

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 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 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2024-0313](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor our Vietnam Veterans and all those who have served our country between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Friday, March 29, 2024 to be “**National Vietnam War Veterans 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: 169

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2024-0314](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the U.S. Senate to pass Senate Bill 2224 Stop Predatory Investing Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be distributed to the offices of Senators Bob Casey and John Fetterman and Congresswoman Summer Lee.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

Enactment No: 170

[2024-0315](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby urges the U.S. House and Senate to pass Senate Bill 3692 - Preventing the Algorithmic Facilitation of Rental Housing Cartels Act of 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council will be distributed to the Offices of Senators John Fetterman and Bob Casey and Congresswoman Summer Lee.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

Enactment No: 171

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Guenther

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2024-0297](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to execute Instruments for the Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants in favor of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority to allow the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority operation and maintenance responsibilities of green infrastructure within certain property along the Bus Rapid Transit Project Corridor.

Attachments: [2024-0297 Cover Letter BRT Stormwater Project letter - signed](#)

[2024-0297 Exhibit A IRDC](#)

[Summary 2024-0297](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-0298](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for costs associated with the North Avenue Signals and Safety project where PWSA would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

Attachments: [2024-0298 Cover Letter North Ave - PWSA PE Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2024-0298](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2024-0311](#) Resolution transferring the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) within the 2024 Operating Budget from City Council Salaries & Wages, Regular to Council as a Body for the purpose of professional services.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0311](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2024-0299](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Thomson Reuters for subscription to an online legal research tool at a cost not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$133,010.28) over a term of 4 years.

Attachments: [2024-0299 Cover Letter Thomson Reuters](#)

[2024-0299 WCP24-010 Thomson Reuters-WestLaw Approved
waiver 3.18.2024](#)

[Summary 2024-0299](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0300](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Diana Stefanyszyn, and her attorney, Phillips, Phillips & Smith-Delach, P.C. for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$11,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 23-004984.

Attachments: [2024-0300 Cover Letter Stefanyszyn](#)

[Summary 2024-0300](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0301](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 857 of 2023, effective December 27, 2023, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2024 Capital Budget, the proposed 2024 Community Development Program, and the 2024 through 2029 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing PJ McARDLE ROADWAY BRIDGE OVER HILLSIDE (TIP) by SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000), increasing PJ McARDLE ROADWAY BRIDGE OVER SYCAMORE (TIP) by SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000), increasing BLOOMFIELD BRIDGE (TIP) by ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,200,000), and increasing EAST SYCAMORE STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) to account for Federal Highway Administration funding being received at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2024-0301 Cover Letter 2024 TIP Bridges Letter 03-19-24 JP Signed \(1\)](#)
[Summary 2024-0301](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2024-0302](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the PJ McArdle Roadway Bridge over Sycamore Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), reimbursable at 100%. This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2024-0302 Cover Letter PJ McArdle Roadway Bridge over Sycamore RA Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0302](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2024-0303](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the PJ McArdle Roadway Bridge over Hillside Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), reimbursable at 100%. This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2024-0303 Cover Letter PJ McArdle Roadway Bridge over Hillside RA Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0303](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2024-0304](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the East Sycamore Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), reimbursable at 100%. This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2024-0304 Cover Letter East Sycamore St Bridge RA Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0304](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2024-0305](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Bloomfield Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00), reimbursable at 100%. This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2024-0305 Cover Letter Bloomfield Bridge RA Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0305](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2024-0306](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the City Steps Project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00), reimbursable at 80%; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Attachments: [2024-0306 119486.CitySteps.ExhibitA_rev](#)

[2024-0306 Cover Letter City Steps RA Letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2024-0306](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2024-0307](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 711 of 2022 further amending Resolution No. 767 of 2018 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to enter into an Amended Agreement or Agreements with D'Appolonia for On-Call Emergency Geotechnical Services including assessments, evaluations, land remediation plans, and expert testimony of properties subject to active life safety code enforcement violations, by increasing the approved amount by TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$20,000.00) for an amended total cost not to exceed THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$360,000.00), over 3 years.

Attachments: [2024-0307 Cover Letter 2024 D'appolonia Resolution Letter](#)

[2024-0307 WCP24-003 D'Appolonia_APPROVED](#)

[Summary 2024-0307](#)

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2024-0308](#) Resolution appointing Tyi-Sanna Jones as a Member of the Board of License, Inspection, and Review with a term to expire January 1, 2027.

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

Enactment No: 172

[2024-0309](#) Resolution appointing Chris Hornstein as a Member of the Commission on Infrastructure Asset Reporting and Investment with a term to expire June 30, 2028.

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

Enactment No: 173

[2024-0310](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting a donation from Open Field of two sets of soccer goal to be placed in Dunbar Park valued at THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS AND NINETY-SEVEN CENTS (3,983.97).

Attachments: [2024-0310 Communication to Council - Soccer Goals JP Initialed](#)
[2024-0310 Donation Acceptance Form Open Field soccer goals 24 \(002\)](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2024-0292](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 20, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0241](#) Resolution amending Resolution 546 of 2023, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Futures for professional services relating to leadership development training, by increasing the authorized spend by Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) for a new total not to exceed cost of Two Hundred Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$207,336.00)

Attachments: [2024-0241 Cover Letter-Pittsburgh Futures - Letter_PC signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0241](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0258](#) Resolution providing for the creation of The Mobility Enhancement District Trust Fund and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds. This fund is for the exclusive use of funding “Mobility Enhancements” within the “Mobility Enhancement District” as defined in Section 550.02 of The Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2024-0293](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for March 20, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0242](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement with the National Association of City Transportation Officials Inc. (“NACTO”) to provide membership dues from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$33,125.00).

Attachments: [2024-0242 Cover Letter-NACTO Membership Dues letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0242](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0245](#) Resolution granting unto 2700 PENN AVENUE PARTNERS LLC, 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, (2) two cantilevered upper-level floor plates that will extend into the right-of-way, at 2700 Penn Avenue, in the 6th Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2024-0245 Cover Letter-Council Letter - Signed](#)

[2024-0245 2700 Penn Ave Application](#)

[Summary 2024-0245](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0246](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh, the dedication of two (2) portions of East Liberty Boulevard (125-A-52), at no cost to the City, in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2024-0246 Cover Letter-Council letter - signed](#)

[2024-0246 Application](#)

[Summary 2024-0246](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0247](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)'s Local Share Account for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars to purchase vehicles and equipment that will be used to support DOMI's bridge maintenance efforts.

Attachments: [2024-0247 Cover Letter-Bridge Maint - 2024 Grant Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0247](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2024-0294](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 20, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0248](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of City Planning to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)'s Local Share Account Statewide to provide funding for a voluntary buyout program in the Saw Mill Run Watershed. The grant proposal includes an ask of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2024-0248 Cover Letter-DCED LSA Saw Mill Run Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0248](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2024-0295](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for March 20, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0237](#) 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 CDW Government LLC for a Voice over Internet Protocol Unified Communications Platform (UCaaS) to implement convergence of systems to support citywide communications, at a cost not-to-exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) over three years.

Attachments: [2024-0237 Cover Letter-CDW Government UCaaS legislation letter signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0237](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0238](#) Resolution amending Resolution 843-2023, 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 Atlantis IT Consulting Group LLC as needed for an enterprise wide warehouse supply & inventory management solution by increasing the approved amount by \$540,000 for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000) over three years.

Attachments: [2024-0238 Cover Letter-Atlantis legislation letter signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0238](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

[2024-0296](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for March 20, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0239](#) Resolution amending Resolution 15 of 2024, which authorized a cooperation agreement or agreements with the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories, equipment support infrastructure, and professional services in fiscal year 2024, by increasing the authorized amount by One Million Three Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Two Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,352,602) to a new total of Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$13,975,244) to account for funds omitted from the original resolution.

Attachments: [2024-0239 Cover Letter-ELA Co-op Amendment - Letter_PC signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0239](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2024-0240](#) Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement or agreements providing for the transfer of funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$500,000.00) to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of bridge maintenance vehicles for use by the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure. This expenditure is associated with grant funds that the City will receive from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Local Share Account program.

Attachments: [2024-0240 Cover Letter-ELA DCED Grant - Letter_PC signed](#)
[Summary 2024-0240](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER