

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 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 Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

[2023-2004](#) WHEREAS, National Employee Ownership Month, first celebrated in 1982 by the National Center for Employee Ownership, is celebrated nationwide, every October; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 631

WILLS OF COUNCIL

[2023-2006](#) WHEREAS, Dianne Feinstein, a tireless advocate, dedicated public servant and trailblazer, passed away on September 29, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of remarkable accomplishments in the vibrant city of San Francisco; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 632

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Ronald L. Miller, Naomi Mullen, Marcia Bandes, Chief Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaji, Ajalajib-chanal-k'in, Yvonne F. Brown, Bernadette

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2023-1988](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$17,598,124.00) for the purchase of radios.

Attachments: [2023-1988 Cover Letter-PCCD Radios Cover Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1988](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2023-1989](#) Resolution amending resolution 413 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements relating to the shared operation and administration of the City of Pittsburgh Child Care Quality Fund, by extending the term through 2024 at no further cost to the City.

Attachments: [2023-1989 Cover Letter-Revised Letter Legislation for amending childcare quality fund and agreement](#)

[Summary 2023-1989](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1990](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 5321 Holmes Street, 10th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2023-1990 Cover Letter-5321 Holmes Cover Letter](#)

[2023-1990 11 DCP-LOT-2022-00361 - signed](#)

[2023-1990 5321 Holmes St Questionnaire for Council](#)

[2023-1990 5321 Holmes Street Resolution Submission](#)

[Summary 2023-1990](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1991](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, in the not to exceed amount of \$48,400.50 for the second installment of 2023 Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission dues.

Attachments: [2023-1991 Cover Letter-Letter - SPC - 2nd payment_JP_Signed](#)
[2023-1991 SPC 2nd half invoice](#)
[Summary 2023-1991](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2023-1992](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Wabash Street (formerly Walnut St), laid out in the Denny Estate Plan of Lots, from the centerline of Lowe Street to its terminus, in the 19th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2023-1992 Cover Letter-Council - Wabash Street](#)
[2023-1992 DOMI-VAC-2022-04041-1900 Lowe St - Wabash](#)
[Summary 2023-1992](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1993](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened, 10ft unnamed way, situate in the 19th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2023-1993 Cover Letter-Council - Unnamed Way](#)
[2023-1993 DOMI-VAC-2022-15962-Augusta Street](#)
[Summary 2023-1993](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1994](#) Resolution granting unto SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, (2) two electrical vaults, a bioretention tree well, and a planting area at 680 Logan Street, in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2023-1994 Cover Letter-Council- Logan](#)
[2023-1994 Application](#)
[Summary 2023-1994](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1995](#) Resolution granting unto OFFICE PARTNERS XXIII BLOCK G1 LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a bio-retention tree pit and a planting area at 626 Washington Place, in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2023-1995 Cover Letter-Council Letter Washington Place](#)

[2023-1995 Washington Pl App2](#)

[Summary 2023-1995](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1996](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of a portion of 5000 Forbes Avenue (53-B-50), in the 14th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2023-1996 Cover Letter-Council - Forbes Ave](#)

[2023-1996 Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1996](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1997](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,450.00) over one year, in favor of Ansen Burr, in full and final settlement of a claim (23C-0147) for damage to a parked vehicle near 234 S. Millvale Avenue from a felled city right-of-way tree.

Attachments: [2023-1997 Cover Letter-Settlement for \\$4,450 of Claim of Ansen](#)

[Burr \(23C-0147\) - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1997](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2023-2001](#) Resolution providing for the formal recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City of Pittsburgh as the second Monday of October to honor and appreciate the plight, contributions, culture, survivance, and achievements of the Indigenous communities in and around the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Burgess, Council Member Wilson and 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 Human Resources

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2023-2000](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as Ella and Emil Keller House, located at 201 N. Murtland Street (126-C-122), in North Point Breeze, in the 14th Ward, City of Pittsburgh. The owner of the property supports the nomination and there is no cost to the City.

(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)

Attachments: [2023-2000 Cover Letter-Keller House Cover Letter](#)

[2023-2000 Keller House City Council Packet](#)

[Summary 2023-2000](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-2003](#) 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 CITY CLERK'S NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS by ninety thousand eight hundred fifty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$90,859.95) and increasing CITY CLERK'S OFFICE MODERNIZATION by ninety thousand eight hundred fifty nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$90,859.95).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [Summary 2023-2003](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1998](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting the City of Pittsburgh Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Attachments: [2023-1998 Q2 Report \(2023\) Document](#)

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

[2023-2002](#) Resolution appointing Sean Luther as a Member of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority Board of Directors with a term to expire September 20, 2027.

Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2023-1898](#) Resolution appointing Terri Shields as a Member of the Citizen Police Review Board with a term to expire October 31, 2027.

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

Enactment No: 633

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-1983](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 27, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1933](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-CV-01567 for an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five dollars and Seventy-Five cents (\$2,445.75) over one year.

Attachments: [2023-1933 Cover Letter-Warrant for \\$2,445.75 for Professional Services of Dickie McCamey - Council Letter Summary 2023-1933](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1934](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Summers, McDonnell, Hudock, Guthrie & Rauch, P.C. for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-CV-01567 for an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine dollars and Eighty-Nine cents (\$19,289.89) over one year.

Attachments: [2023-1934 Cover Letter-Warrant for \\$19,289.89 for Professional Services of Summers McDonnell - Council Letter Summary 2023-1934](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1935](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Christopher P. Boyle for expert fees in connection with a litigation matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:23-cv-51-NR for an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) over one year.

Attachments: [2023-1935 Cover Letter-Warrant for \\$7500 for Profprofessional Services of Chris P Boyle - Council Letter Summary 2023-1935](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1936](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$8,691.12) over one year, in favor of Helen A. Wilson, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0323) for damage to her residence from a felled city-owned tree.

Attachments: [2023-1936 Cover Letter-Settlement for \\$8,691.12 of Claim of Helen A. Wilson \(22C-0323\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1936](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1938](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) over one year, in favor of Keane George, in full and final settlement of a claim (23C-0073) for damage to property from a city Environmental Services vehicle.

Attachments: [2023-1938 Cover Letter-Settlement for \\$5,000 of Claim of Keane George \(23C-0073\) - Council Letter Summary 2023-1938](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1941](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to execute a quit claim deed or deeds, and any other necessary or appropriate documents, agreements, and instruments conveying AS IS all of the City's right, title and interest, if any, in a specified portion of the vacated Union Avenue, comprising the access drive for the Allegheny Commons Apartments and ancillary open space to Allegheny Commons Community Partnership LP for consideration of \$1.00.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1984](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for September 27, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1970](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with CSX Transportation for costs associated with the Construction for the Charles Anderson Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$439,223.00), federally reimbursable at 95%.

Attachments: [2023-1970 Cover Letter Charles Anderson - CSX CON Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1970](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1972](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Allegheny Valley Railroad Company for costs associated with the Construction for the Charles Anderson Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), federally reimbursable at 95%.

Attachments: [2023-1972 Cover Letter Charles Anderson - AVRR CON Letter Summary 2023-1972](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1981](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Duquesne Light Company, in the amount of Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and Fifty Seven Cents (\$72,918.57), in emergency payment for non-contracted work on the Homewood Park reconstruction project.

Attachments: [2023-1981 COVER LTR Homewood DLC Warrant - signed \(1\) Summary 2023-1981](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2023-1985](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for September 27, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1932](#) Resolution providing for issuance of a warrant in favor of Global Wordsmiths in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Sixty-Six Cents (\$23,976.66) for professional services related to translation of outreach materials and vital documents for the year 2023.

Attachments: [2023-1932 Cover Letter-Council re warrant Global Wordsmiths 20230906](#)
[2023-1932 Global Wordsmiths invoices](#)
[Summary 2023-1932](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1986](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Senior Services for September 27, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1939](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, or another vendor chosen through the City's bid process, for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2023-2024 Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00).

Attachments: [2023-1939 Cover Letter-2023 Food Program - Council Ltr](#)

[Summary 2023-1939](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1987](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for September 27, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1971](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for costs associated with the Charles Anderson Memorial Bridge project where PWSA would be responsible for paying 100% of the actual expenses involved in certain work to be described in the Agreement(s).

Attachments: [2023-1971 Cover Letter Charles Anderson - PWSA PE Letter -](#)

[signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1971](#)

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 Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2023-2005](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognizes Bike Share Pittsburgh to be a civic and/or service organization within the context of the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act, as amended.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

Enactment No: 634

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER