



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Kraus

PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomi Mullen
Toni Griffen
Yvonne Brown
Bernadette

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-1149](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Max Petrunya, PC, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) in settlement of litigation filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at docket number 2:22-cv-00614.

(Executive Session held 2-1-23)

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

[2023-1150](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tucker Arensberg, P.C., in an amount not to exceed Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$8,933.00) for professional services for an Early Neutral Evaluation related to litigation in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Case 2:21-cv-00443-CCW.

(Executive Session held 2-1-23)

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

[2023-1151](#)

Resolution amending 260 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Campbell Durrant, P.C., for professional legal services and expert advice regarding labor matters, by increasing the total spend by \$100,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$490,000.00.

(Executive Session held 2-1-23)

(2nd Executive Session held 2/21/23)

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

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

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

[2023-1153](#)

Resolution amending 458 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fisher Phillips for legal services in connection with collective bargaining, by increasing the total spend by \$250,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$300,000.00.

(Executive Session held 2-1-23)

(2nd Executive Session held 2/21/23)

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

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

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

[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 held 2-14-23)

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

[2023-1176](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ruth and John Banovatz and their attorneys, Berger and Green, P.C., 800 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00 USD) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 21-006258.

(Executive Session held 2-14-23)

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

NEW PAPERS[2023-1208](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 354 of 2022, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Bromberg & Associates LLC for effective communication services, by extending the term for 1 year and increasing the total spend by \$150,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$328,976.00.

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

[2023-1209](#)

Resolution authorizing the City Controller to accept updated financial system account strings and pay invoices for those contracts whose funding sources shifted from the Office of Equity into the Office of the Mayor in the approved 2023 Operating Budget and Five Year Plan.

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

[2023-1210](#)

Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, which authorized the sale of property in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, due to an incompleteness of sale. Items A through F. A: 5305 Broad Street, B: 5301 Broad Street, C: 624 Freeland Street, D: 2922 Banksville Avenue, E: 245 E. Jefferson Street, F: 223 Alice Street

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

[2023-1211](#)

Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through P: A: 5155 Hillcrest Street, B: 5389 Cornwall Street, C: 6406 Dean Street, D: 6404 Dean Street, E: 6402 Dean Street, F: 16 S Wheeler Street, G: 840 Carnival Way, H: 1128 Arlington Avenue, I: 618 Beltzhoover Avenue, J: 437 Chalfont Street, K: 1902 Broadway Avenue, L: 332 Violet Way, M: 106 Wabash Street, N: 1044 Marena Street, ~~O: 740 Hillcrest Place,~~ P: 826 Vista Street

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.

[2023-1212](#)

Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through X: A: 2003 Tustin Street, B: 4806 Yew Street, C: 3446 Monroe Street, D: 3367 Milwaukee Street, E: 753 Cherokee Street, F: 3419 Bismark Street, G: 3417 Ridgeway Street, H: 0 Jordan Way, I: 5166 Broad Street, J: 536 Mellon Street, K: 134 Carver Street, L: 6826 Kelly Street, M: 7403 Idlewild Street, N: 385 Flowers Avenue, O: 27 Almeda Street, P: 0 Belasco Avenue, Q: 174 McKnight Street, ~~R: 315 Fairview Avenue~~, S: 1023 Salter Way, T: 2725 Perrysville Avenue, U: 1230 Woodland Avenue, V: 404 Moore Avenue, W: 406 Moore Avenue, X: 75 Mullooly Street

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

[2023-1213](#)

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 Southwest Pennsylvania Emergency Response Group (Region 13) valued at FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$15,800.00) for replacing retired canines.

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

[2023-1214](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 124 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Compass Natural Gas for professional services relating to the leasing and maintenance of a mobile CNG fueling station, by extending the term through December 31, 2025 and not to exceed amount by \$378,000.00 for a new cost not to exceed \$756,000.00

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/22/2023. The motion carried.

[2023-1215](#)

Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement or agreements providing for the transfer of funds not to exceed Nine Million Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,465,991.00) to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase and leasing of vehicles, equipment and accessories, equipment support infrastructure, and professional services for use by City of Pittsburgh Departments.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 2/22/2023. The motion carried.

[2023-1216](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of the National Association of City Transportation Officials for yearly membership dues in an amount not to exceed Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$31,250.00).

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

[2023-1217](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant payable in favor of the United States Conference of Mayors for yearly membership dues in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,511.00).

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 February 15th, 2023 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

WB Mason Co, Inc. – water cooler rental 22.62

FINANCE

Allegheny County Bar Association – legal ads 1,265.00

LAW

Planet Depos- transcripts 1,149.00

Dickie McCamey & Chilcote PC -- legal services for litigation 1,071.10

Summers McDonnell -- legal services for litigation 640.00

Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. – legal services for immigration matters 440.00

Department of Real Estate – filings and copies 32.00

Hough, Sr, Richard M – deposition testimony 1,800.00

Reisinger Comber & Miller LLC – professional litigation services 3,656.30

Schulberg Mediation – arbitrator services 1,140.00

Planet Depos -- transcripts 1,130.40

HUMAN RESOURCES & CIVIL SERVICE

Lampasi, Amy – Federal background check 25.25

PERMITS, LICENSING, & INSPECTIONS

EDocs Technologies, LLC – OnBase services 4,661.25

Musico, Fred—training reimbursement 16.00

Bender, Monica – reimbursement for meeting food 186.22

Building and Fire Code Academy – completion of training and registry 117.00

Bender, Monica -- completion of training and registry 247.83

Dvorsak, Carrie -- completion of training and registry 117.60

Sperry, William -- completion of training and registry 117.60

PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Bolger, Saskia – mileage reimbursement 136.11

POLICE

Hurley, Jeremy—annual retired K9 payment 911.02

Foley, Kevin – annual retired K9 payment 546.62

Lerza, Phillip -- annual retired K9 payment 546.62

Houck, Richard-- annual retired K9 payment 546.62

Roberts, Brian -- annual retired K9 payment 546.62

Rabner Law Offices, P.C. – refund of seized money to defendant 3,598.00

Tri-Tech Forensics, Inc. – forensic testing supplies 1,002.50

Pittsburgh File Box Co. – file boxes 820.30

Always Compassionate Vet Care – K9 vet care 1,368.68

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Pittsburgh Veterinary Surgery – K98 vet care 2,494.77

Daly, Sharon—clerical services 1/16/23 to 1/27/23 603.00

Golden Engineering Inc. – EOD robot repair and upgrade 4,405.00

FIRE

3 Rivers Fire Equipment – repair of blowhard fans 2,330.00

3 Rivers Fire Equipment – Fire escape rope 2,770.18

ABCO Fire protection – fire extinguisher service 2,119.00

Howell Rescue Systems Inc. – door opening tips 4,400.00

Shimp, Jessica – reimbursement for supplies 80.98

Kuzma, Joshua – gas reimbursement (fuel card didn't work) 104.98

Silent Call Communications – air shipping charges 380.00

Lisa Epps-Cuda—reimbursement for clearances 25.25

Darryl E. Jones – reimbursement for book 200.00

Bucks County Community College – training membership 1,300.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Artist & Craftsman Supply – art supplies for Citiparks 1,373.10

Robinson, Keith – reimbursement for plumber’s license 125.00

PARKS

MIHM Equipment & A Party Place – linen rental 199.00

**Roxanne’s Takeout & Catering – catering for Black History Month event
1,460.00**

DOMI

Traffic Control Products Inc. – light flasher 1,500.00

A Folino Construction Inc. – temporary road plate rentals 5,000.00

N. Glantz & Son –high performance signs 219.70

American Public Works Association – membership dues 100.50

Parking Lot Painting Company – pavement markings 4,647.88

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 55-2023](#) P-Cards

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

PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS[2023-1207](#)

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 a narcotic detection canine.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL,
CHAIR****NEW PAPERS**[2023-1202](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 309 of 2015, File No. 2015-1568, titled Resolution Accepting the Location of Proposed Rights of Way for Parcels 2-C-300, 2-C-400 For The Lower Hill Redevelopment Site Infrastructure, in the 2nd And 3rd Wards, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2023-1203](#)

Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for public roadway purposes certain property in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by German and Francoise Barrionuevo, located along Schenley Farms Terrace, and authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto.

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

Enactment No: 78

**LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR.
WILSON, CHAIR****DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2022-0592](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article I, Zoning Districts in General, Article II, Base Zoning District, Chapter 904 Mixed Use Districts; Article IV, Planning Districts, Chapter 908 Public Realm Districts; Article V, Use Regulations, Chapter 911, Primary Uses, Section 911.02, Use Table; and Section 911.04, Use Standards; Article VI Development Standards, Chapter 914 Parking Loading and Access, Chapter 915, Environmental Performance Standards, and Chapter 919, Signs; and Article VIII Review and Enforcement, Chapter 922 Development Review Procedures; and Article IX, Chapter 926 Definitions, to create three new base zoning districts, and other zoning amendments.

(Public Hearing was recessed 9/14/22)

(Reconvened Public Hearing was held 12/5/22)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, due back by 2/22/2023. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1219](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 877 of 2021, which authorized the Mayor and the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (“Department”) to enter into an Amended Agreement or Agreements with ath Power Consulting Corporation to provide customer service and soft skills training to the Department’s staff. The Amended Agreement(s) shall be in an amount not to exceed ~~\$58,150.00~~ **\$78,150.00**.

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1218](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 727-2021, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements and amendments thereto with Vision Point Systems ("VPS") to obtain Twilio Flex support services to meet the needs of the City of Pittsburgh at an additional cost not to exceed \$15,600.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1204](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 7227 Hamilton Avenue.

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

[2023-1205](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 707 East Street, 17th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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

[2023-1206](#)

Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Meridan Street Residences, project which will involve the development of eight (8) single-family residences with associated utilities. The site address is 117, 121, 125 and 129 Meridan Street and 114, 118, 122, and 126 Hallock Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15211, in the 19th Ward.

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