

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**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, Erika Strassburger, Barbara Warwick, Bobby Wilson*

*Kim Clark-Baskin, City Clerk*

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2023-1298](#)

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and welcome all Pittsburgh residents to join in the festivities; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 5-12, 2023 to be "**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 118

[2023-1299](#)

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the week of March 5-11, 2023 to be "**Women in Construction Week**".

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 119

**WILLS OF COUNCIL**

[2023-1300](#)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh stands in solidarity with our affected neighboring communities; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh will request information through the FAST Act to help us better understand the state of our rail infrastructure here in Southwest Pennsylvania and work collectively to focus investments and response plans in the areas that pose the greatest risk to our residents; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby issues this Will of Council in support of stricter regulations requiring high-hazard flammable trains to carry more advanced safety and braking equipment, as well as the need for advance notification regarding the transportation of hazardous materials, harsher penalties for violations of rail safety regulations, written gas discharge plans, safer tank cars, and the designation of more trains as “high-hazard flammable.”

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 120

**PUBLIC COMMENT - Dr Ronald Lynn Miller, Naomi Mullen, Nicole Graycar, Atan-ti'-k'in-chab, Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaji, Jakob, Yvonne F. Brown**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2023-1288](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Duquesne University for the purpose of spending grant funds not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$150,500.00) dollars to support the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Inside-Out training program.

**Attachments:** [2023-1288 Cover Letter-Inside Out Grant Agreement - Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1288](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

[2023-1289](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Department of Justice COPS Mini Grant Program for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$150,500.00) dollars to support the Police Inside-Out training program with program partner Duquesne University.

**Attachments:** [2023-1289 Cover Letter-DOJ COPS grant letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1289](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

### **COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1297](#) 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 SMALLMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION by two hundred seventeen thousand two hundred forty three dollars and thirty seven cents (\$217,243.37) and increasing COMPLETE STREETS one hundred seventeen thousand two hundred forty three dollars and thirty seven cents (\$117,243.37) and increasing SLOPE FAILURE REMEDIATION by one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**Attachments:** [2023-1297 Summary](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

### **COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1290](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of a portion of Harvard Street (83-P-167), being Parcel B, as laid out on the Subdivision Plan of Block and Lot 83-P-165, as recorded in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate, in Plan Book Volume 290, Page 4, in the 11th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Attachments:** [2023-1290 Cover Letter-Harvard Street Council](#)

[2023-1290-Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1290](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-1291](#) Resolution granting unto GARDEN THEATER BLOCK LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a grease interceptor below the sidewalk, at 4 W. North Avenue, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Attachments:** [2023-1291 Cover Letter-W North Ave Council](#)

[2023-1291-Application 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1291](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-1292](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened portion of Wabash Street, located in the rear of McKnight Street, as shown on Plan of the Denny Estate as recorded in Plan Book Volume 7, page 2, in the 20th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Attachments:** [2023-1292 Cover Letter-Signed Council letter](#)

[2023-1292-Application 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1292](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

#### **COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2023-1293](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Belinda Martin and her attorneys, Friday and Cox, 1405 McFarland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, in the amount of Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500.00 USD) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 21-000491.

***(Executive Session Requested)***

**Attachments:** [2023-1293 Cover Letter-MARTIN letter to council](#)

[Summary 2023-1293](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-1294](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Loeb & Loeb, LLP, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) for legal services related to real estate matters.

**Attachments:** [2023-1294 Cover Letter-Loeb & Loeb Council letter](#)

[2023-1294-WCP23-011 Loeb & Loeb](#)

[Summary 2023-1294](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:**

[2023-1295](#) Resolution amending Resolution 532-2022, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements and amendments thereto for professional services with ePlus Technology, Inc. for system critical adjustments, improvements, and upgrades to maintain the City of Pittsburgh's network functionality at an additional cost not to exceed \$20,000.

**Attachments:** [2023-1295 Cover Letter-ePlus legislation letter 2023 - signed](#)  
[2023-1295-WCP23-010 Eplus](#)  
[Summary 2023-1295](#)

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2023-1296](#) Resolution informing Council of the appointment of Mulu Birru as a Member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority Board of Directors for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

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

Enactment No: 121

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2023-1284](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1214](#) Resolution amending Resolution 124 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Compass Natural Gas for professional services relating to the leasing and maintenance of a mobile CNG fueling station, by extending the term through December 31, 2025 and not to exceed amount by \$378,000.00 for a new cost not to exceed \$756,000.00  
*(Briefing held 2-28-23)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1214 Cover Letter-CNG Letter JP Signed](#)

[2023-1214-CNG - WCP](#)

[Summary 2023-1214](#)

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

**Aye:** 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 3 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

**Abstain:** 0

## **COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

[2023-1285](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for March 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1250](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program" by increasing DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSPECTION SERVICES by \$125,000.

**Attachments:** [2023-1250 Cover Letter-2023 Design Construction](#)

[Inspection Letter 021423 JP Signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1250](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2023-1251](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation through their Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program for costs associated with work on the City's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand (\$125,000.00) Dollars, federally reimbursable at One Hundred percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Zero dollars (\$0.00).

**Attachments:** [2023-1251 Cover Letter-SRTS TA Set-Aside RA Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1251](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2023-1252](#) Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements with HDR Engineering, Inc. for costs associated with the Swindell Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million One Hundred Seven Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Fifty Seven Cents (\$1,173,927.57).

**Attachments:** [2023-1252 Cover Letter-Swindell Bridge Design HDR Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1252](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2023-1255](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 855 of 2011, effective December 29, 2011, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2011 Capital Budget and the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2011 through 2016 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing DISTRICT 5 NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS by ~~eleven thousand eight hundred seven dollars and seventy seven cents (\$11,807.77)~~ **four thousand eight hundred seven dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$4,807.77)** and increasing PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS by ~~eleven thousand eight hundred seven dollars and seventy seven cents (\$11,807.77)~~ **four thousand eight hundred seven dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$4,807.77)**.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

**Attachments:** [Summary 2023-1255](#)

[Summary 2023-1255 Version 2](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Strassburger

[2023-1256](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 864 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 MON-OAKLAND CONNECTOR/FOUR MILE RUN by ~~twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00)~~ **thirty one thousand dollars (\$31,000)** and increasing FOUR MILE RUN PLAYGROUND by ~~twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00)~~ **thirty one thousand dollars (\$31,000)**.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

**Attachments:** [Summary 2023-1256](#)

[Summary 2023-1256 Version 2](#)

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Strassburger

## **COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

[2023-1286](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Senior Services for March 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1157](#) Resolution naming the lower Herschel Park Field as “Dan Barry Field”  
*(Public Hearing held 2/15/23)*

**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 Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

[2023-1181](#) Resolution authorizing renaming Chartiers Field to Chartiers-Windgap Field.  
*(Public Hearing held 2/15/23)*

**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 Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## **COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

[2023-1287](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance Asset Management and Technology for March 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1248](#) Resolution amending Resolution 429 of 2022, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Service Agreement or Agreements with Open Innovation Plans, LLC for records management software services at an overall cost to the City not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS AND NINETY-TWO CENTS (\$131,692.92), to add funding due to an increased scope of work.

**Attachments:** [2023-1248 Cover Letter-Open Innovation Plans - Letter Summary 2023-1248](#)

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

**Aye:** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilwoman Warwick called for a Cablecast Public Hearing on SPIN Scooters.**

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**