

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 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*

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - 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

Absent 1 - Council Member Burgess

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

[2023-1636](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call on the residents of the City of Pittsburgh to be diligent in preventing elder abuse and ensuring that our aging individuals are able to age with dignity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, June 15, 2023 to be “**Elder Abuse Awareness 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: 377

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2023-1635](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on state legislators to adopt House Bill 106 and Senate Bill 240, the Patient Safety Act, and to improve acute healthcare in Pennsylvania and help save the lives of Pennsylvania's hospital patients.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 378

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Jo Deming, Rayden Sorock, Angela Williams, Jamie Marie Christian, naomi mullen, Dr Ronald Lynn Miller, Randall Burns, Tom Mulholland, Ebony LunsfordEvans, Sonita Pittrell, Aborigine American Title Ajaljib-chanal-k'in, Chief Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaji, Abdulkadir chirambo, Stephanie Dangel, Dorsia King, Tab Duckett, Charmaine McDonald, Mark Masterson, Becca Simon, John Hanrahan, Dan Dalton, Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2023-1628](#) Resolution amending Resolution 745 effective 2019, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Professional Service Agreement or Agreements with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for body-worn cameras and tasers to the Bureau of Police, at an additional cost of Forty-Five Million Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and Forty-Five Cents (\$45,277,527.45) over ten years. This new contract amends the existing agreement and includes new provisions for body-worn cameras, tasers, and other related support services.

Attachments: [2023-1628 Cover Letter-Axon 2023 letter](#)
[2023-1628 Q-451269-45064.063JS\[50\]\[66\]](#)
[Summary 2023-1628](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1629](#) Resolution amending Resolution 89 of 2023, which authorized the City Controller to accept updated financial system account strings and pay invoices for those contracts whose funding sources shifted from the Office of Equity into the Office of the Mayor, by adding an additional contract to the list.

Attachments: [2023-1629 Cover Letter-Neighborhood Allies account Mayor Letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1629](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2023-1630](#) Resolution amending Resolution 710-2022, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to adopt an existing government agreement through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program and to enter into any related agreement or agreements and amendments thereto as necessary with Carahsoft Technology Corp. for Google Cloud subscription services, Google Assured Workloads to provide secure storage for sensitive data on the City's cloud platform, and to add Astronomer cloud scheduling, tools, training, and installation services, increasing the 2024 funding for Astronomer and Google Assured Workloads by \$240,000, for a total not to exceed \$4,598,824.38.

Attachments: [2023-1630 Cover Letter-Carahsoft legislation letter 2023 - Astronomer and Google Assured Workloads - signed Summary 2023-1630](#)

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

[2023-1631](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into an Agreement with IndoorVu to improve the management of the City of Pittsburgh's facility spaces for the total cost not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$12,600.00).

Attachments: [2023-1631 Cover Letter-DPW Letter to Council, Space Management Project - IndoorVu - signed 2023-1631 Request for Waiver of Competitive Bid Space Mgmt \(rev. 5-16-23, JH\) fully executed Summary 2023-1631](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1632](#) Resolution appointing Melanie Ngami as a Member of the Planning Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2029.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy . The motion carried.

[2023-1633](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Department of City Planning for Flore Marion, the Mayor's Office for Audrey Wells, the Department of Public Safety for Donna Harper and the Department of Public Works for Thomas Rahuba, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

Attachments: [2023-1633 Acting Pay Memo_4 employees](#)

2023-1633 Acting Pay Request - Flore Marion_JP_Signed

2023-1633 Acting pay request - Harper 20230526_1_JP_Signed

2023-1633 Acting Pay Request_Audrey Wells 2_JP_Signed

2023-1633 DPW Acting Pay Request_Streets Maintenance
Supervisor_Thomas Rahuba_Extension_LF_signed_JP_Signed

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

[2023-1634](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting a Fiscal Audit of the Commission on Human Relations (CHR) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Trust Fund, dated June 2023.

Attachments: [2023-1634 Communication Commission on Human Relations -
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Trust Fund](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-1625](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 7, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1586](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin for expert legal services related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:22-cv-523-CRE for an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$17,951.85).

Attachments: [2023-1586 Cover Letter Marshall Dennehey Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1586](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1587](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Campbell Durrant for expert legal services related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:22-cv-523-CRE for an amount not to exceed Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$29,751.81).

Attachments: [2023-1587 Cover Letter Campbell Durrant Council letter \(Harriet St. balance\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1587](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1588](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle for expert legal services related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:22-cv-523-CRE for an amount not to exceed Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Fort-One Cents (\$21,967.41).

Attachments: [2023-1588 Cover Letter Spilman Thomas Council letter \(Harriet St. balance\)](#)
[Summary 2023-1588](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1589](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. for legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$5,478.15).

Attachments: [2023-1589 Cover Letter Dickie McCamey Council letter \(2023\)](#)
[Summary 2023-1589](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1590](#) Resolution amending Resolution 731 of 2022, which authorized the 2023 fee schedule pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code, by adding a maximum cap for zoning review fees.

Attachments: [2023-1590 Amended Fee Book - Exhibit A](#)
[2023-1590 Cover Letter Amended Fee Book - Letter JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1590](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

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

[2023-1626](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for June 7, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1582](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh (“City”), to enter into an agreement with Bloomfield Development Corporation (“Licensee”) to provide a license, ownership and maintenance agreement for jointly-sponsored asphalt art on Friendship Ave.

Attachments: [2023-1582 Cover Letter Asphalt Art Agreement Letter, Letterhead - signed](#)
[2023-1582 Exhibit A](#)
[Summary 2023-1582](#)

Passed Finally

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1583](#) 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 enter into certain temporary construction easements on certain properties in the 19th Ward of the City in order to advance the Mt. Washington Landslide Remediation Project. Costs for these temporary easements shall not exceed \$2,875.00.

Attachments: [2023-1583 Cover Letter Mt Washington TCE Letterhead - signed](#)
[2023-1583 Mt Washington William St TCE Marshall Offer-r](#)
[2023-1583 Mt Washington WilliamSt TCE Goins Offer-r](#)
[Summary 2023-1583](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1584](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to accept a donation from the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) for Fairywood Park and Playground improvements.

Attachments: [2023-1584 Cover Letter DPW Letter to Council, Fairywood Park and Playground Donation - signed](#)
[2023-1584 DonationAcceptanceForm_FairywoodParkPlayground](#)
[Summary 2023-1584](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

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

[2023-1627](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Senior Services for June 7, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1591](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Sponsorship Agreement or Agreements with Chevrolet for the sponsorship of Pistons in the Park. The City may receive up to \$3,000 per year from this sponsorship.

Attachments: [2023-1591 Cover Letter](#) [2023 Piston Letter Summary](#) [2023-1591](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1592](#) 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 Green Gears for waste management services in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Independence Day Festival at an amount not to exceed ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$11,300.00).

Attachments: [2023-1592 Cover Letter](#) [Green Gears Resolution Letter Summary](#) [2023-1592](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1593](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, a license agreement or agreements with the University of Pittsburgh, Department of Physical Therapy for implementation of the On The Move Program, at no cost to the City. The City will receive \$1,000.00 in revenue for each site that participates in the Program.

Attachments: [2023-1593 Cover Letter On the Move Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1593](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1594](#) Resolution amending Resolution 227 of 2023, authorizing the Department of Parks & Recreation, Office of Special Events, to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into a professional services agreement or agreements with Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon, Inc. (“P3R”) to provide management services for the Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race (“Great Race”), in order to correct an error within the legislation to allow for the payment of \$135,000.00 for prior-year sponsorships.

Attachments: [2023-1594 Cover Letter P3R Resolution Amendment Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1594](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2023-1595](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 342 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and Department of Parks and Recreation to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into an agreement or agreements with Allegheny County, Department of Human Services, for the City's operation of its Senior Community Centers, for the purpose of increasing the allocation amount by TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

Attachments: [2023-1595 Cover Letter Senior Amendment Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1595](#)

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilwoman Warwick called for a cablecast Public Hearing relative to the Verizon Franchise Agreement.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER