

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL***

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council

Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghil, 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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Mosley

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

[2024-0369](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh and Highmark do hereby commend the thousands who participate and urge the entire Pittsburgh School District community to actively participate in this worthwhile event; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 16, 2024 to be ***“Take a Father to School Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 249

[2024-0380](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Pittsburgh Langley PreK-8 for coming together to create a more inclusive and understanding community for individuals with autism and their families; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, April 18, 2024 to be ***“Pittsburgh Langley Autism Walk 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: 250

[2024-0381](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby posthumously recognize Richard C. Raub for his commercial achievements, charitable service, and to a life well-lived; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 20, 2024, to be “**Richard Raub 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: 251

[2024-0382](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does commend Partners For Quality for their continued dedication to providing impactful services to those in need and for being an active member in the community;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Saturday, April 20th, 2024, to be “**Steel City Duck Derby Day**” here in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 252

[2024-0385](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the work of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish as they pray for and serve the community of Mount Washington and the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Sunday, April 21, 2024 to be “**Mary, Queen of Peace Parish 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: 253

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2024-0383](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby urge the members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to create a strong and effective agreement that properly accounts for the complex and differing impacts of plastics on all countries and communities, that can guide the global community toward redesigned systems and products for reuse and recyclability, the reduction and elimination of unnecessary and problematic plastics, and a transformative broader system for justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, April 22, 2024, to be “**Earth Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh and urge all residents, businesses, and institutions to join in efforts to combat plastic pollution, promote environmental sustainability, and work towards a healthier, more resilient planet.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 254

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Michael from Minnesota, Yvonne F. Brown, HP Jackson, Special Agent Sunshine

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2024-0366](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 686 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Amended Professional Service Agreement or Agreements with ShotSpotter, Inc. (d/b/a SST, Inc.) for the continuation and expansion of the City’s gunshot-detection system, by updating the vendor name and increasing the approved amount by \$132,932.00 for an amended total cost not to exceed EIGHT MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,481,204.00) over eight years.

Attachments: [2024-0366 Cover Letter-SOUNDTHINKING - GUNSHOT DETECTION - 2024](#)
[2024-0366 -SOUNDTHINKING - GUNSHOT DETECTION - 2024 - NOTES ON NAME CHANGE](#)
[2024-0366 -SOUNDTHINKING - GUNSHOT DETECTION - 2024 - Proposal PITTPA121123](#)
[Summary 2024-0366](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2024-0367](#) Resolution amending Resolution 165-2023, 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 by increasing the approved amount by Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and extending the contract until August 31, 2024. The amended total cost not-to-exceed of the contract will now be Six Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Twenty Four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$699,024.08).

Attachments: [2024-0367 Cover Letter-ePlus Bulk Services Agreement updated](#)
[legislation letter 4-4-24 - signed](#)
[2024-0367 -WCP24-012 ePlus](#)
[Summary 2024-0367](#)

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

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2024-0368](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 126 Hazelwood Avenue and 0 Hazelwood Avenue, at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2024-0368 Cover Letter-126 Hazelwood](#)
[2024-0368 -3-20-24 Sites C D](#)
[03_COMPONENT_3_FORM_-_SEWAGE_COLLECTION_A](#)
[ND_TREATMENT_FACILITIES-3](#)
[2024-0368 -126 Hazelwood Council Questionnaire](#)
[Summary 2024-0368](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-0370](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of Southwestern PA Commission for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$96,801.00).

Attachments: [2024-0370 Cover Letter-Southwestern Letter JP Signed](#)

[2024-0370 -City of Pgh - 1st and 2nd Installment 2024 - SPC Dues Summary 2024-0370](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-0371](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of CONNECT Congress of Neighboring Communities, for one year membership dues in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$13,781.00).

Attachments: [2024-0371 Cover Letter-CONNECT Letter JP Signed](#)

[2024-0371 -connect Mayor's Office Dues INV & Letter 2024 Summary 2024-0371](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-0372](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority in the amount of NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$98,471.00) for stormwater work completed at Lawn and Ophelia Park.

Attachments: [2024-0372 Cover Letter-Lawn and Ophelia](#)

[2024-0372 -Lawn and Ophelia Letter PWSA.City of Pittsburgh](#)
[2024-0372 -Lawn and Ophelia Park Reimbursement Request.10.19.23](#)
[2024-0372 -Lawn and Ophelia Park Stormwater Project - Reimbursement Backup Summary 2024-0372](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2024-0373](#) Resolution authorizing the City Controller to pay annual Membership dues for 2024 to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies for the CONNECT program at a cost not to exceed Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$6,891.00).

Attachments: [2024-0373 Cover Letter-Contr. CONNECT_2024 04 10](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-0374](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

Attachments: [2024-0374 Cover Letter-Contr. Resolution_2024 04 10](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2024-0375](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department City Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Landmarks SGA, LLC to create historic district guidelines for the Mexican War Streets Expansion, Schenley Farms, and Roslyn Place Historic Districts for an amount not to exceed SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000) Dollars.

Attachments: [2024-0375 Cover Letter-CLG 2023 Grant CONSULTANT LETTER 2](#)
[2024-0375 -Waiver letter- Landmarks SGA \(1\)](#)
[Summary 2024-0375](#)

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2024-0376](#) Communication from City Controller Rachael Heisler submitting an audit of Homewood House located at 7130 Frankstown Avenue, dated February 21, 2024.

Attachments: [2024-0376 Homewood_House_Heisler](#)

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

[2024-0377](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an Annual Parking Enhancement District Report, dated April 1, 2024.

Attachments: [2024-0377 Parking Enhancement District Report - 2023](#)

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

[2024-0378](#) Resolution appointing Steve Mazza as a Member of the Planning Commission with a term to expire January 1, 2030.

Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

[2024-0384](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 105 of 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into an amended Professional Services Agreement with Bromberg & Associates LLC for effective communication services for City meetings and events, by correcting the funding account.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0384](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024-0281](#) Resolution appointing Kirk Burkley as a Member of the Land Bank Board of Directors replacing Karen Brean with a term to expire January 1, 2027.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, 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 Mosley

Enactment No: 255

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2024-0362](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 10, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0216](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Citron Alex, P.C. for 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 TEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$10,475.88) over one year.

(Executive Session held 4/3/24)

Attachments: [2024-0216 Cover Letter-Council Letter Citron](#)

[Summary 2024-0216](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[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.

(Executive Session held 4/3/24)

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

[Summary 2024-0300](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[2024-0323](#) Resolution amending Resolution 703 of 2023 effective 10/31/2023 authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an amended Professional Services Agreement with Fisher Phillips LLP for legal services in connection with collective bargaining, by increasing the approved amount by EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$85,000.00) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$385,000.00) over three years.

Attachments: [2024-0323 Cover Letter-Fisher Philips Council Letter \(March 2024\)](#)
[2024-0323 WCP24-011 Fisher & Phillips approved waiver 3.22.2024](#)
[Summary 2024-0323](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[2024-0324](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Allegheny County Department of Court Records for the purpose of adding funds to a designated drawdown account for filing legal papers on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh for an amount not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,000.00) over one year.

Attachments: [2024-0324 Cover Letter-Council Letter ACDCR](#)
[Summary 2024-0324](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[2024-0325](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ejetta Roberson, and her attorneys, Ainsman Levine, LLC for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 21-002922.

(Executive Session held 4/3/24)

Attachments: [2024-0325 Cover Letter-Council Letter Roberson](#)
[Summary 2024-0325](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[2024-0326](#) 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 reducing CHARLES ANDERSON BRIDGE (TIP) by ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,350,000), increasing COMPLETE STREETS by FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-THREE CENTS (\$577,299.53), increasing FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS by TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$294,428.08), and increasing SLOPE FAILURE REMEDIATION by FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY-NINE CENTS (\$478,272.39).

Attachments: [2024-0326 Cover Letter-2024 Charles Anderson Bridge Local Share Letter 03-22-24 JP Signed 03-28-24](#)
[Summary 2024-0326](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2024-0363](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for April 10, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0321](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Major Cities Chiefs Association in an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$7,500.00), for payment of annual member dues.

Attachments: [2024-0321 Cover Letter-MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOC - MEMBERSHIP - 2024 - COVER](#)
[2024-0321 MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS ASSOC - MEMBERSHIP - 2024](#)
[Summary 2024-0321](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2024-0364](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for April 10, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0327](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Laswell Steel, in the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$23,500.00), for the purpose of Replacement of all missing handrails at Mon Wharf Switchback Pedestrian Bridge; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2024-0327 Cover Letter-letter WARRANT Laswell Steel Operating 3-12-24 - signed](#)
[2024-0327 Copy of Manual PO Request Form for Laswell Steel](#)
[Summary 2024-0327](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2024-0365](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 10, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0343](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2016, effective January 1, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing SOUTHSIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and increasing BRASHEAR ASSOCIATION by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and authorize subsequent agreements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0343](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

[2024-0344](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective January 1, 2020 as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing PITTSBURGH ACTION AGAINST RAPE by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and increasing SOUTHSIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and authorize subsequent agreements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLAND

Attachments: [Summary 2024-0344](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Mosley

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER