

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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, Corey O'Connor, Erika Strassburger, Bobby Wilson*

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kim Clark-Baskin, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2022-0172](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish community, hereby declare the days of March 12 - 17, 2022 to be "**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 91

[2022-0173](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council for the City of Pittsburgh joins Chapter 161 of NAWIC in recognizing and commending the women who participate in the construction industry throughout our region for their steadfast work; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby proclaims **the week of of March 6-12, 2022** as "**WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK**."

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 92

[2022-0176](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Andy Henderson for his contributions to the local entertainment sector, the LGBTQ community, and the spirits of Pittsburghers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 10, 2022 to be “Andy Henderson Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 93

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2022-0174](#)

Ordinance, amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, by adding chapter 257: Medical and Higher-Education Facilities User Privilege Tax, pursuant to the Authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act, 1965, December 31, P.L. 1257, et seq. and the City of Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0175](#)

Resolution for the creation of a special trust fund to be known as the “City of Pittsburgh Infrastructure Fund, for the deposit of funds to be used for the improvement, maintenance, creation, and operation of infrastructure owned by the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2022-0164](#) Resolution providing for a third supplemental agreement with Michael Baker for Contract Administration and Construction Inspection Service costs associated with the Small Grants Projects Agreement and providing for the payment of costs thereof relating to Washington Boulevard Trail, not to exceed Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Three dollars and Fifty Three cents (\$72,153.53); a Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Nine Dollar and Sixty Six Cent (\$10,469.66) increase from the previous agreement.

Attachments: [2022-0164 Cover Letter501-Sign_Small Grants - Washington Boulevard Trail Sup 3 Letter Summary 2022-0164](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2022-0165](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 483 of 2018, which authorized a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC for professional consulting services for federal government affairs and legislative services, by extending the term for two additional years and by increasing the authorized amount by \$124,000.

Attachments: [2022-0165 Cover Letter-OMB - Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney letter_Signed Summary 2022-0165](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2022-0166](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 484 of 2018, which authorized a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Malady & Wooten, Inc. for professional consulting services for state government affairs and legislative services, by extending the term for two years and by increasing the authorized amount by \$132,000.

Attachments: [2022-0166 Cover Letter-OMB - Malady Wooten letter_Signed Summary 2022-0166](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2022-0167](#) Resolution amending Resolution 478 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into amended Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Ceridian, Human Capital Management, Inc., by increasing the not to exceed amount by \$331,227.00 for services relating to the benefits module and its implementation.

Attachments: [2022-0167 Cover Letter-COUNCIL LETTER-BENEFITS MODULE](#)
[Summary 2022-0167](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2022-0168](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Exponent, Inc., P.O. Box 200283, Dept. 002, Dallas, TX 75320-0283 for professional engineering services in connection with claims and litigation for the Fern Hollow Bridge, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Seventy Five Dollars and No Cents (\$175,000.00).
(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2022-0168 Cover Letter-Exponent Council letter](#)
[Summary 2022-0168](#)
[2022-0168 WCP22-004 Exponent](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2022-0169](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of International Trauma Life Support Pennsylvania, c/o UPMC Hamot, 3330 Peach Street, Suite 202, Erie, PA 16508, in an amount not to exceed SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,600.00), for trauma and life support certifications necessary to the mission of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

Attachments: [2022-0169 Cover Letter-ITLS warrant letter](#)
[Summary 2022-0169](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2022-0170](#) Resolution amending Resolution 152 of 2019, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Agreement or Agreements with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) for training and certification services regarding Department of Public Safety boat operations at a sum not to exceed Six Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$679,000) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2022-0170 Cover Letter-NASBLA training letter](#)

[Summary 2022-0170](#)

[2022-0170 WCP22-003 NASBLA](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2022-0171](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 674 of 2020 authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Amended License Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and Plaza at Grandview Owner's Association at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$104,400). Resolution No. 674 must be amended in order to correct applicable funding accounts in future lease years.

Attachments: [2022-0171 Cover Letter-Plaza at Grand View letter](#)

[Summary 2022-0171](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2022-0161](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 2, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0095](#) Resolution establishing the Pittsburgh Affordable Housing Implementation and Finance Committee.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0109](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ronald James Madero, c/o Jeremy A. Mercer, 6 PPG Place, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$125,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:19-cv-700.

(Executive Session held 2/23/22)

Attachments: [2022-0109 Cover Letter-Ltr to Council for Resoluion](#)

[Summary 2022-0109](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0135](#) 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 reducing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$1,700,000 and increasing 30th STREET BRIDGE by \$1,700,000.

Attachments: [2022-0135 Cover Letter-2021 30th St Bridge Letter 021422_signed](#)

[Summary 2022-0135](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0136](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, 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 reducing BRIDGE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND (TIP) by \$800,000 and increasing 30TH STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$800,000.

Attachments: [2022-0136 Cover Letter-2022 30th St Bridge Letter 021422 signed Summary 2022-0136](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0137](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 713 of 2021, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Agreement of Sale with Smith & Bowen, and all documents necessary, to purchase 80 Wabash St. along with two vacant parcels adjacent thereto for a total amount not to exceed \$374,000, which includes the purchase price of \$344,000 plus up to \$30,000 in acquisition costs, for the purpose of continued operation of the City's West End Healthy Active Living Center (Senior Center).

Attachments: [2022-0137 Cover Letter-Amended 80 Wabash St Purchase Council Letter Summary 2022-0137](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0139](#) Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, which authorized the sale of property in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, due to an incompleteness of sale.

Item A: A: 7110 Race.

Attachments: [2022-0139 Cover Letter-Forfeit_Feb_2022 Council Letter](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0140](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A and B: A: 220 Carver, B: 7127 Race.

Attachments: [2022-0140 Cover Letter-Side Yard_Feb_2022 Council Letter](#)
[2022-0140 -Side Yard_Feb_2022](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2022-0162](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 2, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0128](#) Resolution providing for an agreement with CDM Smith for Construction Inspection and Contract Administration Services for the 30th Street Bridge Preservation Project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Hundred Eight-Four Thousand Four Hundred and One Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$384,401.24).

Attachments: [2022-0128 Cover Letter-Sign_30th Street Bridge CMD Smith Letter_kal](#)
[Summary 2022-0128](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0129](#) Resolution amending resolution No. 662 of 2019 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County’s (RAAC) Gaming Economic Development fund for up to \$500,000.00 to provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at Davis Avenue” to accept the grant and authorize necessary expenditures.

Attachments: [2022-0129 Cover Letter-Sign_Davis Aver Letter - GEDF - amend \(1\)-kal](#)
[Summary 2022-0129](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0130](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to receive grant funding from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding for the Frankstown Avenue Signal Replacement Project in the amount of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE (\$3,322,679.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2022-0130 Cover Letter-Sign_SPC CMAQ Frankstown Ave Letter \(1\) kal](#)
[2022-0130 -CMAQ 2021 Award Letters Frankstown Ave Summary 2022-0130](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2022-0131](#) Resolution amending resolution No. 659 of 2019 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County’s (RAAC) Gaming Economic Development fund for up to \$500,000.00 to provide funding for the development of the West End Trolley Trail” to accept the grant and authorize necessary expenditures.

Attachments: [2022-0131 Cover Letter-Sign_Trolley Trail Letter - GEDF - amend \(2\) kal](#)
[Summary 2022-0131](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2022-0163](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for March 2, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[2022-0132](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 201 of 2021, entitled “Resolution providing for an Agreement with the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, to provide training on the Fair Housing Act to staff of the City of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and/or Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, and to private landlords operating in Pittsburgh; and, to provide quarterly presentations and technical assistance on the Fair Housing Act to staff of the City of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and/or Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$259,000.00)” to change the funding source for budget years 2022 through 2024 to the CDBG ADMINISTRATION line item.

Attachments: [2022-0132 Cover Letter-Amended Legislation for Fair Housing Partnership Letter 02.17.22 signed Summary 2022-0132](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER