



# City of Pittsburgh

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chambers

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### STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

#### PRE-AGENDA - APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS

- [2024-1203](#) Resolution appointment of Ronald Porter as a Member of the Equal Opportunity Review Commission with a term to expire November 1, 2028.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Interview Held. The motion carried.**

#### ROLL CALL

- Present** 9 - Council Member Wilson, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Warwick, Council Member Gross, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Mosley

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

**Laura Totin Codori**  
**Andrea Boykowycz**  
**Dayton Davis**  
**Tim Stevens**  
**Special Agent Sunshine**  
**Yvonne F. Brown**

#### FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

#### SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

- [2024-1270](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing Sport Facilities by \$100,000.00 and increasing Play Area Improvements by \$100,000.00.  
**A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.**

#### NEW PAPERS

[2024-1236](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Marya A. Pendro-Thomson, and her attorney, Rabner Law Offices, P.C., for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$9,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 23-012655.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1237](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cassandra Hoskey, and her attorney, Rabner Law Offices, P.C., for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$75,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 15-010500.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1238](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Suad Ibrahim, and their attorneys, Kontos, Mengine, Killion & Hassen, 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. 21-09041.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1239](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Kush T. Patel, and his attorneys, Woomer & Talerico, for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 21-011083.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1240](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Iron City Ventures, LLC for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$7,500.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 17-010131.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1241](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Sarah Pratt, and her attorneys, HKM Employment Attorneys, LLP, for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$130,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:23-cv-1102.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1242](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gordon M. Brown, and his attorney, Rabner Law Offices, P.C., for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$200,000.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:22-cv-0787.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1243](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Frost Brown Todd, LLC for legal services in connection with a sports facility usage fee tax dispute for an amount not to exceed TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$27,236.00) over one year.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1244](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Joanna Obuzor, for a single payment in 2024 in an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$7,500.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:23-cv-1488.

*(Executive Session held 11/26/24)*

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

[2024-1245](#)

Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through Q: A: 4331 Dakota Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6), ~~B: 251 Brereton Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7), C: 0 Brereton Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7)~~, D: 5369 Warble Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9), E: 5217 Natrona Way (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7), F: 521 Kendall Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7), G: 7053 Chaucer Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9), H: 0 Bricelyn Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9), I: 0 Bricelyn Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9), J: 0 Millbridge Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3), K: 0 Millbridge Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3), L: 2929 Zephyr Avenue (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2), M: 0 Itin Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1), N: 239 E Jefferson Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6), O: 1440 Sandusky Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6), P: 0 Sunset Avenue (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1), Q: 1637 Marilyn Street (COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5).

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

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

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

**A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.**

[2024-1246](#)

Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Chapter 210 of the City Code (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”), the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to accept a donation from Varonis of professional services to conduct an assessment of data security risks to the City of Pittsburgh, at an estimated market value of \$40,000; and further to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments thereto with Varonis for such professional services. There is no cost to the City.

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

[2024-1247](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Bloomberg Philanthropies for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities (BASC) Initiative in the amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$120,000.00) dollars for the City’s Innovation Team project.

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

**INVOICES****INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

**The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the December 4th, 2024 Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.**

**CITY COUNCIL/ CITY CLERK**

**Julianne Hluska – reimburse for Northside Chamber Gala tickets (Dist 1) 250.00**

**James Ross – internship payment (Dist 3) 250.00**

**Jewish Chronicle – advertisement (Dist 5) 285.00**

**DEPT OF CITY PLANNING**

**Lisa M Ray – reimbursement for meeting refreshments 50.99**

**Church Paper Inc – office supplies 44.28**

**DEPT OF INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE**

**Cherin Abdelsamie – reimbursement for parking 22.00**

**Christopher Bolasco – reimbursement for GovAI supplies 76.55**

**ETHICS HEARING BOARD**

**Allegheny County Bar Association – legal advertisement 78.00**

**CONTROLLER’S OFFICE**

**John Weiland – reimbursement for office supplies 113.14**

**DEPT OF LAW**

**The Allegheny County Bar Association – advertisement 1,740.00**

**Lenihan ADR LLC – mediation services 1,933.33**

**DEPT OF FINANCE**

**New Pittsburgh Courier – advertisement for treasurers’ sale 4,727.30**

**New Pittsburgh Courier - advertisement for treasurers’ sale 2,323.28**

**New Pittsburgh Courier - advertisement for treasurers’ sale 3,611.20**

**New Pittsburgh Courier - advertisement for treasurers’ sale 4,102.66**

**The Master’s Touch, LLC – specialty envelopes 31.50**

**DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**John Tokarski – reimbursement for meeting refreshments 30.96**

**ACME Environmental dba ACME Products Co. – supplies 440.00**

**BUREAU OF POLICE**

**Kevin Foley – reimbursement for Sgt Chevrons 180.00**

**Michelle Piscitella – reimbursement for Sgt Chevrons 162.00**

**Filter Queen – water filters 420.17**

**Patrick J Eaken – training reimbursement 814.00**

**Allison Troup – negotiator role play training 400.00**

**Anthony Burke – training reimbursement 724.00**

**DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Construkt – window frosting for PLI testing rooms 1,810.00**

**Turf & Soil Diagnostics – soil testing for Homewood Park 1,070.00**

**DEPT OF PERMITS LICENSES & INSPECTIONS**

**Dave Green – reimbursement for professional certification 242.24**

**DEPT OF MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Eco-Counter – battery replacements for bike counters 895.00**

**Electra Tarp Inc – promotional materials for Safe Routes to School 4,999.00**

**Custom Products Corporation – sign & paint shop supplies 4,999.00**

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

**INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS**

**To: The Honorable President and Members of Council**

**From: Office of Management and Budget**

**Date: 12/2/2024**

**Re: Intradepartmental transfer**

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**Dear President and Members of Council:**

**Per Resolution 860 of 2023, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2024 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):---**

**Department of Public Works – Bureau of Environmental Services**

**Amount from: \$3,000.00 from 430000.54103 Disposal - Refuse**

**Amount to: \$3,000.00 to 430000.53901 Professional Services**

**This transfer is to cover recycling services.**

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

**P-CARD APPROVALS**

[Item](#) P-Cards  
[0041-2024](#)

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



**PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR****NEW PAPERS**[2024-1226](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with A Step Up Veterinary, Inc. for professional licensed veterinary services to the City's Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Animal Care & Control, at an overall cost to the City not to exceed TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$292,390.48) over four years.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MRS. WARWICK, CHAIR****SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**[2024-1271](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement, or Agreements, or the use of existing agreements, with the Pittsburgh Public Schools (“PPS”), for the purpose of renovating the playground on PPS-owned property known as Westwood Park where Westwood PreK-5 School resides, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

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

**NEW PAPERS**[2024-1249](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Agreement or Agreements with SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc. for costs associated with the CBD Signals Phase 4 Project; providing for payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$633,887.46), an increase of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$57,999.82) from the previously passed authorization (688 of 2024).

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

[2024-1251](#) Resolution authorizing an interdepartmental transfer in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Facilities to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Administration to pay for utility expenses.

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

## **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. CHARLAND, CHAIR**

### **NEW PAPERS**

[2024-1223](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement that will amend Resolution 97 of 2024, which authorized a Professional Services contract between the City of Pittsburgh and UPMC Benefit Management Services, Inc., d/b/a WorkPartners EAP Life Solutions for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Employee Assistance Program by extending the contract for one year, increasing the approved amount by Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$49,500.00), for a new total cost not to exceed Ninety-Nine Thousand dollars (\$99,000.00).

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

[2024-1224](#) Resolution amending resolution No. 95 of 2024, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) with P&A Group for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) program by adding One Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) and extending the contract for three (3) years, for a new total not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) over the course of four years.

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

[2024-1225](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Agreement(s) with Lewis Neatrou Consulting to provide strategic planning and training to the Commission over one (1) year at a total cost not-to-exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000).

*(Waiver of Competitive Process Requested)*

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

## **LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR**

### **DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2024-0819](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Introduction and Establishment, Section 902.03, Zoning Map, to rezone parcels 83-J-300, 83- K-104, and 83-K-102 from R2-M (Two-Unit Residential, Moderate Density) to RM-VH (Multi-Unit Residential, Very High Density) and parcels 83-J-301, 83-K-48, 83-K-60, and a portion of 83-K-61 from RM-M (Multi-Unit Residential, Moderate Density) to RM-VH (Multi-Unit Residential, Very High Density) in the East Liberty neighborhood.

*(Public Hearing held 10/23/24)*

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

## NEW PAPERS

[2024-1252](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ecotone in the amount of Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000.00) dollars for composting services at the Homewood Healthy Active Living Center in fulfillment of the SoilMill Pgh Pilot, a component of the USDA Grant.

*(Waiver of Competitive Process Requested)*

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

## RECREATION, YOUTH, AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, MRS. KAIL-SMITH, CHAIR

### SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2024-1268](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with four organizations to support large-scale investments in Pittsburgh's food system as part of the "Food Justice initiatives" American Rescue Plan Act allocation, at a total cost not to exceed One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000) over two years.

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

## INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

### NEW PAPERS

[2024-1229](#) Resolution amending Resolution 341-2023, 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 amendments thereto with Granicus, Inc. in a form approved by the City Solicitor for website content management, by increasing the approved amount by Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$211,613) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars (\$495,608) over three years.

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

[2024-1230](#) 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 amendments thereto with eDocs Technologies, LLC for the implementation of an enterprise-wide content management system (ECM), to serve as the central platform for managing all digital content across City departments. Total cost is not-to-exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) over one year.

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

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR. MOSLEY, CHAIR**

### **NEW PAPERS**

[2024-1215](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to document local cooperation and the Housing Authority's agreement to make payments in lieu of taxes for Bedford Dwellings Phase II (which consists of Bedford Phases IIA, IIB and IIC) housing development.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE**

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

[2024-1231](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000.00) dollars for the purpose of supporting the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Homewood Avenue Revitalization Program.

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

[2024-1232](#)

Resolution authorizing the approval of the 2025 Housing Opportunity Fund Annual Allocation Plan (Council Districts All).

**A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs, due back by 12/11/2024. The motion carried.**

[2024-1233](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and TREK Development, Inc., or a related entity, for the sale of a to-be-subdivided portion of Block 25-S, Lot 112, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (2829 Bedford Avenue - Council District No. 6), at no cost to the City.

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

[2024-1234](#)

Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Manchester-Chateau Transit Revitalization Investment District Phase 1 Implementation Plan and related agreements (Council District 6).

**A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Public Hearing. The motion carried.**

**A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Post Agenda. The motion carried.**

[2024-1235](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Jamal McDonald for the sale of Block 174-B, Lot 202, in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Mount Vernon Street - Council District No. 9), at no cost to the City.

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