

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 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**[2023-2137](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Federation of War Veterans Societies of Allegheny County for their continued dedication to all of our veterans and hard work in making each year's Veterans Day parade a great success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, November 11, 2023, to be "***Federation of War Veterans Societies 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: 726

[2023-2138](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the winners of the 2023 Greenfield Community Awards and congratulates Greenfield Organized Against Drugs on a successful year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, November 11, 2023, to be "***Greenfield Community Awards Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 727

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Naomi Mullen, Ronald Lynn Miller, Yvonne Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2023-2118](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for RHYTHM SQUARE AT 2239 CENTRE AVENUE, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-2119](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1106 Reedsdale Street, 21st Ward, City of Pittsburgh, PA 15233, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2023-2120](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to execute necessary documents for the transmission of a drainage easement, temporary construction easement, and utility easement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") over certain parcels in the 14th Ward, in lieu of eminent domain, in order to facilitate advancement of PennDOT's Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-2121](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a permanent easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company to provide, install, use, own, operate, maintain, repair, renew, and finally remove one (1) anchor attached to pole #DLS367618 located upon city-owned property in Homewood Park (Parcel 0125-S000150-0000-00) at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-2122](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to 2826 Edwards Way Associates, LLC and its' attorneys McMillen Law Office, LLC, at a cost not-to-exceed One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars and No Cents (\$174,320.00), in full and final settlement of litigation, filed at No. G.D. 18-007439 in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

(Executive Session Requested)

Waived under Rule 8

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-2123](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Sherry Kleindl and David Kleindl, and their attorneys, Meyer Darragh, in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-009766.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-2124](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Michael J. Weismantle and his attorneys, Woomer & Talarico, in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-00926.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-2125](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of Public Safety, Director of Finance, and Director of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Lease Agreement or Agreements with PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. for providing a police substation at 439 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA over a five-year term beginning January 2024 with a total cost not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$590,150) over 5 years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-2126](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing Section 197.09 of the City Code under Article XI of Title One: Administrative, by clarifying the discretionary roles of the Mayor's Office, City Council, and the Ethics Hearing Board in managing the budgetary expenses of the Ethics Hearing Board, and eliminating the role of the Ethics Hearing Board in determining the terms and conditions of their staff's employment.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2023-2127](#) 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 or amendments thereto with Risk Factor, LLC for a subscription to Risk Factor First Street Foundation database for all data and hazard layers for all perils and all parcels in the City of Pittsburgh, enabling support of City departments in planning for weather related hazards, at a cost not-to-exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) over 1 year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology

[2023-2136](#)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a quit claim deed conveying all right, title, and interest in 5033 Electric Street and dedicating said property as part of the Hazelwood Greenway.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:[2023-2128](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor's Office to enter a one-year mini reimbursement agreements for the 2023 Love Your Block program at a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

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

[2023-2129](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Urban League of Pittsburgh, for the implementation/administration of the Housing Counseling Program, and related costs, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

[2023-2130](#)

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" so as to grant \$25,000 to Brashear Association and authorize a subsequent Agreement.

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

[2023-2131](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective January 1, 2020 as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing CITYVIEW CHURCH by \$2,500 and increasing ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD BANK by \$2,500, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-2132](#) Resolution transferring the amount of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) 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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-2133](#) Resolution authorizing naming the unnamed pavilion in West End Park to the “Steve Beshenich Pavilion”.

(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services

[2023-2134](#) Resolution appointing Virginia Beck 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 Held for Interview. The motion carried.

[2023-2135](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Special Report of the City of Pittsburgh Parks Tax Trust Fund, dated October 2023.

Read, Received and Filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-2113](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2023-1834](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161, Contracts, Sections 161.02 - Competitive Bidding; Exceptions, 161.02A - Award of Professional Services Agreements and 161.02B - Exemptions From Competitive Process to amend the approval processes for professional services agreements and exemptions from the same.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

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

[2023-2082](#) 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 of six (6) safety ladders from Friends of the Riverfront valued at Twelve Thousand Forty dollars (\$12,040.00), to be installed along the southern shore of the Allegheny River from Rachel Carson Bridge to Point State Park at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2114](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for November 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2023-2068](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Department of Public Safety to apply for a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's Gaming Economic Tourism Fund for the purchase of non-fluorinated firefighting foam in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) for this stated purpose.

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 BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2023-2115](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for November 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2023-2074](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company to provide a permanent easement for the relocation of its electrical system in Hays Woods (Parcels 31-G-200, 31-G-202, and 32-H-100) at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2076](#)

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 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light Go Program in the amount of Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$430,000.13) to upgrade traffic control switches.

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

[2023-2077](#)

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 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light Go Program in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$954,552.43) to replace traffic signals at the intersections of Penn Avenue and Highland Avenue, South Aiken Avenue and Ellsworth Avenue, and Bayard Street and Neville Street.

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

[2023-2078](#)

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Lori Hepner, for costs associated with the Davis Ave Bridge project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Fifty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$54,444.00), an increase of Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$24,444.00) to the amount previously authorized by Resolution 205 of 2022 to add additional funding for Public Art as part of the project.

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

[2023-2079](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Gulisek Construction LLC for costs associated with Construction for the Critical Sidewalk Gaps project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$1,156,475.35), reimbursable at 100%.

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

[2023-2080](#)

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Gannett Fleming Inc. for costs associated with the Mount Washington Landslide Mitigation project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,157,000.000), an increase of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$157,000.00) to the amount previously authorized by Resolution 636 of 2021 to add additional funding for the Services During Construction Phase of the project.

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

[2023-2081](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Power Contracting Company for costs associated with Construction for the Pittsburgh Downtown Wayfinding project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$1,761,235.00), reimbursable at 100%.

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

[2023-2102](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with SAI Consulting Engineers for costs associated with the Construction Management and Construction Inspection phases for the Charles Anderson Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$2,854,186.11), federally reimbursable at 95%.

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

[2023-2116](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management and technology for November 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2023-2083](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into an agreement and/or agreement(s) and amendments thereto with Twilio for internet-based communications services required to support various City of Pittsburgh customer engagement communications, at a cost not-to-exceed Two Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$238,325) over 2 years.

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

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

No: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Burgess

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

[2023-2117](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for November 1, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2023-2069](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 442 52nd Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2070](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Miller and Reed Street, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2071](#) 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 Citizen Science Lab, or a related entity, for the sale of Block 27-A, Lots 177, 178, 179, 180, 180-A, 181, 182, 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, and 189 in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6), at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2072](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$9,500,000. (Council Districts: All)

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

[2023-2073](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh designating URA as the City's agent for administration of the 2023-2024 HOME Investments Partnership Program at a cost not to exceed \$2,557,679. (Council Districts: All)

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