

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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, Corey O'Connor, Erika Strassburger, Bobby Wilson*

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kim Clark-Baskin, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2022-0257](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh designates the week of April 11-15, 2022, as **National Community Development Week** in support of this valuable program that has made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and the economic well-being of our city; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pittsburgh City Council urges the United States Congress and the Biden Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally with CDBG by supporting increased funding for the program in FY 2023.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 143

[2022-0258](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in the City of Pittsburgh to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law in the pursuit of expanding opportunities and improving the quality of life for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commits to make every effort to support the citizens of Pittsburgh and the Departments, Board, Offices, and Authorities of the City of Pittsburgh in their fight to end discrimination in housing and Affirmatively Further Fair Housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April 2022, as "Fair Housing Month," in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 144

[2022-0260](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize City & State PA for the work they do in covering important issues in and around the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to be “***City & State PA 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: 145

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Naomi Mullen, Brianna Franzino, Arian Scott, Natalie Ahwesh, Ashleigh Deemer, Joy Braunstein, Les Ludwig, Tom Brady, Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2022-0248](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Grant Agreement with Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU), for the purpose of receiving funds in the amount of EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000.00) that will be used to purchase technology and other materials needed for the facilitation of computer science learning experiences for children attending educational programs at select City of Pittsburgh recreation centers.

Attachments: [2022-0248 Cover Letter-2022 PA Smart CS Ecosystems Grant\[1\]](#)
[Summary 2022-0248](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2022-0249](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the James T. Givner Building project, located at 627 North Homewood Avenue of Pittsburgh, PA, 15208.

Attachments: [2022-0249 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - 627 N. Homewood Avenue](#)
[2022-0249 -givner final pm](#)
[2022-0249 -Sewer Module Council Questionnaire - 627 N. Homewood Ave](#)
[Summary 2022-0249](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2022-0250](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the PHC Development, LLC project, located at 186 Home Street of Pittsburgh, PA, 15201.

Attachments: [2022-0250 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - 186 Home Street](#)
[2022-0250 -PHC final pm](#)
[2022-0250 -Sewer Module Council Questionnaire - 186 Home Street](#)
[Summary 2022-0250](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2022-0251](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, c/o AR PennDOT-Non-APRAS, P.O. Box 15758, Harrisburg, PA, 17105, in the amount of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars and Ten Cents (\$11,120.10) in settlement of a claim for damage to an impact attenuator on SR 51 near Woodruff Street from a city police vehicle.

Attachments: [2022-0251 Cover Letter-Claim No. 21C-0272 - Cwlt of Pennsylvania - Council Letter](#)
[Summary 2022-0251](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0252](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Commonwealth Press for services relating to the design, production, and marketing, and sale of officially licensed and branded City of Pittsburgh merchandise.

Attachments: [2022-0252 Cover Letter-CommonWealth Press - Letter signed](#)
[2022-0252 -CommonWealth Press - RFP21000439](#)
[Summary 2022-0252](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0253](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the National Traffic Safety Institute (“NTSI”) for professional services relating to a driver training e-learning system for a sum not to exceed Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500.00) over three years, and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2022-0253 Cover Letter-NTSI - Letter Signed](#)
[Summary 2022-0253](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2022-0254](#) Resolution amending Resolution 430 of 2021, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant Grant Agreements to receive funding from Allegheny County Health Department to develop a public health-informed diversion program and further providing for expenditures under the terms of said Agreements,” to increase the amount authorized by the Grant Agreement or Agreements and the amount authorized for expenditures.

Attachments: [2022-0254 Cover Letter-Letter to City Council Regarding Amendment to 430 of 2021](#)
[Summary 2022-0254](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2022-0255](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Cycom Data Systems, Inc., for professional services relating to continuing maintenance, support and upgrades to CityLaw, the Department of Law's current legal case management and administrative support software system at a cost not to exceed \$11,376.00 (Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and No Cents).

Attachments: [2022-0255 Cover Letter-Cycom Council ltr. 2022](#)

[2022-0255 -WCP22-010 Cycom](#)

[Summary 2022-0255](#)

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2022-0256](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (“PLI”) to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with RJ Lee Group for professional services providing materials for and analysis of lead dust samples pertaining to PLI’s execution of the City of Pittsburgh’s Lead Safe Ordinance, for a sum not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Attachments: [2022-0256 Cover Letter-Lead Dust Site Lab_2022 - 2023 Letter](#)

[2022-0256 -EORC Letter RJLG waiver 20220330](#)

[2022-0256 -Notice of Intent to Award](#)

[2022-0256 -Waiver letter - RJ LEE GROUP](#)

[Summary 2022-0256](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2022-0241](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0220](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 89 of 2021, authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Freedom Indeed LLC/Reverend Cornell Jones for professional services as a Group Violence Intervention Coordinator at a total cost not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS (\$501,908).

Attachments: [2022-0220 Cover Letter-Freedom Indeed letter](#)
[Summary 2022-0220](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2022-0242](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0209](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)'s Local Share Account Statewide to provide funding for the purchase of bridge maintenance equipment. The grant proposal includes an ask of NINE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND (\$990,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2022-0209 Cover Letter-Sign DCED LSA - Bridge Maintenance Equipment Grant Proposal_kal](#)
[Summary 2022-0209](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2022-0210](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 332 of 2021 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Repaving Project” to accept the grant and authorize necessary expenditures

Attachments: [2022-0210 Cover Letter-DCNR C2P2 TRHT Repaving - Letterhead](#)
[Summary 2022-0210](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2022-0213](#) Resolution providing for a Supplementary Agreement for Construction services with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the West Ohio Street Bridge project at a cost thereof, not to exceed Five Hundred Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$512,107.00), an increase of One Hundred Nine Thousand and Twenty One Dollars (\$109,021.00) from the previously executed agreement (53056).

Attachments: [2022-0213 Cover Letter-West Ohio Street Bridge Norfolk Southern Amend Letter, Letterhead](#)
[Summary 2022-0213](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2022-0214](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works, to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)'s Local Share Account Statewide, to provide funding for the construction of a maintenance facility in the Fourth District. The grant proposal includes an ask of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2022-0214 Cover Letter-PW letter](#)

[Summary 2022-0214](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2022-0243](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0215](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 387 of 2020, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an amended Professional Services Agreement(s) with Corporate Cost Control for third party administration of the City of Pittsburgh's liabilities under the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Act for 4 additional years of services, by extending this contract for an additional four years and authorizing spend for these additional years.

Attachments: [2022-0215 Cover Letter-Council Corporate Cost control](#)

[2022-0215 -WCP22-008 Experian](#)

[Summary 2022-0215](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2022-0244](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0012](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City Code at Title Six: Conduct, Article I: Regulated Rights and Actions, by adding a new Chapter 610 entitled “Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags and Checkout Bag Charge,” to permit the use of only certain bags by retail establishments at the point of sale or for a delivery; and establishing a charge, payable by the customer to the establishment, for the provision of other types of bags; all under certain terms and conditions.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS, COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2022-0222](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Interface Studio, LLC. in the amount of five thousand, nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$5,990.00) for additional services for overages of 36 hours for stakeholder interviews, 43 hours for public engagement, and 14 hours for agency coordination relating to the Manchester TRID project.

Attachments: [2022-0222 Cover Letter-Interface Studio Ltr](#)
[Summary 2022-0222](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2022-0245](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0221](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 44 of 2022, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Computronix (USA) Inc., for the provision of a permitting and licensing package, to change the funding department for 2022.

Attachments: [2022-0221 Cover Letter-Computroni Revised letter - signed](#)
[2022-0221 -Memo Kraus Corporate Cost control](#)
[Summary 2022-0221](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2022-0246](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 6, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0087](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 154 S. 15th Street, 17th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Attachments: [2022-0087 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - 154 South 15th St](#)
[2022-0087-The Auditorium - 154 S 15th St - City Resolution Submission](#)
[2022-0087-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 154 S 15th St](#)
[Summary 2022-0087](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2022-0180](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for UPMC Presbyterian, 3701 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Attachments: [2022-0180 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - 3701 Fifth Ave](#)
[2022-0180 -2022-03-02 UPMC Presbyterian SFPM](#)
[2022-0180 -Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - UPMC Presbyterian](#)
[Summary 2022-0180](#)

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 Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

WILLS OF COUNCIL[2022-0259](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Council of the City of Pittsburgh City denounces the attempts of Pennsylvania legislators to prohibit transgender athletes from participating in sports and urges Pennsylvania youth sports teams to adopt policies of inclusivity for their teams; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council shall be sent to the Allegheny County Delegation of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, the chairs of the of the State House and State Senate Education Committees, and Bill 972 sponsor Representative Barbara Gleim and Co-Sponsors Representative White, Keefer, Gaydos and Borowicz.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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

Enactment No: 146

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****ADJOURNMENT****LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**