

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 28, 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

PROCLAMATIONS

[2023-2337](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Ginger Haverlandt for her selfless contributions to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Monday, January 22, 2024, to be "**Ginger Haverlandt 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: 904

[2023-2338](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Susie Kiesel for her selfless contributions to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, December 28, 2023 to be "**Susie Kiesel 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: 905

[2023-2339](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor *Thomas Stangrecki, Linda Rosato-Barone, Anna Kudrav, Lavonnie Bickerstaff, and Phil Carey*, and wish to express our sincere appreciation for their service and sacrifice to the City of Pittsburgh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, December 28, 2023 to be “**A Day of Police Gratitude**” 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: 906

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Ronald Miller

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-2335](#)

Communication from Sally Stadelman, Manager, Pittsburgh Land Bank, submitting the Pittsburgh Land Bank's Annual Report and fourth quarter financials for the year 2023.

Attachments: [2023-2335 PLB 2023 Annual Report](#)
[2023-2335 PLB Q4 2023 financials](#)

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

[2023-2336](#)

Communication from Susheela Nemani-Stanger, Executive Director of the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) submitting the Position and Salary Report as of December 2023.

Attachments: [2023-2336 URA_StaffSalaryReport_12222023](#)

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**

[2023-2331](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for December 18, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-2158](#) Resolution authorizing the fee schedule for 2024 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code.

(Public Hearing held 12/14/23)

Attachments: [2023-2158 Cover Letter Fee Schedule 2024](#)

[2023-2158 -2024 FEE SCHEDULE](#)

[Summary 2023-2158](#)

[2023-2158 VERSION 2 2024 Fee Schedule](#)

[2023-2158 VERSION 3 2024 Fee Schedule-Final](#)

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

[2023-2300](#) Resolution amending Resolution 500 of 2023, which reappropriated federal American Rescue Plan funding, by updating the approved projects as outlined in Exhibit A, version 6.

(Public Hearing held 12/14/23)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

Attachments: [2023-2300 ATTACHMENT ARPA Version 6](#)

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

[2023-2325](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement or Agreements with the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh for the development of Bedford Dwellings Phase IA housing project.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Attachments: [2023-2325 Cover Letter-Bedford Dwellings IA](#)

[Summary 2023-2325](#)

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

[2023-2326](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement or Agreements with the Housing Authority of Pittsburgh for the development of Bedford Dwellings Phase IB housing project

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Attachments: [2023-2326 Cover Letter-Bedford Dwellings IB](#)

[Summary 2023-2326](#)

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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2023-2332](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for December 18, 2023 with a NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION.

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

[2023-2243](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 453 of 2002, providing for an Amended Lease for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police headquarters located at 1203 Western Avenue, extending the term six more years and providing for the payment thereof.

Attachments: [2023-2243 Cover Letter Amended Resolution for PBP](#)
[Headquarters letter](#)
[Summary 2023-2243](#)

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

[2023-2333](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for December 18, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1980](#) Resolution repealing Resolution No. 428 of 2023, effective July 9, 2023, entitled "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 Homewood Community Sports (HCS) for community liaison services at an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$300,000)" by repealing it in its entirety.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

[2023-2133](#)

Resolution authorizing naming the unnamed pavilion in West End Park to the “Steve Beshenich Pavilion”.

(Public Hearing held 12/13/23)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

Aye: 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 BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

[2023-2334](#)

Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for December 18, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-2301](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 615 of 2020, 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 Esri, granting uncapped, citywide access to Esri's products, including ArcGIS Velocity, for all departments. This will allow the City to build and maintain an authoritative system of record. Expanding access to this system of record will enable the City to make data-driven decisions, share information across departments, and perform advanced analytics. It will also share information with the public, meeting the needs of the City of Pittsburgh by increasing the approved amount by \$250,000 for an amended total cost-not-to-exceed One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000) over 4 years.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

Attachments: [2023-2301 Cover Letter-ESRI revised legislation letter - waive Rule 8 - signed](#)
[2023-2301 ESRI request for waiver of competitive process - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-2301](#)

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER