

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 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*

Kim Clark-Baskin, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

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

[2023-1140](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates and celebrates the **Honorable Debra McCloskey Todd** for her extraordinary commitment to public service and her historic appointment as Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Friday, January 20, 2023, to be the **Honorable Chief Justice Debra McCloskey Todd Day** here in our City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 9

[2023-1141](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Shen Yun and the significance of the company's contribution to the advancement of the arts in Pennsylvania; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, January 14-15, 2023 to be “**Shen Yun 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: 10

[2023-1142](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that human trafficking is a crime against humanity that impacts hundreds of thousands of people from all backgrounds across the United States, including Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 2023 to be “**National Human Trafficking Awareness**” Month 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: 11

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Naomi Mullen, Dr. Miller, Jon Hanrahan, Janet Evens, and Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2023-1124](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern PA for administrative services related to the 2023 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Attachments: [2023-1124 Cover Letter-Signed Ltr to Council 01-03-23](#)

[Summary 2023-1124](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2023-1125](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny and Partner4Work for the shared operation and administration of the 2023 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2023-1125 Cover Letter-Signed Ltr to Council 01-03-23](#)

[Summary 2023-1125](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2023-1126](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for proposed land development located at 939 W North Ave at the parcels numbered 22-S-126 and 22-S-113, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

Attachments: [2023-1126 Cover Letter-939 W North Ave - Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter](#)
[2023-1126 -939 W North Ave - Sewage Facility Planning Module Resolution Submission 01-04-23](#)
[Summary 2023-1126](#)
[2023-1126 939 W North Ave- Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1127](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Robert Gilbert and his attorneys Law Offices of Joel Sansone, in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) in settlement of litigation filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at docket number 2:22-cv-260.
(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1127 Cover Letter-Robert Gilbert - Council Letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1127](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1128](#) Resolution designating Banks and Lending Institutions to act as Depositories for the year 2023 in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal, Article III, Depositories.

Attachments: [2023-1128 Cover Letter- Letter Depository Services](#)
[Summary 2023-1128](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1129](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

Attachments: [2023-1129 -Cover Letter -Profesional Services Agreement](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2023-1130](#) 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 MON-OAKLAND CONNECTOR/FOUR MILE RUN by one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) and increasing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS by four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

Attachments: [Summary 2023-1130](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1139](#) Ordinance amending Pittsburgh City Code Chapter 604: Curfew; Section 604.09 Review.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Coghill

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2023-1131](#) Resolution appointing Ariam Ford as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1132](#) Resolution appointing Lisa Carver as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1133](#) Resolution appointing Megan Zeigler as a Member of the Civic Design Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1134](#) Resolution appointing Celeste Smith as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1135](#) Resolution appointing Christine Bethea as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1136](#) Resolution appointing Mikael Owunna as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1137](#) Resolution appointing Tom Mosser as a Member of the Public Art Committee, of the Public Art & Civic Design Commission, for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings and Policy. The motion carried.

[2023-1138](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting extended acting pay request on behalf of the Department of Innovation & Performance for Katherine Grober, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

Attachments: [2023-1138 Acting Pay Memo_Katherine Grober_Extended_JP_Signed](#)

2023-1138 Katherine Grober Acting Pay_extended

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

[2023-1120](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1100](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of Sixty-Seven Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$67,680,000.00).

(Briefing held 1/10/23)

Attachments: [2023-1100 Cover Letter- Letter Debt Issuance 2023](#)

[2023-1100 Pittsburgh - Selected Peer Comps 1.11.23](#)

[Summary 2023-1100](#)

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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Burgess

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2023-1122](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for January 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1101](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2016, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1101 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2016](#)

[Legislation Letter 12.20.22_JP_Signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1101](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1102](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2016, effective January 1, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2017, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1102 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2017 Legislation Letter 12.20.22 JP Signed Summary 2023-1102](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1103](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, December 28, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2018, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1103 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2018 Legislation Letter 12.20.22 JP Signed - Copy Summary 2023-1103](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1104](#) 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 various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2019, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1104 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2019](#)
[Legislation Letter 12.20.22 JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1104](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1105](#) 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, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program,” by reducing various organizations by adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2020, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1105 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2020](#)
[Legislation Letter 12.20.22 JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1105](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1106](#) 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 adjusting various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant in Program Year 2021, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1106 Cover Letter-2022 Reprogramming CDBG 2021 Legislation Letter 12.27.22 JP Signed Summary 2023-1106](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

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

[2023-1123](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs for January 11, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0795](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a ~~restaurant~~ liquor license, License No. CC-1193 from White Hawks Social Club, 1025 Whitney Court #61, Latrobe, PA 15650, to Applicant, Da Village Social Club Plus Incorporated, c/o Karen Mitchel, 2738 Merwyn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, for the premises located at 48 Greenway Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15204, known as Da Village Social Club Plus, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 11/17/22)

Attachments: [2022-0795 DaVillageSocialClub_council legistar](#)

[2022-0795 11.07.2022 PLACARD POSTING PHOTO 1 \[BILL NO. 2022-0795\]](#)

[2022-0795 01.09.2023 Best Practice Remedies for Community](#)

[Concerns - Conditions for License](#)

[2022-0795 Da Village Parking Plan](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

[2023-1099](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 3107 to 3111 Brereton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Attachments: [2023-1099 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter - 3107-3111 Brereton Street](#)
[2023-1099 3107-3111 Brereton Street](#)
[2023-1099 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 3107-3111 Brereton](#)
[Summary 2023-1099](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, 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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER