

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 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** 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**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Ronald L. Miller, Naomi Mullen, Marcia Bandes, Yvonne F. Brown**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1723](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from HC, Highway Commercial District to SP-9/Bakery Square District, certain property roughly bounded by Penn Avenue, East Liberty Boulevard and the Pittsburgh Regional Transit East Busway, all in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 11th Ward; and by changing from UI, Urban Industrial District to SP-9/Bakery Square District, that certain property roughly bounded by Penn Avenue and the existing easternmost boundary of the SP-9/Bakery Square District; in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 12th Ward.  
*(Sent to the Planning Commission for a report and recommendation on 7/12/23)*

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

**Attachments:** [2023-1723 SP-9 Rezone Parcels](#)

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

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

**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2023-1712](#) Resolution further amending Resolution number 675 of 2008, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget; and approving the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing BROOKLINE BLVD. by \$20,268.07 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$20,268.07.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**Attachments:** [Summary 2023-1712](#)

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

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1713](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh affiliate and ALCOSAN for the sale of Block 9-B, Lots 7, 14, 15, 16, 19, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, and 58 in the 23rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 1) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1713 Cover Letter-ALCOSAN Disposition Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1713](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1714](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh affiliate to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 27-A, Lots 108 and 109 (Council District No. 6) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1714 Cover Letter-Bedford Choice Phase IV Acquisition Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1714](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1715](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh affiliate to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 26th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 45-M, Lots 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 114, 116, 117, 118, 132, 133, 134, 134-A, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, and 152 (Council District No. 6) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1715 Cover Letter-Charles Street Acquisition Letter](#)  
[07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1715](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1716](#) Resolution amending Resolution 852 of 2019, which authorized a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh (the "City") and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (the "URA") to divert 75% of the incremental parking taxes from the Garage (as defined below) up to a maximum of \$25,000,000, to fund general construction costs at the proposed Block E development, part of the greater Lower Hill development project, in the Lower Hill neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh, by updating the project details in the whereas clauses that have changed since original enactment.

**Attachments:** [2023-1716 Cover Letter-Lower Hill Block E PTD Amendment](#)  
[Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1716](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1717](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh affiliate to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 174-J, Lots 134, 135, 243, 244, 279, 281, 282, 283, 283-A, 298, 299, 307, and Block 174-N, Lots 85 and 86 (Council District No. 9) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1717 Cover Letter-North Homewood Avenue Acquisition](#)  
[Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1717](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1718](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh affiliate and University of Pittsburgh - of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, or a related entity, for the sale of Block 29-B, Lots 306 and 308, in the 4th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 3) at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1718 Cover Letter-Technology Drive Disposition Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1718](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1719](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the administration of certain projects and programs, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$750,000.00. (Council Districts: All).  
*(Briefing held 7/18/23)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1719 Cover Letter-2023 PAYGO Letter 07032023.docx](#)  
[Summary 2023-1719](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1722](#) Resolution directing the Department of Finance and the Law Department to produce Deed Restrictions relative to Affordable Housing for the Publicly-Owned Property in the 8th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block & Lot 0051E00163000000. (Council District No. 7).

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**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**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2023-1703](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Reisinger Comber & Miller, LLC for legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$27,472.90) for the 2023 year.

**Attachments:** [2023-1703 Cover Letter-Reisinger Comber Council letter](#)  
[Summary 2023-1703](#)

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

[2023-1704](#) Resolution amending Resolution 726 of 2022, which reappropriated federal American Rescue Plan funding, by updating the approved projects as outlined in Exhibit A, version 5.

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1704 Cover Letter-ARPA Plan Amendment - Letter\\_JP-Signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1704](#)

[2023-1704 VERSION 2 ARPA Plan Amendment - Exhibit A, Version 5.1](#)

[2023-1704 -ARPA Plan Amendment - Exhibit A, Version 5](#)

**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**

[2023-1705](#) Resolution amending Resolution 411 of 2022, which authorized an amended Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (“URA”) for the completion of projects approved in the City of Pittsburgh’s American Rescue Plan, by decreasing the not-to-exceed amount by One Million Dollars to Seventy-One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$71,878,711.00) and by aligning project lines accordingly.

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1705 Cover Letter-ARPA Amendment - URA - Letter\\_JP\\_Signed](#)  
[2023-1705 Summary VERSION 2](#)

Summary 2023-1705

**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**

[2023-1706](#)

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 increasing Bridge Upgrades by \$928,290.01, increasing Capital Equipment Acquisition by \$219,833.99, reducing Complete Streets by \$1,500,000.00, reducing Facility Improvements - Recreation and Senior Centers by \$264,124.88, reducing Information Systems Modernization by \$35,875.12, and increasing Public Safety Equipment by \$651,876.00.

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1706 Cover Letter-ARPA - 2021 Capital Amendment - Letter JP Signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1706](#)

**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**

[2023-1707](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2022 Capital Budget and the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2022 through 2027 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing Capital Equipment Acquisition by \$569,078.55, reducing Complete Streets by \$774,000.00, reducing Facility Improvements - Recreation and Senior Centers by \$1,566,121.00, reducing Information Systems Modernization by \$183,879.00, and increasing Slope Failure Remediation by \$1,954,921.45.

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1707 Cover Letter-ARPA - 2022 Capital Amendment - Letter JP Signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1707](#)

**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**

[2023-1708](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 19, 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 Capital Equipment Acquisition by \$907,063.37, and reducing Facility Improvements - Recreation and Senior Centers by \$257,063.37.

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1708 Cover Letter-ARPA - 2023 Capital Amendment - Letter JP Signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1708](#)

**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**

[2023-1709](#) Resolution amending Resolution 525 of 2021, which authorized an amended cooperation agreement or agreements with the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories for use by City of Pittsburgh Departments, by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$219,833.99) for a new total of Ten Million Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$10,629,313.99).

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1709 Cover Letter-ARPA - 2021 ELA Amendment - Letter JP Signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1709](#)

**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**



[2023-1710](#) Resolution amending Resolution 43 of 2022, which authorized the 2022 cooperation agreement or agreements with the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories for use by City of Pittsburgh Departments, by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$569,078.55) for a new total of Thirteen Million One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eighty-One Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$13,112,081.36).  
*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1710 Cover Letter-ARPA - 2022 ELA Amendment - Letter JP Signed Summary 2023-1710](#)

**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**

[2023-1711](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to commit future 2024 PAYGO capital funds for the local match of the Department of Transportation's RAISE Grant, in an amount not-to-exceed Two Million Two Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$2,274,000).  
*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1711 Cover Letter-RAISE Commitment - Letter JP Signed Summary 2023-1711](#)

**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**

[2023-1724](#) 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 Pittsburgh Arena Real Estate Redevelopment LP, Lower Hill Developer LLC, Parking Partners XXIII Block E LLC, and/or an affiliated entity in the amount of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$900,000.00) to support in the rehabilitation of Ammon Recreation Center.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE**

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

[2023-1725](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an AGREEMENT BETWEEN PITTSBURGH ARENA REAL ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT, LOWER HILL DEVELOPER LLC, PARKING PARTNERS XXIII BLOCK E LLC, AND THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY WITHIN THE BLOCK E PARKING STRUCTURE IN THE LOWER HILL NEIGHBORHOOD OF PITTSBURGH, for the construction of a City Rescue station and/or a City Paramedic station within a parking structure in fulfillment of the Developer's obligation which was part of the Option Agreement for Redevelopment of the Lower Hill.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:**

[2023-1720](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program, and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS by \$57,864.39 and increasing DEMOLITION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$57,864.39.

**Attachments:** [2023-1720 Cover Letter-2016 CDBG DPW to PLI Letter JP Signed Summary 2023-1720](#)

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2023-1721](#) Resolution appointing Peter McDevitt as a board member of the Equipment Leasing Authority for a term to expire on June 15, 2026. Peter McDevitt will fill the seat previously held by R. Daniel Lavelle.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

Enactment No: 431

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2023-1699](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for July 5, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1668](#) Resolution transferring the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) within the 2023 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 2023-1668](#)

**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

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

[2023-1700](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for July 5, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1662](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into certain temporary construction easements, in lieu of taking by eminent domain, on certain properties necessary for completion of a slide remediation project along Saline Street in the 15th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh. Entering into these temporary construction easements will come at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh of Three Dollars (\$3.00).

**Attachments:** [2023-1662 Cover Letter-Saline Street TCE Letterhead - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1662](#)

**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

[2023-1663](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Bridge over RT 51 Near Woodruff Street, also referred to as the Parking Lot Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a cost not to exceed One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

**Attachments:** [2023-1663 Cover Letter-Parking Lot Bridge RA Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1663](#)

**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**

[2023-1701](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management and Technology for July 5, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1664](#) 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, and any Amendment or Amendments thereto, with Rimini Street, Inc. to extend the term of unified software support and services for JD Edwards (JDE), Oracle Technologies (OT), and Oracle Data Base (ODB), at a cost not-to-exceed Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, One Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$595,131) over 4 years and 5 months.

**Attachments:** [2023-1664 Cover Letter-Rimini Street legislation letter 2023 - signed](#)  
[2023-1664 -Rimini Street - waiver - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1664](#)

**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 DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS**

[2023-1702](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for July 5, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1612](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department Finance to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority for the City to provide annual contributions of up to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) to support a 2023 issuance for affordable housing, at a sum not to exceed Sixty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$62,500,000) over twenty-five years.

*(Briefing held 6/20/23)*

*(Executive Session held 6/30/23)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1612 Cover Letter-URA Housing Co-op - Letter](#)  
[Summary 2023-1612](#)

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

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

**No:** 1 - Council Member Coghill

**Abstain:** 0

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**