



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

City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Alto
Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller
Special Agent Sunshine
Yvonne F. Brown

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2025-1572](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to accept the sum of THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$316,367.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 24-004792, involving the Finland Street Pedestrian Bridge.

(Executive Session held 3/4/25)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 4/2/2025. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1599](#)

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 SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-TWO CENTS (\$65,662.52) over one year.

(Executive Session held 3/11/24)

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

[2025-1600](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dominique Decenzo, and her attorney, Max Petrunya, P.C. , for a single payment in 2025 in an amount not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 23-007555.

(Executive Session held 3/11/24)

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

[2025-1601](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of WesBanco Bank in an amount not to exceed THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,800.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (24C-0218) for damage to the drive thru canopy of their property at 5000 Centre Avenue from a DOMI Traffic Division vehicle on September 6, 2024.

(Executive Session held 3/11/24)

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

[2025-1602](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Edward Torak in an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$6,250.00) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (24C-0190) for damage to his vehicle from an accident with a City PW vehicle on July 22, 2024.

(Executive Session held 3/11/24)

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

[2025-1603](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc., c/o CMR Claims as TPA in an amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$4,521.70) over one year, in full and final settlement of a claim (24C-0133) for damage to a utility pole at 2600 Sunset Avenue and Essen Street by a City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services vehicle on December 16, 2022.

(Executive Session held 3/11/24)

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

[2025-1604](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 446 of 2024, which allocated an additional Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the agreement with Frost, Brown, Todd LLC, by authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to extend the Agreement or Agreements with Frost, Brown, Todd LLC for legal assistance relating to real estate, public finance, municipal law, and as-needed consultation by adding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for a new total not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).

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

[2025-1605](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemption, Subchapter B: Exemption, by replacing Sections 263.11 through 263.14 with new Sections 263.11 through 263.16, collectively to be titled Subchapter B: Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants of Residential Properties.

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

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Public Hearing. The motion carried.

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 March 19th, 2025 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

Shirley Flowers Be Encouraged Foundation – Communications Connection Gala (Dist. 1) 200.00

Wilson, Leigh Ann – reimbursement for townhall refreshments (Dist. 3) 38.46

Copies at Carson – printing of annual reports (Dist. 3) 605.00

Brown, Daniel – reimbursement for Uber to community meeting (Dist. 5) 20.94

Hazelwood Sr Center Advisory Council – event donation (Dist. 5) 100.00

Wilson, Leigh Ann – reimbursement for parking at community event 26.08

DEPT OF INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Fredericka Greenwood – reimbursement for staging room supplies 49.92

Metropolitan Information Exchange – annual membership dues 750.00

Rowden, Jacque – reimbursement for HDI Steel City Chapter meeting 20.00

Informa Tech Holdings LLC – HDI Team Certified Pinnacle of Excellence Award

200.00

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

Namita Dwarakanath – reimbursement for GFOA dues 150.00

Ajang, Andrew – reimbursement for GFOA dues 150.00

Kelsey Wade – reimbursement for GFOA dues 150.00

DEPT OF FINANCE

The Master's Touch LLC – universal window envelopes 252.00

Transunion LLC – background checks for Treasurer's Sales 228.97

DEPT OF LAW

Evaluation Specialists LLC – independent medical expert 2,117.67

Ralph H Colflesh Jr Esquire – arbitration services 3,272.91

Justus ADR Services – mediation services 2,500.00

American Arbitration Association – arbitration services 150.00

West A Thomson Reuters Business – legal publication subscription 1,034.60

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATIONS

Office of Court Reporters – transcription of court hearings 267.00

Trans Union Corporation – credit checks on job candidates 211.62

DEPT OF HUMAN RESOURCES & CIVIL SERVICE

Adair, Renee – reimbursement for parking at police testing 12.00

DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMIN

Responder Training Enterprises LLC – natural gas flaring equipment 455.03

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Harmony EMS – coverage reimbursement (Pens) 349.09

Butler Ambulance Service – coverage reimbursement (Disney on Ice) 317.35

Butler Ambulance Service – coverage reimbursement (Pens) 412.56

**Monroeville Volunteer Fire Co #4 – coverage reimbursement (Pitt basketball)
317.35**

BUREAU OF POLICE

Fisher Scientific – Crime Scene Unit chemicals 87.65

Kniseley, Margaret – reimbursement for retirement party 65.00

OST Inc – IT augmentation-updates-Data Transfer 258.00

Thick Bikes LLC – Bicycle Unit maintenance 518.75

StopStick LTD – stop stick trays for vehicle transport 2,360.00

Sirchie – long gun/rifle evidence bags 2,027.70

Compucom Inc – microfilm reader maintenance 945.00

Kolat, Nicholas – reimbursement for sgt chevrons 160.00

Cyclops Technologies – PlateSmart software 2,500.00

Pittsburgh Veterinary Surgery PC – K9 euthanasia 200.00

**Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions – background check subscription
377.00**

DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sonitrol Security Systems – security monitoring 762.20

Central Parts Warehouse – winter equipment 3,885.20

Central Parts Warehouse – winter equipment 4,140.91

Zoresco Equipment Co – rental of storage trailers 130.00

Professional Service Industries Inc – airborne tests 1,170.00

DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION

Burton, Clinton – mileage reimbursement 19.58

Freiss, Patricia L – mileage reimbursement 65.50

Allegheny County Treasurer – food safety certification registration 105.00

Allegheny County Treasurer - food safety certification registration 135.00

Lubecki, Justin – reimbursement for straw for county fair 199.80**Tennant Sales & Service – court sweeper repair 315.72**

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item](#) P-Cards
[0010-2025](#)

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

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

[2025-1606](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant Program in the amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS (\$335,981.88) to replace the traffic signals at Centre Avenue and North Dithridge Street.

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

[2025-1607](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant Program in the amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND FORTY NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY FIVE CENTS (\$647,049.45) to replace signals at the intersection of East General Robinson Street and Sandusky Street.

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

[2025-1608](#) Resolution granting unto BH VENTURE ONE LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, at no cost to the City, new permanent building foundation that will extend into the right-of-way, at 1406 5th Avenue, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2025-1609](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 249 of 2023, which authorized the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City, to amend and renew the Lease Agreement with Beaver Avenue Associates, LLC, by continuing to provide a leased space at 1301 Beaver Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA for the purposes of housing the Facilities Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, by extending the term through March 31, 2028 with new property owner 1301 Beaver Ave LLC managed by the Regency Transportation Group, LTD.

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1610](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with HR & A Advisors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000) for work on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant for Saw Mill Run Boulevard.

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

[2025-1611](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections, for the issuance of a warrant in favor of The Franco Harris Pittsburgh Center at Penn State, for the purchase the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP) training, at a cost not to exceed Eight Thousand and Zero Cents (\$8,000.00).

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

RECREATION, YOUTH, AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, MRS. KAIL-SMITH, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2025-1598](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of FenceScreen, LLC for the purchase of a sound screen for Moore Park Pickleball courts in the amount of Nine Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy-One Dollars and Seventeen cents (\$9,671.17) over one (1) year.

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

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2025-1581](#) Resolution amending Resolution 621-2020, 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 and amendments thereto with ERP-One Consulting Inc. for the provision of services including professional services, consultation, and day to day managed services of the City of Pittsburgh JD Edwards Enterprise One 9.2 application, by increasing the approved amount by Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) and extending the agreement for an additional three (3) years, for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) over seven (7) years.

(Waiver of Competitive Process Received)

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

[2025-1586](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections, for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Buildingeye, Inc. ("Buildingeye") for the purchase of their software and related support services for an interactive map that internal and public visual display of planning, permit, license, and violation data, at a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00).

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR. MOSLEY, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2025-1587](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Allegheny County and the United States Department of Justice for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the 2024 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount not to exceed FIFTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN (\$51,614.00) dollars to purchase a real-time asset management technology platform.

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

[2025-1588](#)

Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement or agreements providing for the transfer of funds not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$80,000.00) to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of vehicles for use by the City of Pittsburgh Park Rangers. This expenditure is associated with grant funds that the City will receive from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Local Share Account Statewide.

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

[2025-1589](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a cooperation agreement with Pittsburgh Regional Transit for post-construction ownership, access, and maintenance of certain City steps to be constructed around Downing Street in the 6th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the city.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs, due back by 4/2/2025. The motion carried.