

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 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

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1343](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Women in Data Science for providing inspiration, education, community and support for women in the field of data science; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, March 24-25, 2023 to be “**Women in Data Science Days**” 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: 143

[2023-1344](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh commends Wendi Miller for her personal grace, strength, and openness and thanks her for her magnificent contribution to the LGBTQIA+ community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 8, 2023 to be “**Wendi Miller Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 144

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Naomi Mullen, Renee Wilson, Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaji, Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1327](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Arena and Sports Performance Complex project which will involve the development of a new six-story arena and associated three-story sports performance complex. The site address is 3719 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, in the 4th Ward.

Attachments: [2023-1327 Cover Letter-3719 Terrace Sewer Module](#)
[2023-1327-City Council - SFPM Package_ASPC](#)
[2023-1327-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council_ASPC](#)
[Summary 2023-1327](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1328](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 806 of 2018, entitled “Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA’s application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,000,000 for the Stevens Elementary School Redevelopment project” to increase the grant amount to up to \$1,500,000 and authorize spending.

Attachments: [2023-1328 Cover Letter-Stevens RACP legislation - signed \(1\)](#)
[Summary 2023-1328](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2023-1329](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of PA Municipal League, in the amount of \$52,962.24 for 2023 Pennsylvania Municipal League Dues.

Attachments: [2023-1329 Cover Letter-PA Municipal League warrant letter JP Signed](#)
[2023-1329-City of Pittsburgh Dues \(Inv. 2023-38\)](#)
[Summary 2023-1329](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2023-1330](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the State Office of the Fire Commissioner for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) dollars to support repairs to Medic 10.

Attachments: [2023-1330 Cover Letter-OFC-Medic10 - signed1](#)

[Summary 2023-1330](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1331](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Final Design and Construction phases of the Frankstown Ave Signal Improvement project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Four Million One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Nine Dollars (\$4,153,349.00) dollars, reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000.00) dollars.

Attachments: [2023-1331 Cover Letter-Frankstown Ave RA Letter rev](#)

[Summary 2023-1331](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1332](#) Resolution providing for a supplemental agreement or agreements with Michael Baker International, Inc. for costs associated with the Charles Anderson Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$3,130,324.66), an increase of One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,955,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (52850-1).

Attachments: [2023-1332 Cover Letter-Charles Anderson Michael Baker Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1332](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1333](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) to recoup yearly costs associated with the City's participation and attendance in the Member Planning Agency Participation Services.

Attachments: [2023-1333 Cover Letter-UPWP Member Planning Agency](#)

[Participation Services RA Letter - signed rev](#)

[Summary 2023-1333](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1334](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Rizer Consulting LLC in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for professional services related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:22-cv-523-CRE.

Attachments: [2023-1334 Cover Letter-Rizer Consulting Council letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1334](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1335](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$37,027.50) to reimburse the city for the installation of 10 dual hosed electric charging stations.

Attachments: [2023-1335 Cover Letter-2021 Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Infrastructure Letter 031423 JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1335](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1336](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Office and Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE (\$253,125.00) dollars to reimburse the city for the purchase of 45 all electric vehicles.

Attachments: [2023-1336 Cover Letter-2022 Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant EV Fleet Letter 031223 JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1336](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1337](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$1,345,000) Dollars to purchase three electric recycling packers and five compressed natural gas garbage trucks.

Attachments: [2023-1337 Cover Letter-2022 Driving PA Forward Grant EV Recycling Packers Letter 03142023 JP Signed Summary 2023-1337](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2023-1338](#) Ordinance clarifying a street name discrepancy of ALLEQUIPPA STREET between Sutherland Drive and Utterback Drive as located the Fourth/Fifth Wards of the City of Pittsburgh as per recommendation by the City of Pittsburgh Addressing Committee (CPAC). The following street name was clarified by CPAC in January 2023. The name listed in this ordinance shall be made official in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four, Public Places and Property, Chapter 420 Uniform Street Naming and Addressing.

Attachments: [2023-1338 Cover Letter-Allequippa Street Naming letter - signed 2023-1338-Clarifying Allequippa Street 8 5x11LB Summary 2023-1338](#)

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

[2023-1339](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of City Planning and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a license agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company, Inc. and Pittsburgh Parking Authority for the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations at 6117 Kirkwood Street.

Attachments: [2023-1339 Cover Letter-EV Legislation PPA \(1\) Summary 2023-1339](#)

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

[2023-1340](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of City Planning and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a license agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company, Inc. and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations at One Schenley Drive.

Attachments: [2023-1340 Cover Letter-EV Legislation Phipps \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1340](#)

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

[2023-1341](#) 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 TRAIL DEVELOPMENT by five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) and increasing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - SPORT FACILITIES by two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) and COMPLETE STREETS by three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Attachments: [Summary 2023-1341](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1342](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb, submitting the fiscal audit of the Shade Tree Trust Fund (STTF), dated March 2023.

Attachments: [2023-1342 Communication Department of Public Works - Shade Tree Trust Fund](#)

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

[2023-1323](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 15, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1294](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Loeb & Loeb, LLP, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) for legal services related to real estate matters.

Attachments: [2023-1294 Cover Letter-Loeb & Loeb Council letter](#)

[2023-1294-WCP23-011 Loeb & Loeb](#)

[Summary 2023-1294](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1297](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing SMALLMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION by two hundred seventeen thousand two hundred forty three dollars and thirty seven cents (\$217,243.37) and increasing COMPLETE STREETS one hundred seventeen thousand two hundred forty three dollars and thirty seven cents (\$117,243.37) and increasing SLOPE FAILURE REMEDIATION by one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

Attachments: [2023-1297 Summary](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS**

[2023-1324](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for March 15, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1288](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Duquesne University for the purpose of spending grant funds not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$150,500.00) dollars to support the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Inside-Out training program.

Attachments: [2023-1288 Cover Letter-Inside Out Grant Agreement - Letter Summary 2023-1288](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1289](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Department of Justice COPS Mini Grant Program for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$150,500.00) dollars to support the Police Inside-Out training program with program partner Duquesne University.

Attachments: [2023-1289 Cover Letter-DOJ COPS grant letter Summary 2023-1289](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1325](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for March 15, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1290](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of a portion of Harvard Street (83-P-167), being Parcel B, as laid out on the Subdivision Plan of Block and Lot 83-P-165, as recorded in the Allegheny County Department of Real Estate, in Plan Book Volume 290, Page 4, in the 11th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1290 Cover Letter-Harvard Street Council](#)

[2023-1290-Application](#)

[Summary 2023-1290](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1291](#) Resolution granting unto GARDEN THEATER BLOCK LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a grease interceptor below the sidewalk, at 4 W. North Avenue, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2023-1291 Cover Letter-W North Ave Council](#)

[2023-1291-Application 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1291](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

[2023-1292](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened portion of Wabash Street, located in the rear of McKnight Street, as shown on Plan of the Denny Estate as recorded in Plan Book Volume 7, page 2, in the 20th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1292 Cover Letter-Signed Council letter](#)

[2023-1292-Application 1](#)

[Summary 2023-1292](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

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

[2023-1326](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management and Technology for March 15, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1295](#) Resolution amending Resolution 532-2022, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements and amendments thereto for professional services with ePlus Technology, Inc. for system critical adjustments, improvements, and upgrades to maintain the City of Pittsburgh's network functionality at an additional cost not to exceed \$20,000.

Attachments: [2023-1295 Cover Letter-ePlus legislation letter 2023 - signed](#)

[2023-1295-WCP23-010 Eplus](#)

[Summary 2023-1295](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER