

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 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 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**

[2023-1322](#) **WHEREAS**, Christopher Yeager from the Carrick neighborhood has been a member of Pack 224 in Carrick as well as pack 601 and Troop 6 of Brookline in the Laurel Highlands Council of the Eagle Valley District; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 133

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller, Naomi Mullen, Pomaj-chakmam-yajalaji, Jakob**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1308](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Lawrence Hall project which proposes the improvements to an existing building for the use of a food hall and bar. The site address is 4609 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, in the 9th Ward.

Attachments: [2023-1308 Cover Letter-Lawrence Hall Sewer Module Cover Letter](#)
[2023-1308-Lawrence Hall SFPM](#)
[2023-1308-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)
[Summary 2023-1308](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1309](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman, Thomas & Battle, for legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand and Twenty Three Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$17,023.80).

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2023-1309 Cover Letter-Spilman Thomas Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1309](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1310](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Campbell Durrant, P.C., in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) for expert legal services related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:22-cv-523-CRE.

Attachments: [2023-1310 Cover Letter-Campbell Durrant Council letter \(2023\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1310](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1311](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Allegheny County Bar Association to provide legal advertising to the City of Pittsburgh for performing state mandated advertising of Treasurer's Sales.

Attachments: [2023-1311 Cover Letter- Letter AC Bar 2023](#)

[2023-1311-WCP23-013 ACBA](#)

[Summary 2023-1311](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1312](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of quitclaim deeds conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the City-owned property located in the 15th Ward of the City at 624 Tesla Street designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 55-M Lot 302 and Block 55-M Lot 305, to the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority.

Attachments: [2023-1312 Cover Letter- Letter PWSA Deed](#)

[Summary 2023-1312](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1313](#) Resolution amending Resolution 724 of 2022, entitled "Resolution making appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of Pittsburgh and for meeting the debt charges thereof for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2023," so as to reopen the 2023 Operating Budget to update the revenue forecast to better reflect Fiscal Year 2022 results, accommodate changes in the Bureau of Police in direct response to the ratified collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, and make changes to associated benefit calculations.

Attachments: [2023-1313 Cover Letter Budget Amendment for FOP - Letter JP Signed](#)
[2023-1313 Proposed Amendment - Summary](#)
[Summary 2023-1313](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1314](#) Resolution amending Resolution 745 of 2022, which authorizes Stop the Violence Fund expenditures for the 2023 Fiscal Year, by further updating current year appropriations in direct response to Operating Budget changes required by the ratified collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police.

Attachments: [2023-1314 Cover Letter Stop the Violence Amendment - Letter JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1314](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2023-1315](#) 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 from the Charles Street Area Corporation in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$101,000.00) for the Cross Strauss Park Renovation.

Attachments: [2023-1315 Cover Letter-Cross Strauss Park donation-legislation - signed 2](#)
[2023-1315-Donation Acceptance Form - Charles Street Area Corporation](#)
[Summary 2023-1315](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1316](#) Resolution reappointing Lisa Frank as a board member of the Equipment Leasing Authority for a term to expire on March 31st, 2028.

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

Enactment No: 137

[2023-1317](#) Resolution appointing Monica Ruiz as a Member of the Planning Commission for a term set to expire January 1st 2028.

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

[2023-1319](#) Resolution informing Council of the reappointment of Leonard Orbovich as a member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission, for term set to expire December 31st 2025.

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

Enactment No: 134

[2023-1320](#) Resolution informing Council of the reappointment of Marcus Robinson as a member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission, for term set to expire December 31st 2025.

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

Enactment No: 135

[2023-1321](#) Resolution informing Council of the reappointment of Jam Hammond as a member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission, for term set to expire December 31st 2025.

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

Enactment No: 136

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2023-1183](#) Resolution appointing Anneliese Martinez 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 Approved. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 138

[2023-1222](#) Resolution appointing Tammy Thompson as a Member of the Housing Opportunity Fund Advisory Board, as the Low-Income Homeowner representative for a term to expire April 30, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 139

[2023-1237](#) Resolution appointing Sanjeeb Manandhar as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, Pittsburgh Public Schools Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

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

Enactment No: 140

[2023-1238](#)

Resolution appointing Kelsey Ripper as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission as the Community Organization Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

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

Enactment No: 141

[2023-1239](#)

Resolution appointing Deborah Steinberg as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, as the University Representative, for a term set to expire December 31st 2027.

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

Enactment No: 142

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2023-1301](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1253](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of 2 warrants (\$15,000.00 each) in connection with an EEOC matter at EEOC: 17H-2020-00017C for a total amount of \$30,000.00 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) in full and final settlement of litigation including attorney fees.

(Executive Session held 3/7/23)

Attachments: [2023-1253 Cover Letter-Ltr to Council re resolution for EEOC matter](#)
[Summary 2023-1253](#)

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

[2023-1254](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Mary Ann Organ and Eugene Organ, her husband, and their attorneys, Edgar Snyder and Associates, U.S. Steel Tower, 10th Floor, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00 USD) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 20-010985.

(Executive Session held 3/7/23)

Attachments: [2023-1254 Cover Letter-Organ letter to council](#)

[Summary 2023-1254](#)

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

[2023-1272](#) 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 Safety to accept a donation from Global K9 Protection Group valued at TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$10,000.00) for a pre-trained explosive detection canine.

Attachments: [2023-1272 Cover Letter-Canine Donatio Resolution - letter](#)

[2023-1272-Donation Acceptance Form - K9](#)

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[Summary 2023-1272](#)

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

[2023-1273](#) 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 Safety to accept a donation from Am-Gard of SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$7,900.00) for the purchase of a canine for the Bureau of Police.

Attachments: [2023-1273 Cover Letter-Canine Donation Resolution Am Gard - letter](#)
[2023-1273-Am-GardDonation Acceptance Form](#)
[Summary 2023-1273](#)

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

[2023-1274](#) Resolution authorizing Eight (8) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with multiple vendors to provide professional services on an on-call basis as required related to art and memorial preservation and conservation services as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) annually for a two year term with up to two additional one year options, and providing for funding of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2023-1274 Cover Letter-Open End Professional Service Letter JP Signed](#)
[2023-1274-art](#)
[Summary 2023-1274](#)

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

[2023-1302](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1268](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Von der haus Gill German Shepherds Inc., 16863 Boundry Rd, Wapakoneta, OH 45895-8058, in an amount not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$7,900.00), for the purchase of one canine for the Bureau of Police.

Attachments: [2023-1268 Cover Letter-Canine warrant donation Am Gard - letter](#)
[2023-1268-Estimate_1080_from_Von_der_haus_Gill_German_Shepherds_Inc\[38845\]](#)
[Summary 2023-1268](#)

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

[2023-1303](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1270](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 679 of 2012, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Project and License Agreement with Riverlife to provide capital improvements & renovations to Allegheny Landing Park, by further authorizing a City contribution to dock repair work at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

Attachments: [2023-1270 Cover Letter-Riverlife - Letter JP_Signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1270](#)

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

[2023-1271](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Eletro-Kote Company in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars (\$29,800.00) for improvements to the Vietnam War Memorial project.

Attachments: [2023-1271 Cover Letter-Electro-Kote legis letter 2](#)

[Summary 2023-1271](#)

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 REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2023-1307](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1266](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement with the Mark Hamilton, Esq. of Summers McDonnell Hudock Guthrie and Rauch, P.C., to provide legal representation as the Solicitor of the Commission on Human Relations in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Attachments: [2023-1266 Cover Letter-Letter to Council re Resolution - Solicitor](#)
[2023-1266-Commission Solicitor WCP Request Form 20230207](#)
[- signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1266](#)

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

[2023-1267](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Service Agreement with Ruder Law for legal services related to the enforcement of City Code Chapter 659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

Attachments: [2023-1267 Cover Letter-Ruder Law - Letter to Council re Resolution 20230120](#)
[2023-1267-Ruder Law - WCP Request Form 20230120 - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1267](#)

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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

[2023-1304](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1277](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of ThoughtForm, Inc. in the amount of thirty two thousand, five hundred fifty seven dollars and seventy five cents (\$32,557.75) for design services and template creation for the print version of the Oakland Plan, adopted as the Oakland area component of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: [2023-1277 Cover Letter-Legislation Letter - ThoughtForm](#)
[Oakland Plan](#)
[Summary 2023-1277](#)

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 ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

[2023-1305](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Senior Services for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1283](#) Resolution providing for the designation and transfer of certain public properties within the Upper Lawrenceville and Stanton Heights neighborhoods to become permanent, public, passive open space, included in the Allegheny River Greenway as part of the Greenways for Pittsburgh program.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

[2023-1306](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management and Technology for March 8, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1275](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 568 of 2019, authorizing an amendment or amendments(s) to the existing Rooftop License Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and 600 GS Prop LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership, in order to extend the term through December 31, 2028, at a total cost not to exceed THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SIX CENTS (\$380,387.56).

Attachments: [2023-1275 Cover Letter-USS Rooftop License Agreement \(2023-2028\) letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1275](#)

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

[2023-1276](#) Resolution providing for the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with RouteSmart Technologies, Inc., which provides trash and recycling routing optimization, for the purchase and implementation of navigation software that will provide turn-by-turn directions to Environmental Service Drivers; at a total cost not to exceed \$149,740.00 through December 31, 2025.

Attachments: [2023-1276 Cover Letter-RouteSmart legislation - signed \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2023-1276](#)

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER