



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Council Member Coghil, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Burgess

PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Mullen	Christine E. Briff
Amin Samili	Eric Keller
Dr. Ronald Miller	Eric Vanistendael
Chief Pomaj-chakman-yajalai	Nancy L. Gippert
Ajalaji-chanel-k'in	Eric Boerer
Chief Ikhana-hal-makina	Yvonne Brown
Emma Gamble	

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2022-1072](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking; by creating a new Chapter 550, ~~Lawrenceville~~ Mobility Enhancement District.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be added to the Agenda. The motion carried.

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

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

[2023-1834](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161, Contracts, Sections 161.02 - Competitive Bidding; Exceptions, 161.02A - Award of Professional Services Agreements and 161.02B - Exemptions From Competitive Process to amend the approval processes for professional services agreements and exemptions from the same.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 11/1/2023. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2021](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 108 of 2023 effective 3/1/2023, which amended Resolution 458 of 2022 effective 9/7/2022, authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fisher Phillips LLP for legal services in connection with collective bargaining, by further authorizing an amendment or amendments to said Professional Services Agreement, at no additional cost to the City.

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

[2023-2022](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Plaintiff, James Frierson, administrator of the estate of Jim Rogers, decedent, and his counsel of record, Todd, J. Hollis at a cost not-to-exceed Eight Million Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000,000.00) over two years, relating to the full and final settlement of litigation, including attorney's fees and costs, filed at No. 2:22-cv-00523 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

(Executive Session held 10/12/23)

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

[2023-2023](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Bennet Omalu Pathology for expert fees in connection with labor arbitration matters for an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) over one year.

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

[2023-2024](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSPECTION SERVICES by \$46,000 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$46,000.

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

[2023-2025](#)

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” by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - SPORT FACILITIES by \$200,000 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$200,000.

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

[2023-2026](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program” by decreasing RAMP AND PUBLIC SIDEWALK by \$75,000 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$75,000. RAMP AND PUBLIC SIDEWALK is further increased by \$505,000 and SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING increased by \$500,000 to account for additional Federal Highway Administration funding being received at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2023-2027](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Rynse, LLC. for services relating to the washing of City vehicles. Expenditures for the purchases shall be limited to authorized annual budgeted amounts by each City Using Department. The cost of each car wash has been pre-negotiated over the course of the agreement’s three-year term. Costs for these services will vary based on individual departmental need.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. 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 October 18th, 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

**Treasurer, City of Pittsburgh—reimbursement of Police presence at parade (D7)
500.00**

Warwick, Barbara—reimbursement for meeting supplies (Dist. 5) 62.01

**McLaughlin, Nathan—reimbursement for food purchased for meeting (Dist. 7)
18.49**

**Knoxville Community Council—support for Residential Outreach Event (Dist.3)
150.00**

Pagan, Joyce—reimbursement for Canva subscription (Dist. 3) 119.99

CivicPlus LLC—Municode update 439.07

Marabello, Lori—reimbursement for expenses (Dist. 2) 1,221.64

Gross, Deborah—reimbursement for pizza for community meeting (Dist. 7) 109.05

INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Bellhouse, Dorothy—reimbursement for meeting refreshments 226.76

Burns, Zoe—reimbursement for supplies 35.00

Hobai, James C—reimbursement for supplies 31.46

FINANCE

Integra Realty Resources- Pittsburgh—appraisal services related to landslide 1,000.00

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertisements for Treasurer’s sale 4,011.80

LAW

The Center for Musculoskeletal Eval—payment for evaluations 1,710.00

POLICE

Jack Lafferty’s Truck Parts—vehicle maintenance 404.06

S&D Calibration Services—stop watch calibration 477.00

Scirotto, Larry—reimbursement for Law Enforcement Against Drugs membership 50.00

OMI

National Internal Affairs Investigations—membership renewal 100.00

Net Transcripts Inc. – transcription of case interviews 389.82

Trans Union Corporation—credit check 4.49

PA State Police—criminal checks for police candidates 176.00

PUBLIC WORKS

PA Dept. of Labor & Industry—various inspections and certificates 2,918.30

Tree Pittsburgh—Tree Tender training 2,000.00

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: 10/13/2023

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):---

Commission on Human Relations

Amount from:

\$550.00 from 105000.55305 Promotional

\$550.00 from 105000.55701 Transportation

Amount to:

\$1,100.00 to 105000.53509 Computer Maintenance

The transfer is necessary to cover costs associated with a Hootsuite subscription.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 85-2023](#) P-Cards

A motion was made that this matter be 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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-1992](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Wabash Street (formerly Walnut St), laid out in the Denny Estate Plan of Lots, from the centerline of Lowe Street to its terminus, in the 19th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-1993](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened, 10ft unnamed way, situate in the 19th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2016](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a professional services agreement with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) dollars to support the city's equitable street tree plan over the course of up to three (3) of years.

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

[2023-2018](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with SAI Consulting Engineers Inc. for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering Phase for the Safe Routes to School project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$116,472.86), reimbursable at 100%.

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

[2023-2019](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction phase of the Pittsburgh Pedestrian Wayfinding Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), an increase of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) 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.

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

[2023-2020](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction phase of the Critical Sidewalk Gaps Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Four Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,485,000.00), an increase of Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) 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.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, REV. BURGESS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2038](#)

Ordinance amending City Code Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 651: Findings and Policy, and Chapter 659: Unlawful Practices, by adding enhanced housing protections for survivors of domestic violence.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Wilson and Council Member Kraus

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2029](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing PERSONNEL - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM by \$97,804, increasing EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT by \$7,044, increasing HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS by \$260,014, and increasing HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM by \$257,679. These changes are made in response to program allocations by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and come at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh

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

[2023-2030](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation to provide administration and operating expenses, housing and housing related supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,410,014.00.

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

[2023-2031](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program” so as to grant \$100,000 to specific Public Service Grant projects of the Mayor's Office and authorize a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

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

[2023-2032](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,207,044.00.

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

[2023-2033](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Urban Design Ventures, LLC for services relating to the program design, and application development of the City's HOME-ARP application for a sum not to exceed Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$28,600.00) over three years for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

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

RECOMMITTED PAPERS

[2023-1980](#)

Resolution repealing Resolution No. 428 of 2023, effective July 9, 2023, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Homewood Community Sports (HCS) for community liaison services at an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$300,000)" by repealing it in its entirety.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Legal Opinion. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2028](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with Duolingo in support of the CommUnity Concert series, from which the City will receive a fee in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

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

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-1976](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-13100, from El Paso Mexican Grill Bethel Park, LLC, located at 1778-1780 North Highland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 to the Applicant, El Paso Mexican Grill, located at 564 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 10/17/23)

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2012](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 4608 and 4644 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2013](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance and/or the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a lease, leases, sublease and/or subleases for approximately 8,000 square feet, from the lessor, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh ("HACP"), for the purpose of continuing to provide office space for City employees, located within the City of Pittsburgh's First Ward at 100 Ross Street, 15219, Lot number 2-J-00244, effective on or about September 1, 2023 for a six (6) month period, and providing for the payment thereof in an amount not to exceed Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$86,250.00).

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

[2023-2014](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Center in the amount of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (\$2,229,987.00) dollars and authorizing expenditures for this stated purpose.

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

[2023-2015](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Renovation of Sheraden Park in the amount of ONE MILLION EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (\$1,083,467.00) dollars and authorizing expenditures for this stated purpose.

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