



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - 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
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Burgess

PUBLIC COMMENT

Naomki Mullen
Elizabeth Amato
Ronald Miller
Lucas Godshalk
Marc Patti
Rachel Nunes
Jacob Poole
Paul Harris
Yvonne Brown
Nick Dranic

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2123](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Sherry Kleindl and David Kleindl, and their attorneys, Meyer Darragh, in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-009766.

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

[2023-2124](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of a single payment in 2023 to Michael J. Weismantle and his attorneys, Woomer & Talarico, in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars in settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 22-00926.

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

[2023-2125](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of Public Safety, Director of Finance, and Director of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Lease Agreement or Agreements with PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. for providing a police substation at 439 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA over a five-year term beginning January 2024 with a total cost not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$590,150) over 5 years.

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

[2023-2126](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing Section 197.09 of the City Code under Article XI of Title One: Administrative, by clarifying the discretionary roles of the Mayor's Office, City Council, and the Ethics Hearing Board in managing the **personnel and** budgetary expenses of the Ethics Hearing Board, ~~and eliminating the role of the Ethics Hearing Board in determining the terms and conditions of their staff's employment.~~

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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.

[2023-2132](#)

Resolution transferring the amount of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) within the 2023 Operating Budget from City Council Salaries & Wages, Regular to Council as a Body for the purpose of professional services.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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 November 14th, 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 to the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL/ COUNCIL AS A BODY

Murray, James—reimbursement for Zoom subscription (Dist. 7) 54.76

Irma Freeman Center for Imagination—space rental (Dist. 7) 200.00

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Chapel—support for Toy Drive (Dist. 5) 100.00

KSWA Wrestling—support for Holiday Toy Drive (Dist. 2) 500.00

American General Services Corp.—title search for property (Dist. 5) 350.00

Marabello, Lori—reimbursement of expenses (Dist. 2) 150.00

Brighton Heights Citizens Federation—support for Bright the Night (Dist. 1) 250.00

Kathleen Petrillo—donation for Gingerbread House Competition (Dist. 3) 100.00

South Side Community Council—pie fundraiser donation (Dist. 3) 224.00

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Post & Schell PC – legal work for case 460.00

FINANCE

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 4,356.00

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 4,452.00

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 3,522.00

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 3,480.00

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 4,338.00

Allegheny County Bar Association—advertising 4,026.00

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertising 3,387.20

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertising 1,722.20

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertising 4,078.35

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertising 3,181.82

New Pittsburgh Courier—advertising 3,548.88

**County of Allegheny/ Computer Services—usage of County real estate software
138.76**

CITY PLANNING

**Reisin, Sasha—travel, fabrication, and shipping costs for public art project
4,990.00**

PLI

Curtioff Jared—UCC certification 117.60

Lee, Gerald III—UCC certification 117.60

**Barszczowski, Autumn—reimbursement for snacks for departmental meeting
57.06**

EMS

**Ford City Hose Co. #1 Ambulance Service—EMS coverage (Penguins, Steelers)
2,240.58**

Harmony EMS—EMS coverage (Steelers) 1,812.58

POLICE

Markl Supply—police 2,597.25

OMI

Net Transcripts Inc. – transcription of case interview 516.84

Trans Union Corporation—credit checks on employment candidates 40.41

PUBLIC WORKS

Sonitrol Security Systems—security service monitoring call 111.00

PA Dept. of Labor & Industry—various inspections and certificates 668.00

PARKS & RECREATION

Paull, Mark—tennis instructor 589.66

Camillo, Joseph M—tennis instructor 915.00

Lacaria, Aldene—tennis instructor 606.25

Parks, Richard—tennis instructor 1,090.36

Haffner, Mark—tennis instructor 133.52

Gluzman, Benji—tennis instructor 219.00

Jermon Drake—tennis instructor 593.18

Shirley Flowers Be Encouraged Foundation—tech assistance at HALCs 2,400.00

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: 11/09/2023

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 Public Safety – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Amount from:

\$52,630.75 from 220000.56151 Operational Supplies

Amount to:

\$2,630.75 to 220000.57501 Machinery & Equipment

\$50,000.00 to 220000.57531 Vehicles

The transfer is to cover the cost of necessary mattress purchases from Stryker as well as the purchase and upfitting of one utility vehicle for EMS command staff.

Department of Innovation & Performance

Amount from:

\$700,000.00 from 103000.55201 Telephone

Amount to:

\$700,000.00 to 103000.57501 Machinery & Equipment

This transfer will cover the cost of the purchase of new Genetec servers for Public Safety as a hardware update is required for the new cameras. An additional \$200k is being transferred to allow I&P to complete their Technology Refresh timeline for 2023.

Department of Law

Amount from:

\$750,000.00 from 108000.53517 Legal Fees

\$100,000.00 from 108000.53901 Professional Services

Amount to:

\$850,000.00 to 108000.58105 Judgements

The transfer is necessary to cover costs associated with warrant payments expected through the remainder of the year.

Department of Public Safety – Bureau of Administration

Amount from:

\$46,136.84 from 210000.56151 Operational Supplies

Amount to:

\$880.00 to 210000.54201

\$10,256.84 to 210000.57571

\$35,000.00 to 210000.53529

This transfer is necessary to cover the cost for furniture and to reserve funds for future camera system contract.

Commission on Human Relations

Amount from:

\$99.76 from 105000.53105 Recording/Filing Fees

Amount to:

\$99.76 to 105000.56151 Operational Supplies

The transfer is necessary to cover costs associated with a catered event.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

[Item 89-2023](#) P-Cards

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

**PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS,
CHAIR**

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2120](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to execute necessary documents for the transmission of a drainage easement, temporary construction easement, and utility easement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) over certain parcels in the 14th Ward, in lieu of eminent domain, in order to facilitate advancement of PennDOT’s Commercial Street Bridge Replacement Project at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2121](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a permanent easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company to provide, install, use, own, operate, maintain, repair, renew, and finally remove one (1) anchor attached to pole #DLS367618 located upon city-owned property in Homewood Park (Parcel 0125-S000150-0000-00) at no cost to the City.

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

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-2084](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with various community-based organizations for the implementation of the 2023 Neighborhood Economic Development program and to provide for the payment of the costs thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, due back by 11/20/2023. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2128](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor’s Office to enter a one-year mini reimbursement agreements for the 2023 Love Your Block program at a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

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

[2023-2129](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Urban League of Pittsburgh, for the implementation/administration of the Housing Counseling Program, and related costs, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

[2023-2130](#) 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 grant \$25,000 to Brashear Association and authorize a subsequent Agreement.

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

[2023-2131](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective January 1, 2020 as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing CITYVIEW CHURCH by \$2,500 and increasing ST. MICHAEL’S FOOD BANK by \$2,500, and authorize subsequent Agreements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

[2023-2136](#)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a quit claim deed conveying all right, title, and interest in 5033 Electric Street and dedicating said property as part of the Hazelwood Greenway.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2133](#) Resolution authorizing naming the unnamed pavilion in West End Park to the “Steve Beshenich Pavilion”.

(Public Hearing scheduled for 12/13/23)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Public Hearing. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2023-2061](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license, License No. R-9652, from The Wheel Bar, Inc., located at 3058 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 to the Applicant, Games N Axes, LLC, located at 2010 Josephine Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 11/08/23)

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

NEW PAPERS

[2023-2118](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for RHYTHM SQUARE AT 2239 CENTRE AVENUE, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2119](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1106 Reedsdale Street, 21st Ward, City of Pittsburgh, PA 15233, at no cost to the City.

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

[2023-2127](#) Resolution 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 or amendments thereto with Risk Factor, LLC for a subscription to Risk Factor First Street Foundation database for all data and hazard layers for all perils and all parcels in the City of Pittsburgh, enabling support of City departments in planning for weather related hazards, at a cost not-to-exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) over 1 year.

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