



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1755](#) Resolution amending Resolution 112 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with McGrail & Associates, 1714 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA for professional consulting services in connection with billboard tax litigation by increasing the total spend by \$170,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$363,200.00.

(Executive Session Requested)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

[2021-1756](#) Resolution amending Resolution 223 of 2020, by amending the existing Professional Services Agreement with Hawke McKeon & Sniscak, LLP, 100 North Tenth Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 for legal services in connection with PUC matters by increasing the total spend by \$150,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00.

(Executive Session Requested)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

[2021-1757](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) payable to Community Justice Project, 100 Fifth Avenue, Suite 900, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, for attorney fees in a non-monetary settlement of a litigation matter at 2:12-cv-01600 USDC.

(Executive Session Requested)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

[2021-1758](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of \$8,000.00 to Michael J. Machen, 310 Grant Street, Suite 823, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for outside legal services pertaining to zoning case SA 19-000750.

(Executive Session Requested)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

[2021-1759](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Duquesne Light Company c/o Carolyn K. Cingel, 411 Seventh Avenue, Mail Drop 16-1, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$2,697.28) in settlement of a claim for damage to wooden light pole near 921 Blackadore Street by a City Environmental Services vehicle on September 30, 2019.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1760](#) 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 PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS by \$306,100 and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$306,100.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1761](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, 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 FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES by \$1,526,404.78 and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$1,526,404.78.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1762](#) 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 COWLEY RECREATION CENTER DEMOLITION & RECONSTRUCTION by \$800,000, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES by \$1,000,000, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS by \$1,083,238 , and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$2,883,238.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1763](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 capital budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program” by transferring an additional \$250 to the Hill Community Development Corp, for a total of \$1,500, within Council District 6 Neighborhood Needs.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1764](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 275, effective May 3, 2012 entitled “providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof”, transferring an additional \$250 to the Hill Community Development Corporation in Council District 6 Neighborhood Needs. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$130,802.79

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the September 1st Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL

Clean Pittsburgh Commission – donation (Dist. 1) 250.00

Finance/Cash Mgmt./CYA – Community Event coverage (Dist. 3) 954.08

Kail-Smith, Theresa – reimb/food for staff training 303.56

Standing Firm – 2021 Awards Luncheon (Dist. 3) 255.00

LAW

Allegheny County Bar Assoc. – dues for Michael & Baumiller 320.00

AKF Reporters Inc. – transcripts 299.65

Court Reporters of Allegheny County – transcript 111.00

D’Appolonia Engineering – expert 2,298.40

Precise Discovery LLC – online data storage 1,168.43

Verbatim Reporting – transcripts 373.90

Walsh Barnes & Zumpella – medical records 788.29

PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**DQE Communications – IT services 275.00****Northside Partnership Project – annual community festival 1,000.00****Pittsburgh Hispanic Development – annual community festival 1,000.00****POLICE****Comcast – cable/internet 192.87****Dollar Rent a Car – N&V UC rental 4,249.50****Garver, Gabrielle – PTS DUI Phlebotomist 600.00****Ideal – EOD sight 3,152.10****Quality Services Inc. – landscaping for the zones 4,860.00****Quality Services Inc. – landscaping for the zones 2,430.00****Orr’s Jewelers – police badges 825.00****PUBLIC WORKS****Dominion Elevator Inspection – elevator safety inspections 400.00****Williams, Anthony L. – CDL reimbursement 102.50****PARKS & RECREATION****Central Catholic High School – tennis court refund 500.00****Furman, Jonathan – reimb/work boots 140.00**

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**[Item 66](#)

P-Cards

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**[2021-1765](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation to purchase emergency ventilators and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (\$7,267.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.[2021-1766](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Shallow Creek Kennels, Inc., in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of one canine for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.[2021-1767](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Chief of Police, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive monies from the 2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and further authorizing legitimate expenditures by the Bureau of Police, for purchases authorized by the Grant Agreement and for the execution of agreement(s), or contract(s) for any equipment or services required in connection with the execution of said grant. Said agreement(s) or contract(s) shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO DOLLARS (\$113,702).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1768](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Chief of Police, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive monies from the 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and further authorizing legitimate expenditures by the Bureau of Police, for purchases authorized by the Grant Agreement and for the execution of agreement(s), or contract(s) for any equipment or services required in connection with the execution of said grant. Said agreement(s) or contract(s) shall not exceed FIFTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$52,000).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1769](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional service agreement or agreements with Cordico, Inc (“Cordico”), and the Young Men and Women’s Hebrew Association and Irene Kaufman Centers, d/b/a Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh (the “JCC”), and related subscription agreement or agreements with Cordico, for the creation by Cordico of a wellness application to provide mental health and wellness services to employees of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Bureau of Fire, and Bureau of EMS (the “Bureaus”), and their families; and further, pursuant to Chapter 210 of the City Code (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”), accepting a donation of funds from the JCC, with a value of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$67,500.00), to pay for the initial one-year term of such agreements for the wellness app.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1770](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Chief of Police, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive monies from the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and further authorizing legitimate expenditures by the Bureau of Police, for purchases authorized by the Grant Agreement and for the execution of agreement(s), or contract(s) for any equipment or services required in connection with the execution of said grant. Said agreement(s) or contract(s) shall not exceed EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$88,000).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1771](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the Chief of Police, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive monies from the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program and further authorizing legitimate expenditures by the Bureau of Police, for purchases authorized by the Grant Agreement and for the execution of agreement(s), or contract(s) for any equipment or services required in connection with the execution of said grant. Said agreement(s) or contract(s) shall not exceed EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$88,000).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-1792](#)

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 below grade footing and beams under the sidewalk, at 6 W. North Avenue, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1733](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Four: Public Places and Properties, Articles I: Public Right-of-Way, XI: Parks and Playground and XIV: Public Buildings by adding language to require that new streetlights and lighting in newly constructed and renovated City-owned facilities and parks comply with Dark Sky Lighting principles.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1734](#)

Resolution vacating a portion of California Avenue from Kirkbride Street to Kunkle Avenue, a portion of Sedgwick Street from Lamont Way to Kirkbride Street, Doll Way from Kunkle Avenue to California Avenue, and an Unnamed Alley from Doll Way to California Avenue, in the 21st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1735](#) Resolution granting unto FIVE 5935 BAUM BLVD ASSOCIATES LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new concrete ramp and landing with handrails to access the main entrance, at 5935 Baum Blvd, in the 8th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1736](#) Resolution granting unto ACR WALNUT LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new accessible entry ramp, at 5743 Walnut Street, in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1737](#) Resolution granting unto 429 FORBES ASSOCIATES LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to re-construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing electrical vault, at 429 Forbes Avenue in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1738](#) Resolution granting unto JASON AND LAURA ROCK, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new retaining wall with decorative safety fence, at 714 Amberson Avenue, in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

a [2021-1739](#) Resolution granting unto BAKERY SQUARE HOLDINGS LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 6425 Penn Ave in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1740](#) Resolution granting unto MELWOOD MANOR LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting light fixture, at 845 Western Avenue, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1741](#) Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Wenzell Avenue / Carnahan Road Intersection project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Million Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,025,000.00) an increase of Two Hundred and Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$251,000.00), to increase the projects construction budget. The original agreement was authorized by resolution 850 of 2017.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1743](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a commodities agreement with Intelight Products for purchase of traffic control equipment through December 31st, 2022. Intelight Products is the sole manufacturer of the traffic control technology that is compatible with the Kentron system and allows the City to replace our older traffic control technology with up to date equipment as older equipment continues to fail.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1744](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden for the City facility known the Garden Center for a period of ten (10) years an annual rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, with the possibility of renewal.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Works , due back by 9/29/2021. The motion carried.

[2021-1745](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission using funds of the Shade Tree Trust Fund (Resolution 490 of 2020), controlled by the Department of Public Works (DPW), to enter into an Agreement with Tree Pittsburgh to develop, launch, promote, and manage a Significant Tree Registry at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 over a two year period with an option to renew.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-1797](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Common Census in the amount of \$20,000.00 for continued usage of their Benefits Platform.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR**SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1815](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article IV, Chapter 909, Planned Development Districts, Section 909.01.Q SP-10 Hazelwood Green Specially Planned District by amending certain text, deleting certain text and/or replacing certain text within the Zoning Code as follows:

(Send for Report & Recommendation)

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Report and Recommendation. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1776](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into mini-grant reimbursement agreements for the 2021 Love Your Block program at a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1777](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with Community Based Organizations for community and economic development for planning assistance in various neighborhoods in the City and providing operating support for these groups, and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$460,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

URBAN RECREATION COMMITTEE, REV. BURGESS, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-1586](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the City Code at Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds, Chapter 477: Permits and Fees, Section 477.01: Park Permit Procedures, Section 477.02: Fees for Swimming Pools, Golf Course, Skating Rinks and Other Recreational Facilities, so as to give priority to City residents for park facility rentals.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Comm the Committee on Urban Recreation , due back by 9/15/2021. The motion carried.

[2021-1713](#)

Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to rename the ballpark at Fineview Park (Field) the Kenneth W. “Kenny” Minton Sr. Memorial Ballfield.

(Public Hearing held 8/25/21)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0521](#)

Resolution repealing, amending and re-enacting Resolution Number 18 of 1983, effective January 20, 1983, titled, “Resolution authorizing and directing that the Bureau of Cable Communications, Department of Public Works, broadcast all of Council’s regular legislative sessions, standing committee meetings;”, setting forth the responsibilities of the Department of Innovation and Performance with respect to meetings of City Council, and to reflect various changes in the City’s Departmental organization structure and other changes to reflect technological innovations since 1983.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management, due back by 10/27/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1772](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) to extend a Contract or Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Community Television for public access television services, by extending the term of the agreement until September 30th, 2021.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1773](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 376 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Service Agreement (s) and/or Amendments with Planet Technologies for essential support and maintenance services for the continued operation of CITY'S SAAS email and data file collaboration- this amendment is to rectify the difference of Fifteen Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$15,700) between amount in the contract and amount in legislation due to the use of emergency COVID legislation in 2020.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1774](#) 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 with Monday.com an online project management and portfolio management tool for use with multiple City departments at cost not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$80,000)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1775](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a long term license Agreement or Agreement(s) with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for a Unified Fiber Internet Connectivity Network to license dark fiber infrastructure to connect 131 sites for a term of (10) ten years at \$1,016,028.00 (One Million Sixteen Thousand and Twenty Eight Dollars and Zero Cents) per year at a total cost not to exceed \$10,160,280.00 (Ten Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1747](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Harvard Beatty Housing Project, 205-233 North Beatty St, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1748](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 2920 New Beaver Avenue, 27th Ward, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1749](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Big Tom's Barbershop, 2178 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1753](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 32 of 2021, effective February 4, 2021, entitled "Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement or agreements, providing for the transfer of funds not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,803,480.00) to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories for use by City of Pittsburgh Departments," by increasing the Capital Equipment Acquisition line item by \$7,606,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.