



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 2022

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller
Yvonne F. Brown
Bill Schlacter

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2022-1080](#)

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to Serve as Co-Applicant for the purposes of filing an Application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a FY 2022 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant in the amount of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) and pledging City financial support in the amount of Thirty One Million and Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$31,275,000) for the project and City Owned Land to Effectuate the Purposes of the Bedford Dwellings/Hill District Neighborhood Transformation Plan and its implementation strategy.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

[2022-1085](#)

Resolution requiring a plan for the use of funds for the Food Justice program before said funds are released to the Food Justice Fund.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2022-0901](#) Resolution updating and amending the Rules of Council.
(Executive Session held 11/14/22)
(Public Hearing held 12/15/22)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Kraus

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2022-1060](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Eric Walker and his counsel of record, Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at USDC 2:21-cv-01096-CCW.
(Executive Session Requested)

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

[2022-1061](#) Ordinance amending the City Code at Title One: Administrative, Article III: Organization, Chapter 113: Mayor, by supplementing the sections related to the Office of Management and Budget.

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

[2022-1062](#) Resolution amending Resolution 724 of 2021 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Finance to enter into a Donation and Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Pittsburgh Land Bank and GRB Law to document the donation of legal services relating to the performance of designated quiet title actions on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh; and further, pursuant to Chapter 210 of the City Code ("Acceptance of Gifts to City") accepting the donation by Pittsburgh Land Bank of such legal services to be performed by GRB Law on behalf of the City to extend the term of the agreement or agreements until December 31, 2023.

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

[2022-1063](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article IX: Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Chapter 175.08: Art Commission - Ornamentation for Municipal Projects; Plan Review and Approval, and supplementing Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article I: Administration by adding Chapter 218.10: Percent for Art.

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

[2022-1064](#)

Resolution providing for the creation of the Public Art Fund and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds.

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

[2022-1072](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking; by creating a new Chapter 550, Lawrenceville Mobility Enhancement District.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 1/25/2023. The motion carried.

[2022-1073](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with RIP Medical Debt to purchase and discharge eligible health care debt owed by Pittsburghers, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh's American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Coghill, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Burgess and Council Member Warwick

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 1/11/2023. 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 December 19th, 2022 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/ CITY CLERK

Carnegie Mellon University – payment for work study student (Dist. 3)	176.62
Lavelle, Daniel – reimbursement for protective folder for e-notepad (Dist. 6)	157.03
Burny, Mohammed – NY Times subscription for office (Dist. 1)	150.00
Allens Place Community Services Inc. – donation for activity (Dist. 1)	900.00
Murray, James – Zoom subscription (Dist. 7)	38.49
Johnson, Gabriel L – candy for events (Dist. 7)	22.90
Allegheny Residents Council – donation for residents’ holiday dinner (Dist. 1)	722.00

INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Spok Inc – pager services	864.58
Spok Inc – pager services	874.67
Spok Inc – pager services	338.37
Spok Inc – pager services	289.98
Rowden, Jacque – event reimbursement	55.00

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Summer McDonnell – solicitor services (contract being drafted)	3,300.00
Language Select—telephone interpretation services	9.66 138.84

FINANCE

County of Allegheny Computer Services—November usage for real estate system	366.30
County of Allegheny Computer Services—October usage for real estate system	

571.72

LAW

Precise Discovery LLC – hosting of online data	752.18	
AKF Reporters Inc. – deposition services	553.70	
The MCS Group Inc. – medical records for case	3,477.55	
Dentons Cohen Grigsby PC – legal services for immigration matters		326.82
Verbatim Reporting – deposition	153.50	
PA Bar Association—membership dues	268.00	
MGT Consulting Group – expert witness services	4,812.50	

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CBO – Commonwealth Building Officials – workplace training		1,050.00
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PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

84 Sign Shop—banner installation	1,567.50	
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EMS

Penn Township Ambulance – EMS coverage (Steelers)	1,333.37	
Foxwall Emergency Medical Services -- EMS coverage (Steelers)		860.87
Quality Emergency Medical Services -- EMS coverage (Steelers)		620.87
Rostraver/ West Newton EMS-- EMS coverage (Steelers)	860.87	

POLICE

Jack Lafferty Truck Parts – tires and wipers	992.00	
Daly, Sharon – clerical services 11-21 to 12-2	594.00	
Linda M. Rosato-Barone—reimbursement for ceremony refreshments		229.48
Dollar Rent a Car, Inc. – undercover car rentals	3,455.18	
Grant Writing USA – grant writing courses	485.00	
Houck, Richrd – K9 care reimbursement	546.62	

FIRE

[Pro-Am Safety – traffic cones 1,766.40] DELETED

[Pro-Am Safety – Hydra ram tool and extinguisher carrying system 3,366.35]

DELETED

[Pro-Am Safety – Vulcan lights and roof hooks 4,351.40] DELETED

[Pro-Am Safety – Hydra ram tool 4,923.10] DELETED

Hydro Test Products – supplies for hydro test machine	129.77	
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TEAMSTERS Local 249 – rental of hall	600.00	
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Mr. Magic II LLC – vehicle washing	8.00	
TJ II, Inc. – compressor maintenance	3,429.51	
OMI		
Trans Union Corporation – credit checks on employee candidates		35.92
PUBLIC WORKS		
Best Buy Stores LP – new TVs for Parks and Rec	2,969.94	
Professional Services Industries – concrete testing	1,272.00	
Professional Services Industries – concrete testing	2,025.00	
Zoresco Equipment Co. – storage trailer rentals	240.00	
PARKS		
Lynn’s café & Quality catering – Christmas luncheon	2,181.25	
Boys and Girls Club of Western PA – Lawrenceville HAL back rent		4,650.00
Redden Mondale – Rec2Tech educator training	388.50	
Jones II, Jerome A – DJ for vendor market	150.00	
Harper Anthony – Rec2Tech educator training	388.50	
DOMI		
Left lane Advisors – strategic planning retreat	5,000.00	
Precision Laser & Instrument Inc. – survey equipment maintenance		2,821.50
Pittaway Marya – work boots reimbursement	100.93	
Gabriele Mastroberardino – UCC certificate renewal	109.70	
JCL Equipment Company, Inc. – Kamber guns for line striper		4,712.00
Joshua Ray Snider – pop-up tent canopies	2,520.00	
CPRB		
Hunt Tiffani – mileage reimbursement	71.50	
Gamble, Michele – notary reimbursement	80.00	
Agnovi Corporation – case management system	3,237.84	
Associated Investors, Inc. – cleaning services	525.00	
Dorman, Stephanie – treats for community event	111.78	

A motion was made to Waive the Rules of Council.

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

A motion was made to Reconsider.

A motion was made to Amend.

A motion was made that this matter be Approved.

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To: The Honorable President and Members of Council

From: Office of Management and Budget

Date: 12/16/2022

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 816 of 2021, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2022 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):

Department of Parks and Recreation

Amount from:

\$60.00 from 500000.56151 Operational Supplies

Amount to:

\$60.00 to 500000.57501 Machinery and Equipment

This transfer is necessary to cover the purchase of video equipment for Special Events.

Department of Law

Amount from:

\$2.50 from 108000.56105 Postage

Amount to:

\$2.50 to 108000.55309 Regulatory

This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of required advertising for condemned property.

Department of Finance

Amount from:

\$469,069.25 from 107000.82101 Interest Expenses – Bonds

Amount to:

\$309,500.00 to 107000.52901 Other Post-Employment Benefits Contribution

\$154,569.25 to 107000.54105 Landscaping

\$5,000.00 to 107000.53501 Auditing & Accounting Service

This transfer is necessary to cover the cost of an unintended 2022 OPEB transfer, finalize 2022 costs for the land maintenance program using 2022 funding, and to cover end of year invoicing for professional services.

Bureau of Fire

Amount from:

\$33,000 from 250000.56151

Amount to:

\$33,000 to 250000.57571

This transfer is necessary because Fire is committing funds for a new vehicle, so it needs to be transferred to the correct JDE account.

To: The Honorable President and Members of Council

From: Council Budget Office

Date: 12/16/2022

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 816 of 2021, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2022 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):

Office of the City Clerk

Amount from:

\$26,000 from 101200.53517 Legal Fees

Amount to:

\$26,000 to 101200.57531 Vehicles

The transfer is necessary to pay for a vehicle to have for Council staff.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 48-2022](#) P-Cards

A motion was made to Waive the Rules. The motion carried.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2022-1059](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Allegheny Singer Research Institute D/B/A AHN Research Institute for professional services relating to the administration, implementation, and expansion of the Reaching Out on the Streets (“ROOTS”) program, for a sum not to exceed Nine Million Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$9,960,000.00) through 2024, and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2022-1053](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened unimproved unused 10ft alley, located between Arendell Street and Dalton Avenue, in the 26th Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2022-1054](#) Resolution providing for a Retroactive Bridge Maintenance Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Local costs associated with work performed by PennDOT on the Woodruff (“Bridge”) for immediate repairs and maintenance at a cost not to exceed Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$44,396.80).

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

[2022-1055](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Temporary License Agreement with Allegheny County to provide access for the City to use a portion of Property owned by Allegheny County as a temporary construction area for purpose of staging construction equipment, materials and supplies needed for landslide remediation and stabilization of William Street.

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

[2022-1056](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an Agreement of Sale with various property owners in the 18th and 19th Wards of the City in order to advance the Mt. Washington Landslide Remediation Project.

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

[2022-1057](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into certain temporary construction easements on certain properties in the 19th Ward of the City in order to advance the Mt. Washington Landslide Remediation Project.

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

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2022-0817](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from LN., Local Neighborhood Commercial to UI, Urban Industrial, 3 parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 12th Ward.

(Public Hearing held 12/14/22)

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

[2022-0856](#)

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances the certain property known as 412 Blvd of the Allies located at 412 Boulevard of the Allies in Downtown, in the 1st Ward, City of Pittsburgh. The City is the owner of the property.

(Public Hearing held 12/15/2022)

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

NEW PAPERS

[2022-1067](#)

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 identify specific Public Service Grant projects in City Council District 6 and projects of the Mayor’s Office and authorize a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2022-1068](#)

Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant Project BRC-TAG-23-238, a grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare a Master Plan for the City owned properties associated with the Emerald View Park.

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

[2022-1069](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title One: Administrative, Article IX: Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Chapter 175: Art Commission to transition the Art Commission into the Public Art & Civic Design Commission.

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

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MS. WARWICK, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2022-1066](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 420 of 2022, a resolution authorizing an Agreement or Agreements or amendments thereto with eDocs Technologies, LLC (“eDocs”) for licensing services and maintenance and support services to provide document management services to include Department of Mobility and Infrastructure documents at an additional cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$20,500).

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2022-1058](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into a permanent easement with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples) for the installation, maintenance, repair, operation, and removal of a natural gas pipeline on city-owned properties (Parcel IDs 47-P-271 and 47-P-263).

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