



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PRE-AGENDA - APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

[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 Interview Held. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 7 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 2 - Council Member Burgess, and Council Member Kail-Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr, Ronald Miller
Chief Pomaj-chakman-yajalaji
Bill Schlacter
Alajalajib-chanel-k' in
Chief Ikhana
Rick Moore
Yvonne Brown

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-1752](#)

Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances "City of Pittsburgh Service Workers Prevailing Wage Ordinance" Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, by supplementing Section 161.38.

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.

[2023-1833](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Brennan Thrower in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$18,000.00) in full and final settlement of a discharge grievance.

(Executive Session held 9/12/23)

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1884](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Hawke, McKeon, & Sniscak LLP, in an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) for a period of one year, for professional legal services related to the Public Utility Commission.

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

[2023-1885](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and One Cent (\$5,857.01) over one year, in favor of Ronald J. Jordan, in full and final settlement of a claim (23C-0141) for damage to his motorized wheelchair due to a malfunctioning handicap door in the City-County Building.

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

[2023-1886](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Twenty Six Cents (\$3,992.26) over one year, in favor of Ralf Heilman and Jean Zieler, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0269) for damage to their stopped vehicle from a City EMS vehicle backing into it.

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

[2023-1887](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Forty One Cents (\$3,156.41) over one year, in favor of Robert Ireland, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0188) for damage to his parked vehicle from a city Environmental Services vehicle.

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

[2023-1888](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$13,148.00) over one year, in favor of Lorraine E. Mezyk, in full and final settlement of a claim (22C-0317) for destruction of a residential sewer lateral due to encroachment of tree roots from a city owned right-of-way tree.

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

[2023-1889](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) over one year, in favor of Sharon Kopy, Executrix of the Estate of Stephen Kopy, in full and final settlement of a litigation filed in the US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at No. 2:20-cv-00558 (consolidated at No. 2:18-cv-01567).

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

[2023-1890](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Linda Lacek and Thomas J. Lacek, and their attorney, G. Christopher Apossos, in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand (\$55,000.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 18-010168.

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

[2023-1891](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, 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" by reducing BRIDGE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND (TIP) by \$49,052, increasing SWINBURNE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$157,548, increasing LARIMER BRIDGE (TIP) by \$800,000, increasing MAPLE AVENUE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$170,000, and increasing CORLEY STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$538,000.

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

[2023-1892](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, effective December 28, 2017, 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 McFARREN STREET (SECOND AVENUE) BRIDGE (TIP) by \$9,719.73, increasing BRIDGE REPAIRS by \$9,361.10, and increasing LIBERTY AVENUE (HSIP) by \$90,358.63.

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 13th, 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/ COUNCIL AS A BODY

Hazelwood Initiative—support for Safe Halloween event (Dist. 5) 150.00

CivicPlus—Municode update 125.04

PA Resources Council-- Garbage Olympics (Dist. 3) 100.00

INNOVATION & PERFORMANCE

Hill, Stacy—reimbursement for meeting refreshments 30.49

COMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Smith, Courtney—reimbursement for items for Commission event 253.60

W Tyrone Miller – fair housing advertising campaign 2,499.00

FINANCE

Transunion Risk & Alternative Data Solutions—title searches, background checks 975.26

LAW

Sargents Court Reporting Service, Inc. – court reporter 4,341.60

PERMITS, LICENSING, & INSPECTIONS

**CBO- Commonwealth Building Officials—conference fees for 3 employees
1,080.00**

EMS

Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #4—EMS coverage (Steelers) 3,272.60

Ross/ West View EMSA—EMS coverage (Guns n Roses, Steelers) 1,950.35

POLICE

Coleman, Gary—outreach services 4,050.00

Rice, Betty—outreach services 1,920.00

Daly, Sharon—Zone 4 clerical services 576.00

S&D Calibration Services—stopwatch certificates 21.00

Stopstick LTD—fleet supplies 617.00

PARKS

Lee Robinson Music—Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Coleman, Zachary—water carnival supplies 200.00

**Shadyside Chamber of Commerce—2023 Community Festival reimbursement
1,000.00**

25 Carrick Ave. Project-- 2023 Community Festival reimbursement 1,000.00

**East Allegheny Community Council-- 2023 Community Festival reimbursement
1,000.00**

Karsh, Kenneth—Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild—Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Witkowski, Deana-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Wendt, Thomas-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Watkins, Reggie-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 650.00

Ford, Roland-- Reservoir of Jazz performance 1,800.00

Castillo, Luis Jr. -- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Meunier, Daniel-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Nash, Byron-- Stars at Riverview performance 600.00

Brenckles Greenhouses LLC—native plants for Biddle building 660.00

Audobon Society of WPA—native plants for Biddle building 460.00

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To: The Honorable President and Members of Council

From: Office of Management and Budget

Date: 09/8/2023

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 734 of 2022, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2023 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):---

Department of Law

Amount from:

\$10,000.00 from 108000.53517 Legal Fees

Amount to:

\$10,000.00 to 108000.56151 Operational Supplies

The transfer is necessary to cover current and upcoming legal subscriptions and publications.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 80-2023](#) P-Cards

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1873](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Adler and Sons, Inc. in the amount of Eight Thousand and Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900.00) for tree removal work at Dodds and Potomac Ave.

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

[2023-1874](#) 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 Maple Avenue Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), an increase of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) 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.

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

[2023-1875](#) 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 Corley Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$790,000.00), an increase of Five Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$538,000.00) 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.

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

[2023-1876](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design, Final Design, Utility, Right of Way and Construction Phases of the Swinburne Street Bridge project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Fourteen Million Nine Hundred and Nine Thousand Dollars (\$14,909,000.00), an increase of Twelve Million Five Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$12,559,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (52622-2); reimbursable at Ninety Five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$16,250.00), a Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$12,250.00) increase from the previously executed agreement (52622-2).

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

[2023-1877](#)

Resolution providing for a Contribution Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (City) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for costs associated with the SR 4003, East Street and Evergreen Rd. Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Thirty One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500.00).

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

[2023-1878](#)

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 Larimer Ave Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00), an increase of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at no additional cost to the City of Pittsburgh from the previously authorized One Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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

[2023-1879](#)

Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with multiple phases of the Liberty Ave Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars (\$7,505,556.00), an increase of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the Right of Way phase from the previously executed agreement (52315-2). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00), an increase of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the previously executed agreement (52315-2). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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

[2023-1880](#)

Resolution providing for a Supplemental Agreement or Agreements with Zottola Construction for construction services associated with the Allegheny Circle Phase 2 Construction Project; providing for payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$2,890,945.46), an increase of Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$252,945.46) from the previously executed agreement (53583) as previously authorized by Resolution 670 of 2020.

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

[2023-1881](#)

Resolution providing for a Contribution Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (City) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for costs associated with the SR 60, Thornburgh Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$24,700.00).

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

[2023-1882](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, for the professional construction management services for Homewood Park Infrastructure Upgrades, between the City of Pittsburgh and Cosmos Technologies. The total not to exceed cost is Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$288,133.28).

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

[2023-1883](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 386, effective June 19, 2019, as amended by Resolution No. 70, effective February 18, 2020, entitled “authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for the professional landscape architectural services for South Side Park Phase I Design, at a cost not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (400,000.00),” by increasing the total allocation by the amount of Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$61,220.00) for a new total of Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$461,220.00).

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1893](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the City of Planning to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with HR&A Advisors for the purpose of assisting in the development of a strategic plan for the Department of City Planning. Cost not to exceed \$109,000 over one year.

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

[2023-1894](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the City of Planning to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the PA Historical and Museum Commission for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) dollars with a local of match of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00) for a total project cost not to exceed SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000.00) dollars, to support planning efforts to create historic guidelines for three previously designated historic districts: Roslyn Place, Schenley Farms, and the Mexican War Streets Expansion.

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

[2023-1895](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) dollars to complete an architectural survey of the Crawford-Roberts neighborhood.

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

**RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE, MRS.
STRASSBURGER, CHAIR**

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1899](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title 4: Public Places and Property, Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds, by adding a new Chapter 481: Use Regulations, providing guidance for Development in Parks and Greenways.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
MS. GROSS, CHAIR**

NEW PAPERS

[2023-1872](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Allegheny League of Municipalities, in the amount of NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$9,000.00) for annual dues for DIRECT membership.

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