

- Present** 7 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 2 - Council Member Burgess, and Council Member Kail-Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr, Ronald Miller
Chief Pomaj-chakman-yajalaji
Bill Schlacter
Alajalijib-chanel-k' in
Chief Ikhana
Rick Moore
Yvonne Brown

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-1752](#) Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances “City of Pittsburgh Service Workers Prevailing Wage Ordinance” Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, by supplementing Section 161.38.

Attachments: [2023-1752 Cover Letter-Service Workers Prevailing Wage ordinance](#)
[Summary 2023-1752](#)

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

Enactment No: 21

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

Enactment No: 21

[2023-1833](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Brennan Thrower in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$18,000.00) in full and final settlement of a discharge grievance.

(Executive Session held 9/12/23)

Attachments: [2023-1833 Cover Letter thrower](#)
[Summary 2023-1833](#)

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

Enactment No: 592

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1884](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Hawke, McKeon, & Sniscak LLP, in an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) for a period of one year, for professional legal services related to the Public Utility Commission.

Attachments: [2023-1884 Cover Letter Hawke Council Letter](#)
[2023-1884 Waiver of Competitive Process Hawke McKeon](#)
[Summary 2023-1884](#)

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

Enactment No: 605

[2023-1885](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and One Cent (\$5,857.01) over one year, in favor of Ronald J. Jordan, in full and final settlement of a claim (23C-0141) for damage to his motorized wheelchair due to a malfunctioning handicap door in the City-County Building.

Attachments: [2023-1885 Cover Letter Settlement for \\$5,857.01 of Claim of Ronald J. Jordan \(23C-0141\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1885](#)

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

Enactment No: 606

[2023-1886](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$3,992.26) over one year, in favor of Ralf Heilman and Jean Zieler, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0269) for damage to their stopped vehicle from a City EMS vehicle backing into it.

Attachments: [2023-1886 Cover Letter Settlement for \\$3,992.26 of Claim of Ralf Heilman & Jean Zeiler \(22C-0269\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1886](#)

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

Enactment No: 607

[2023-1887](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Forty One Cents (\$3,156.41) over one year, in favor of Robert Ireland, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0188) for damage to his parked vehicle from a city Environmental Services vehicle.

Attachments: [2023-1887 Cover Letter Settlement for \\$3,156.41 of Claim of Robert Ireland \(22C-0188\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1887](#)

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

Enactment No: 608

[2023-1888](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$13,148.00) over one year, in favor of Lorraine E. Mezyk, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0317) for destruction of a residential sewer lateral due to encroachment of tree roots from a city owned right-of-way tree.

Attachments: [2023-1888 Cover Letter Settlement for \\$13,148.00 of Claim of Lorraine E. Mezyk \(22C-0317\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1888](#)

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

Enactment No: 609

[2023-1889](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) over one year, in favor of Sharon Kopy, Executrix of the Estate of Stephen Kopy, in full and final settlement of a litigation filed in the US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at No. 2:20-cv-00558 (consolidated at No. 2:18-cv-01567).

Attachments: [2023-1889 Cover Letter Settlement for \\$7,500.00 of Plaintiff Sharon Kopy and tdba KOPY's Bar - Council Letter Summary 2023-1889](#)

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

Enactment No: 610

[2023-1890](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Linda Lacek and Thomas J. Lacek, and their attorney, G. Christopher Apossos, in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand (\$55,000.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 18-010168.

Attachments: [2023-1890 Cover Letter Lacek Council letter Summary 2023-1890](#)

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

Enactment No: 611

[2023-1891](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, 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 reducing BRIDGE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND (TIP) by \$49,052, increasing SWINBURNE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$157,548, increasing LARIMER BRIDGE (TIP) by \$800,000, increasing MAPLE AVENUE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$170,000, and increasing CORLEY STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$538,000.

Attachments: [2023-1891 Cover Letter Res 866 9.1.23 LF signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1891](#)

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

Enactment No: 612

[2023-1892](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, effective December 28, 2017, 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 McFARREN STREET (SECOND AVENUE) BRIDGE (TIP) by \$9,719.73, increasing BRIDGE REPAIRS by \$9,361.10, and increasing LIBERTY AVENUE (HSIP) by \$90,358.63.

Attachments: [2023-1892 Cover Letter Res 797 9.1.23 LF signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1892](#)

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

Enactment No: 613

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 September 13th, 2023 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/ COUNCIL AS A BODY

Hazelwood Initiative—support for Safe Halloween event (Dist. 5) 150.00

CivicPlus—Municode update 125.04

PA Resources Council-- Garbage Olympics (Dist. 3) 100.00

INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Hill, Stacy—reimbursement for meeting refreshments 30.49

COMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Smith, Courtney—reimbursement for items for Commission event 253.60

W Tyrone Miller – fair housing advertising campaign 2,499.00

FINANCE

Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions—title searches, background checks 975.26

LAW

Sargents Court Reporting Service, Inc. – court reporter 4,341.60

PERMITS, LICENSING, & INSPECTIONS

**CBO- Commonwealth Building Officials—conference fees for 3 employees
1,080.00**

EMS

Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #4—EMS coverage (Steelers) 3,272.60

Ross/ West View EMSA—EMS coverage (Guns n Roses, Steelers) 1,950.35

POLICE

Coleman, Gary—outreach services 4,050.00

Rice, Betty—outreach services 1,920.00

Daly, Sharon—Zone 4 clerical services 576.00

S&D Calibration Services—stopwatch certificates 21.00

Stopstick LTD—fleet supplies 617.00

PARKS

Lee Robinson Music—Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Coleman, Zachary—water carnival supplies 200.00

**Shadyside Chamber of Commerce—2023 Community Festival reimbursement
1,000.00**

25 Carrick Ave. Project-- 2023 Community Festival reimbursement 1,000.00

**East Allegheny Community Council-- 2023 Community Festival reimbursement
1,000.00**

Karsh, Kenneth—Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild—Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Witkowski, Deana-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Wendt, Thomas-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Watkins, Reggie-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Ford, Roland-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 1,800.00

Castillo, Luis Jr. -- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Meunier, Daniel-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Nash, Byron-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Brenckles Greenhouses LLC—native plants for Biddle building 660.00

Audobon Society of WPA—native plants for Biddle building 460.00

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: 09/8/2023

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 734 of 2022, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2023 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):---

Department of Law

Amount from:

\$10,000.00 from 108000.53517 Legal Fees

Amount to:

\$10,000.00 to 108000.56151 Operational Supplies

The transfer is necessary to cover current and upcoming legal subscriptions and publications.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 80-2023](#) P-Cards

Attachments: [Weekly Council Rpt 08-30-23-09-05-23 Revised \(1\)](#)

A motion was made to Waive the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1873](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Adler and Sons, Inc. in the amount of Eight Thousand and Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900.00) for tree removal work at Dodds and Potomac Ave.

Attachments: [2023-1873 Cover Letter Adler and Sons Warrant Letter - signed](#)

[2023-1873 Adler and Sons Tree Services](#)

[Summary 2023-1873](#)

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

Enactment No: 594

[2023-1874](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Maple Avenue Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), an increase of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) from the previously executed agreement. This resolution serves to authorize only the amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1874 Cover Letter Maple Ave - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1874](#)

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

Enactment No: 595

[2023-1875](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Corley Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$790,000.00), an increase of Five Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$538,000.00) from the previously executed agreement. This resolution serves to authorize only the amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1875 Cover Letter Corley St - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1875](#)

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

Enactment No: 596

[2023-1876](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design, Final Design, Utility, Right of Way and Construction Phases of the Swinburne Street Bridge project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Nine Thousand Dollars (\$14,909,000.00), an increase of Twelve Million Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$12,559,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (52622-2); reimbursable at Ninety Five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$16,250.00), a Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$12,250.00) increase from the previously executed agreement (52622-2).

Attachments: [2023-1876 Cover Letter Swinburne Bridge RA Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1876](#)

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

Enactment No: 597

[2023-1877](#) Resolution providing for a Contribution Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (City) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for costs associated with the SR 4003, East Street and Evergreen Rd. Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Thirty One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500.00).

Attachments: [2023-1877 Cover Letter McKnight Road Contribution Agreement - Letter - signed](#)
[2023-1877 Exhibit C](#)
[Summary 2023-1877](#)

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

Enactment No: 598

[2023-1878](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Larimer Ave Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00), an increase of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no additional cost to the City of Pittsburgh from the previously authorized One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1878 Cover Letter Larimer Ave Bridge RA - Letter - signed](#)
[2023-1878 106386.LarimerAveBridge.PE.Exhibit A01](#)
[Summary 2023-1878](#)

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

Enactment No: 599

[2023-1879](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with multiple phases of the Liberty Ave Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$7,505,556.00), an increase of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the Right of Way phase from the previously executed agreement (52315-2). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00), an increase of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (52315-2). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1879 Cover Letter Liberty Ave HSIP RA Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1879](#)

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

Enactment No: 600

[2023-1880](#)

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Zottola Construction for construction services associated with the Allegheny Circle Phase 2 Construction Project; providing for payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$2,890,945.46), an increase of Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$252,945.46) from the previously executed agreement (53583) as previously authorized by Resolution 670 of 2020.

Attachments: [2023-1880 Cover Letter Allegheny Circle Ph 2 Zottola Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1880](#)

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

Enactment No: 601

[2023-1881](#) Resolution providing for a Contribution Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (City) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for costs associated with the SR 60, Thornburgh Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$24,700.00).

Attachments: [2023-1881 Cover Letter Thornburgh Bridge Contribution Agreement - Letter - signed](#)
[2023-1881 Exhibit C - Estimate SR 60 A55 \(12-6-2022\)](#)
[Summary 2023-1881](#)

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

Enactment No: 602

[2023-1882](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, for the professional construction management services for Homewood Park Infrastructure Upgrades, between the City of Pittsburgh and Cosmos Technologies. The total not to exceed cost is Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$288,133.28).

Attachments: [2023-1882 Cover Letter LETTER RES Homewood Cosmos Professional Services using Park Recon BOND - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1882](#)

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

Enactment No: 603

[2023-1883](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 386, effective June 19, 2019, as amended by Resolution No. 70, effective February 18, 2020, entitled “authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for the professional landscape architectural services for South Side Park Phase I Design, at a cost not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (400,000.00),” by increasing the total allocation by the amount of Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$61,220.00) for a new total of Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$461,220.00).

Attachments: [2023-1883 Cover Letter LETTER ammending Res 386-19 AS AMENDED BY Res 70-20 South Side Park Professional Services using Park Recon CORRECTED - signed1 Summary 2023-1883](#)

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

Enactment No: 604

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1893](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the City of Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with HR&A Advisors for the purpose of assisting in the development of a strategic plan for the Department of City Planning. Cost not to exceed \$109,000 over one year.

Attachments: [2023-1893 Cover Letter Letter to Council - DCP Strategic Plan 2023-1893 Approval letter -Department of City Planning Strategic Plan 1 Summary 2023-1893](#)

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

Enactment No: 614

[2023-1894](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the City of Planning to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the PA Historical and Museum Commission for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) dollars with a local of match of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00) for a total project cost not to exceed SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000.00) dollars, to support planning efforts to create historic guidelines for three previously designated historic districts: Roslyn Place, Schenley Farms, and the Mexican War Streets Expansion.

Attachments: [2023-1894 Cover Letter](#) [2022 CLG District Guidelines Letter to Council](#)
[Summary 2023-1894](#)

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

Enactment No: 615

[2023-1895](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) dollars to complete an architectural survey of the Crawford-Roberts neighborhood.

Attachments: [2023-1895 Cover Letter CRAWFORD ROBERTS CONSULTANT 2023 LETTER](#)
[Summary 2023-1895](#)

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

Enactment No: 616

RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1899](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title 4: Public Places and Property, Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds, by adding a new Chapter 481: Use Regulations, providing guidance for Development in Parks and Greenways.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

Enactment No: 22

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

[2023-1872](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Allegheny League of Municipalities, in the amount of NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$9,000.00) for annual dues for DIRECT membership.

Attachments: [2023-1872 Cover Letter Allegheny League of Municipalities](#)
[warrant letter](#)
[2023-1872 ALM membership renewal](#)
[Summary 2023-1872](#)

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

Enactment No: 593