

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 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 Burgess, 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 Coghill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

[2023-1545](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend TRAC Services for Families for their service to children and families in the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Wednesday, May 17, 2023 to be “**TRAC Services for Families Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh, in recognition of National Foster Care Awareness month.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 307

[2023-1546](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 19, 2023, to be “**JIM FERLO DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 308

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2023-1532](#) 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 supplemental agreement or agreements with CDR Maguire, Inc., for Project Design Management Services and Reviews in connection with various City of Pittsburgh projects to add funding for the Preliminary Engineering and Final Design phases increasing the total not to exceed to Three Million Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Fifty Nine Cents (\$3,491,877.59), an increase of Three Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents (\$334,608.98).

Attachments: [2023-1532 Cover Letter-CDR Maguire Amendment Supplement 6](#)
[Legislation Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1532](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

[2023-1533](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars to support the equitable street tree plan.

Attachments: [2023-1533 Cover Letter1-DPW Letter to Council, DCNR](#)
[Treevitalize Equitable Tree Plan - WPC - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1533](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2023-1534](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of DiGioia Gray, 570 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146, in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and 12 cents (\$16,659.12) for professional services related to landslide evaluations.

Attachments: [2023-1534 Cover Letter-DiGioia Gray letter to council](#)
[2023-1534 DiGioia Gray invoices](#)
[Summary 2023-1534](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2023-1535](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 270 of 2020, which authorized an Agreement with Workiva, Inc. to provide a subscription-based budget publishing software solution for four years, by increasing the approved 2023 amount by \$2,164.33 for a new total cost not-to-exceed \$169,300.33.

Attachments: [2023-1535 Cover Letter Workiva JP letter JP Signed](#)

[2023-1535 Workiva invoice 2023](#)

[Summary 2023-1535](#)

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2023-1536](#) 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 approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, increasing EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement.

Attachments: [2023-1536 Cover Letter-2016 CDBG D9 Public Service](#)

[Awards Letter 050823 1 JP Signed BC](#)

[Summary 2023-1536](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2023-1537](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, effective 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 KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER, increasing REBUILDING TOGETHER PITTSBURGH, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement.

Attachments: [2023-1537 Cover Letter-2018 CDBG D9 Public Service](#)

[Awards Letter 050823 JP Signed BC](#)

[Summary 2023-1537](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2023-1538](#) 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 projects in City Council District 9, and authorizing subsequent Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1538 Cover Letter-2022 CDBG D9 Public Service Awards Letter 050823 JP Signed Summary 2023-1538](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2023-1539](#) Resolution appointing Teaira Collins as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

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

[2023-1540](#) Resolution appointing Genevieve Rosselot as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

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

[2023-1541](#) Resolution appointing Luz Esneda Blandon as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

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

[2023-1542](#) Resolution appointing Dakota Rottino-Garilli as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

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

[2023-1543](#) Resolution appointing Namita Dwarakanath as a Member of the Commission on Human Relations for a term set to expire December 31st, 2027.

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

[2023-1544](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Department of Public Works for Jacqueline Balzer and the Department of City Planning for Anthony Cavalline, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

Attachments: [2023-1544 Acting Pay Memo_Cavalline](#)

[2023-1544 Acting Pay Memo_PW_Jacqueline Balzer](#)

2023-1544 Acting Pay Request_Administrator 2_Jacqueline
Balzer_LF_signed_JP_Signed

2023-1544 Acting Pay Request-Anthony Cavalline_JP_Signed

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

[2023-1526](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1476](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 714 of 2021, effective October 25, 2021, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,214,418.00" so as to decrease Allegheny County Housing Authority and Three Rivers Communities, Inc. by \$25,000.00, decrease Neighborhood Legal Services by \$25,000.00, and increase Auberle by \$50,000.00.

Attachments: [2023-1476 Cover Letter-Auberle 2021 Reprogram JP_Signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1476](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1477](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the National League of Cities, in the amount of \$17, 960.00 for the annual membership dues in the National League of Cities.

Attachments: [2023-1477 Cover Letter National League of Cities warrant letter JP Signed](#)
[2023-1477 2023 NLC Mbrship invoice - Pittsburgh, PA](#)
[Summary 2023-1477](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1478](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of David M. Casper, in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$12,500.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to his property at 1447 Warner Street from adjacent city-owned property at 1449 Warner Street, on or about February 6, 2023.

Attachments: [2023-1478 Cover Letter David M. Casper - Council Letter](#)
[Summary 2023-1478](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1483](#) Resolution transferring a total of Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four dollars (\$3,444) within the 2023 Operating Budget from City Council to Council as a Body for the purpose of professional services.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [Summary 2023-1483](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1503](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Sable & Sable, LLC, in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for expert legal services in connection with case number G.D. 23-002842.

Attachments: [2023-1503 Cover Letter-Sable & Sable Council Letter](#)
[2023-1503 -Sable & Sable Signed Waiver](#)
[Summary 2023-1503](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2023-1527](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1472](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened portion of Melmore Way, laid out in the Shakespeare Street Associates Plan of Lots No. 2, recorded in Plan Book Volume 130, Page 33, in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2023-1472 Cover Letter Melmore Way Letter](#)
[2023-1472 Melmore Way Application](#)
[Summary 2023-1472](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1475](#) Resolution providing for an agreement with CSXT for Preliminary Engineering work on the Boundary Street Corridor Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$17, 215.00).

Attachments: [2023-1475 Cover Letter Boundary Street Ped Bike Improve CSXT PE Letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2023-1475](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2023-1528](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1471](#) Resolution amending Resolution 246 of 2023 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Commission on Human Relations to enter into an Agreement(s) with Keen360 for technical support and development for its customer service portal, by including ongoing technical support and maintenance and increasing the term and authorized not-to-exceed amount by Twenty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$27,240.75) for a total cost not-to-exceed Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$53,940.75).

Attachments: [2023-1471 Cover Letter amend Letter to Council re amended Contract Resolution - Keen360 20230421 Summary 2023-1471](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2023-1529](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1178](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Section 925.06, Setbacks, to update the standards for certain HVAC equipment in setbacks.

(Referred to Planning Commission 2/8/23)

(Report & Recommendation received 3/8/23)

(Public Hearing held 5/3/23)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

Attachments: [2023-1178 Planning Commission Recommendation Council 2023-1178 Setback Amendment Planning Commission Hearing Report](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1482](#) 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” so as to reprogram funds within City Council from Habitat for Humanity (-\$2,093.86) to Polish Hill Civic Association (+\$2,093.86), and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2023-1482 Cover Letter-Habitat 2016 Reprogram D7 Letter JP Signed Summary 2023-1482](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

[2023-1530](#) Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth and Seniors Services for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1479](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Starfire Corporation, for the display of a fireworks show in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Independence Day Festival at an amount not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000).

Attachments: [2023-1479 Cover Letter Starfire Resolution Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1479](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

[2023-1480](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements for performance and entertainment services in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Independence Day Festival at an amount not to exceed SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$17,500).

Attachments: [2023-1480 Cover Letter Clarks Resolution Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1480](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY**

[2023-1531](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management and Technology for May 10, 2023 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-1481](#) Resolution amending Resolution 575 of 2022 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 and amendments thereto with Monday.com, an online project management and portfolio management tool, for use with multiple City departments by increasing the cost by Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000).

Attachments: [2023-1481 Cover Letter Monday.com legislation letter - signed](#)

[2023-1481 WCP23-025 Monday.com](#)

[Summary 2023-1481](#)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Coghill

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER