

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL***

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council

Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Khari Mosley, Theresa Kail-Smith, Erika Strassburger, Barbara Warwick, Bobby Wilson

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**[2024-0404](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and officially celebrate **Arbor Day on April 27th** in the city, and does commend the park's designation as an arboretum that will protect and preserve the ecosystem at Riverview Park.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 256

[2024-0405](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Thomas Nasi Edgos; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, April 28, 2024 to be "**Thomas Nasi Edgos**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 257

[2024-0406](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby Declare May 2024 as "**Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**" in the city of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 258

[2024-0407](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the week of April 21 through 27, 2024 as “National Crime Victims’ Rights week” in the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the week of April 21 through 27, 2024 to be “***National Crime Victims’ Rights Week***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 259

[2024-0408](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby join the Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council in honoring victims of workplace injury and illness and to keep fighting for the promise of safe jobs for all workers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 28, 2024 to be “***Workers Memorial Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 260

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2024-0392](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Department of Public Safety to receive a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the form of Narcan, fentanyl test strips and xylazine test strips valued at FORTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$40,583.50) to be distributed by the Office of Community Health and Safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2024-0393](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to transfer the ongoing lease agreement with Allegheny Health Network (AHN) to the City, as contractually obligated by Controller's contract number 54321, for the hub location supporting the Reaching Out On The Streets (ROOTS) Program. The City will transfer the lease agreement between AHN and Bernie's Photo Center from AHN to the City for the property located at 519 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, for the timeframe of April 30, 2024 through September 30, 2026, for a total cost not to exceed of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$72,500.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2024-0409](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Site under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as Veteran's Memorial Parklet, located at 1020 Brookline Boulevard (97-H-7), in Brookline, in the 19th Ward, City of Pittsburgh. The owner of the property supports the nomination and there is no cost to the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

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

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2024-0394](#) Resolution 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 or amendments thereto with Crayon Software Experts LLC for a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement in order to provide software licensing and support, and to provide fixed true-up pricing from Microsoft's complete catalog of available products for each year of the contract, at a cost not-to-exceed Five Million Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$5,335,326) over three years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2024-0395](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Starfire Corporation, for the display of a fireworks show in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Independence Day Festival for a three-year term at a total amount not to exceed of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$252,200.00.)

Not introduced

[2024-0396](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director Parks and Recreation to enter into a Financial Sponsorship Agreement with Sargent Electric for the City of Pittsburgh Independence Day Festival (the “Festival”) at no cost to the City.

Not introduced

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2024-0397](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative: Fiscal, Article XI: Human Resources, Chapter 192: Pensions, Section 192.27 - Death Benefits, by allowing the Municipal Pension Fund to approve adjustments to the table of survivor benefit conversion rates as mortality rates change.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0398](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Shelly Danko+Day for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (\$61,607.12), in full and final settlement of a case.

(Needs to be held for Executive Session)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0399](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Steven Whitlock, and his attorneys, Lieber Hammer Huber & Paul, P.C. for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$90,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:23-cv-440.

(Needs to be held for Executive Session)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0400](#) Resolution providing for the creation of the Equitable Development Trust Fund and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditures of such funds. This fund is to be used to address community goals, including, but not limited to, workforce development and community reinvestment.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2024-0401](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental agreement or agreements with Michael Baker International, Inc. for costs associated with the Charles Anderson Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$3,826,849.93), an increase of Six Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$696,525.27) from the previously legislated contract authorization.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

[2024-0402](#) Resolution **amending Resolution 657 of 2022, which provided** ~~providing~~ for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary ~~Engineering~~ **Design, Final Design, & Right of Way** phases of the Swindell Bridge ~~project-~~ construction project, and providing for the payment of ~~municipal-incurred~~ costs thereof, not to exceed ~~One Million Seven Hundred Thousand (\$1,700,000.00)-~~ ~~dollars~~ **Three Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,800,000.00)**, an increase of **Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00)** from the previously executed agreement (54006.1); reimbursable at ninety five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed ~~One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars~~ **Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00)**, a ~~zero-~~ ~~Dollar (\$0.00)~~ **Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$5,500.00)** increase from the previously executed agreement (54006.1).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2024-0403](#) Ordinance accepting a new street name, TERMON GARDENS CIRCLE in the Twenty-Seventh Ward of the City of Pittsburgh as per recommendation by the City of Pittsburgh Addressing Committee (CPAC). The following street name was approved by CPAC in March 2024. The name listed in this ordinance shall be made official in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four, Public Places and Property, Chapter 420 Uniform Street Naming and Addressing.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024-0283](#) Resolution appointing Tammy Thompson as a Member of the Land Bank Board of Directors replacing Wayne Fontana with a term to expire January 1, 2027.

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

Enactment No: 261

[2024-0358](#) Resolution appointing Elly Fisher as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board with a term to expire April 30, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 262

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2024-0386](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0345](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article I: Administration, Chapter 219 Operating Budget, by revising Section 219.03 Collaborative Budgeting Process to require the City Controller to certify revenues and expenditures for five years rather than one year.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0349](#) Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Precision Infrastructure Management to provide professional services related to the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan at a cost not-to-exceed Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$620,740.00) over two (2) years.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0350](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gannett Fleming, Inc. for expert witness services in connection with two matters filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G. D. 18-010289 and G. D. 18-010305 for an amount not to exceed SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-ONE CENTS (\$16,890.71) over one year.

(Executive Session held 4/9/24)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0384](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 105 of 2024, 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 correcting the funding account.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2024-0387](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0352](#) Resolution amending Resolution 464 of 2023 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute an agreement(s) with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) in order to continue providing electronic waste collection and recycling services for City residents by extending PRC's services for an additional one (1) year and increasing the authorized spend by One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) for a new total amount not to exceed of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$310,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2024-0388](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0342](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern PA for administrative services related to the 2024 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2024-0389](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0059](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article V: Use Regulations, Chapter 911: Primary Uses, at Section 911.02: Use Table and Chapter 911.04.A.69, Use Standards, to Permit Single-Unit Attached Residential Uses in Residential Single-Unit Detached Districts subject to certain standards.

(Report and Recommendation sent 1/31/24)

(Report and Recommendation received 3/6/24)

(Public Hearing held 4/10/24)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger and Council Member Warwick

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0353](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh, between the City of Pittsburgh and Janel Young, for the installation and maintenance of a mural at the Arch Street Basketball Court.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

[2024-0391](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0346](#) Resolution amending Resolution #763 of 2023, which authorized additional funding for maintenance services related to the FalconRed document scanning station, by authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to extend the agreement with OPEX Corporation for maintenance services and associated software licenses for one year and increase the authorized spend by Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ten Dollars (\$26,310.00) for a new total not to exceed of One Hundred Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$106,730.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2024-0390](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for April 17, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2024-0347](#) Resolution amending Resolution 64 of 2022 that authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Pittsburgh Regional Transit, Allegheny County, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority concerning the Bus Rapid Transit Project; in order to increase funding for BRT project staffing contributed to the City from Pittsburgh Regional Transit by THREE HUNDRED AND SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$307,500.00) DOLLARS.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0348](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 2024-0291 requiring a Council vote on the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and County of Allegheny, Pittsburgh Public School District and Pittsburgh Land Bank for the shared operation and administration of the Pittsburgh Land Bank.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, 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