

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 29, 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 - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk*

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2023-1838](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the 2023 recipients of the Mike Awards; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Sunday, August 6, 2023 to be “**Mike Awards Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2023-1865](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby supports and reaffirms its officially sanctioned commitment and relationship with Pittsburgh-Matanzas Sister Cities Partnership, and the City of Matanzas, Cuba on our thirty-year anniversary and extends its greetings to the citizens of Matanzas, and encourages the people of Pittsburgh and Matanzas to continue building these bridges of solidarity, goodwill, respect, and friendship, based on the principles of world peace, respect for international law, and sovereignty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, joins our Sister City of Matanzas, Cuba in celebrating 330 years since its founding.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dr. Ronald L. Miller, Naomi Mullen, Rick Moore, Ikhana-hal-makina**

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2023-1844](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 317 of 2021, authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an amended agreement or agreements with Purvis Systems for installation of a new fire station alerting system and related support services by increasing the approved amount by \$634,700.00 for an amended total cost not-to-exceed THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS (\$3,398,527.51) over ten years.

**Attachments:** [2023-1844 Cover Letter Purvis Extension Letter](#)

[2023-1844 Pittsburgh FSAS Post Warranty Maint PC2024-053](#)

[Summary 2023-1844](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

[2023-1845](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Four: Public Places and Property; Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds; Chapter 473: Use Regulations; Section 473.01: Park Property; and Title Six: Conduct; Article XI: Weapons; Chapter 695: General Weapons Provisions; Section 695.04: Use of Weapons by Discharge by adding exceptions to allow for the implementation of a deer management program.

**Attachments:** [2023-1845 Cover Letter Deer Management - Ordinance Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1845](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

[2023-1846](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture for services relating to a cooperative wildlife damage management program for white-tailed deer for a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Seven Cents (\$10,251.07).

**Attachments:** [2023-1846 Cover Letter USDA Deer Management - Letter](#)

[Summary 2023-1846](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness**

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1841](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-12196, from Mac & Toz, Inc. located at 335 E. Main St., Carnegie, PA 15106 to the Applicant, Amboy Restaurants of Pittsburgh, LLC (d/b/a “Amboy Eatery”), located at 400 E. Ohio St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

*(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2023-1841 Amboy Restaurants Liquor License](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1847](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the City of Pittsburgh Department of Works project, Lincoln Place Combined Safety Facility, 1201 Mifflin Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15207, located at Lot and Block 184-E-80, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1847 Cover Letter Lincoln Place Letter](#)

[2023-1847 B02 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - Lincoln Place Combined Safety Facility](#)

[2023-1847 MS12 \(250129401\) Compiled SFPM\\_07-25-2023](#)

[Summary 2023-1847](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1848](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the University of Pittsburgh Gene and Cell Therapy project, Lot 18 of Hazelwood Green PLDP, Pittsburgh, PA 15207, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1848 Cover Letter Lot 18 Cover Letter](#)

[2023-1848 Component 4A - signed](#)

[2023-1848 SFPM - UPitt](#)

[2023-1848 UPitt - Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council](#)

[Summary 2023-1848](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1849](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 6 30th St project which will involve the development of one apartment buildings with associated amenities. The site address is 6 30th St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, in the 6th Ward, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1849 Cover Letter 6 30th Cover Letter](#)

[2023-1849 6 30th Street SFPM](#)

[2023-1849 6 30th Questionnaire](#)

[Summary 2023-1849](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1850](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 2929 Smallman St project which will involve the development of one apartment buildings with associated amenities. The site address is 2929 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, in the 6th Ward, at no cost to the City.

**Attachments:** [2023-1850 2929 Smallman Questionnaire](#)

[2023-1850 Cover Letter 2929 Smallman](#)

[2023-1850 2929 Smallman Street SFPM](#)

[Summary 2023-1850](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs**

[2023-1866](#) Ordinance amending Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659: Unlawful Practices, §659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices in order to provide protections to homeowners from solicitation and related problems, all under certain terms and conditions.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-1867](#) Ordinance amending Title Six: Conduct, Article I: Regulated Rights and Actions by adding a new chapter entitled “Residential Property Wholesalers,” to regulate the solicitation of purchases of real property and require certain disclosures of property purchasers to homeowners.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:**

[2023-1851](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Calera Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Six Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$634,000.00), an increase of Three Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$322,000.00) from the previously executed agreement. This resolution serves to authorize only the amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

**Attachments:** [2023-1851 Cover Letter Calera St. Bridge RA Amend 1 - Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1851](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-1852](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the California Ave Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,020,000.00), an increase of Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000.00) from the previously executed agreement. This resolution serves to authorize only the amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

**Attachments:** [2023-1852 Cover Letter California Ave Bridge RA Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1852](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-1853](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Critical Sidewalks Improvement project and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY SEVEN CENTS (\$970,052.77).

**Attachments:** [2023-1853 Cover Letter DCED Multimodal Sidewalks Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1853](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

[2023-1854](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Fund for the Second Avenue Connector project and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$148,295.01).

**Attachments:** [2023-1854 Cover Letter DCED Multimodal 2nd Ave Letter - signed](#)  
[Summary 2023-1854](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2023-1855](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Regional Opportunity Center, DBA Vibrant Pittsburgh, in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$50,000.00) for annual membership dues.

**Attachments:** [2023-1855 City of Pittsburgh Membership Invoice 2023](#)  
[2023-1855 Cover Letter Vibrant Pittsburgh warrant letter](#)  
[Summary 2023-1855](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-1856](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 723 of 2022, effective December 27, 2022, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2023 Capital Budget, the 2023 Community Development Program, and the 2023 through 2028 Capital Improvement Program" by increasing CALERA STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$322,000 and CALIFORNIA AVENUE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$220,000.

**Attachments:** [2023-1856 Cover Letter 2023 Calera and California Bridges Letter 082223](#)  
[Summary 2023-1856](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:**

[2023-1842](#) Ordinance Amending Title 6: Conduct, Article I, Rights and Actions by creating a new Chapter 620E Protection of Gender Affirming Care Services Providers from Out-of-State Investigation or Prosecution for Providing Legal Gender Affirming Care.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-1843](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six: Conduct, Article I: Regulated Rights and Actions, Chapter 603 Enforcement Limitations Regarding Bans of Certain Reproductive Health Care Services by creating a new Chapter 603A Enforcement Limitations Regarding Bans of Certain Gender-Affirming Health Care Services.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2023-1857](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into a Fellowship Participation Agreement and/or agreement(s) with CORO Pittsburgh at a cost not-to-exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) over 3 years.

**Attachments:** [2023-1857 Cover Letter Coro legislation letter - signed](#)

[Summary 2023-1857](#)

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

[2023-1858](#) Resolution amending Resolution # 335 of 2022 authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Innovation and Performance and Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) and amendments thereto with OST, Inc. as needed to fulfill a number of critical IT and device related projects related to database management and migration and software development to replace key systems by increasing the term and authorized not-to-exceed amount by One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) for a total cost not-to-exceed Four Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Two Cents (\$426,346.02) for a term of up to 3 years.

**Attachments:** [2023-1858 Cover Letter OST updated legislation letter 8-11-23 - signed](#)

[2023-1858 WCP23-018 OST](#)

[Summary 2023-1858](#)

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**



[2023-1839](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Performance Audit of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureau of Environmental Services Recycling Division, dated August 2023.

**Attachments:** [2023-1839 Communication Final Copy Recycling Audit](#)

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

[2023-1840](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a performance audit of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Safety's, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), dated August 2023.

**Attachments:** [2023-1840 Communication Emergency Medical Service Final Audit 2023](#)

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

[2023-1859](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay requests on behalf of the Mayor's Office for Audrey Wells, Michelle King, the Department Innovation & Performance for James Hobai, the Department of Public Works for Michael Schmitt, Jarrett Bogdanski and Ed Cox, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

**Attachments:** [2023-1859 Acting Pay Memo\\_6 employees](#)

2023-1859 Acting Pay Request\_Audrey Wells 3\_JP\_Signed

2023-1859 Acting Pay Request-Michelle King2\_JP\_Signed

2023-1859 Acting Pay-Michael Schmitt\_Construction Supervisor\_JP\_Signed

2023-1859 AG - James Hobai\_signed

2023-1859 DPW Acting Pay Request\_Parks Maintenance Manager\_Jarrett Bogdanski.LF-sig\_JP\_Signed

2023-1859 DPW Acting Pay Request\_Superintendent, Facilities\_E Cox\_Extension.LF-signed\_JP\_Signed

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

[2023-1860](#) Resolution informing Council of the appointment of Pamela Petro-Ott as Assistant Director, Employee Compensation, in the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service.

**Attachments:** [2023-1860 Cover Letter Pamela Petro-Ott](#)

[2023-1860 Pamela Petro-Ott-Resume](#)

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

[2023-1861](#) Resolution amending resolution 295 of 2023 appointing Julian McClain as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission for an updated term to expire May 9, 2026.

**Attachments:** [2023-1861 Julian McClain - 2018 Resume](#)

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

[2023-1862](#) Resolution amending resolution 294 of 2023 appointing Calvin Aster Ecker, as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission for an updated term to expire May 9, 2026.

**Attachments:** [2023-1862 Ecker Full Resume](#)

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

[2023-1863](#) Resolution amending resolution 293 of 2023 appointing Cathryn Calhoun as a Member of the LGBTQIA+ Commission for an updated term to expire May 9, 2026.

**Attachments:** [2023-1863 resume of Cathryn Calhoun](#)

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

[2023-1864](#) Resolution amending Resolution 435 of 2023 appointing Melanie Ngami as a Member of the Planning Commission for an updated term to expire January 1, 2026.

**Attachments:** [2023-1864 MelanieNgami Resume](#)

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

**A motion was made that the hold for interview be Withdrawn. The motion carried.**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**