

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL***

R. Daniel Lavelle, President of Council

Council Members: Robert Charland, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Khari Mosley, Theresa Kail-Smith, Erika Strassburger, Barbara Warwick, Bobby Wilson

Kimberly Clark-Baskin, City Clerk - Ashley Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2024-1022](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Douglas Praskovich for his years of service with the City of Pittsburgh and his commitment to family and his community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, October 8, 2024 to be “**Douglas Praskovich 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.

Enactment No: 695

[2024-1023](#)

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognizes October 9, 2024 as “**Ageism Awareness Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WARWICK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 696

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

[2024-1006](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into one-year reimbursement agreements with six local youth sports organizations at a total cost not to exceed NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) over one year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2024-1007](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with 412PAW, LLC. for professional licensed veterinary services to the City's Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Animal Care & Control, at an overall cost to the City not to exceed ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$124,000.00) over four years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness

[2024-1024](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Director, Department of Finance to terminate the 1991 cooperation agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and County of Allegheny for the lease of the Municipal Courts Building, and further, forthwith, to grant and convey the Municipal Courts Building to the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or to any other interested party.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2024-1008](#) Resolution amending Resolution 638 of 2024, effective September 24, 2024, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or agreements with Matrix Pointe Software, LLC, in an amount not to exceed Three-Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$310,000.00) over six (6) years, for software, professional support, and related training services related to litigation case management for the City's Department of Law, by updating the applicable code account.

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

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

[2024-1009](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking, Chapter 550: Mobility Enhancement District, Section 550.04-Pilot Program, in order to extend the pilot program to account for delays in implementation of the Mobility Enhancement District.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN KHARI MOSLEY PRESENTS:

[2024-1010](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Esplanade project. The site is located on parcel numbers 0007-A-00200-0000-00, 0007-A-00250-0000-00, 0007-A-00325-0000-00, 0007-E-00070-0000-00, 0007-F-00002-0000-00, 0007-F-00010-0000-00, 0007-F-00020-0000-00, 0007-F-00025-0000-00, 0007-F-00030-0000-00, and 0007-M-001100-0009-00 within Allegheny County in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-1011](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the following addresses: 1007 McCartney Street; 1017 McCartney Street; 420 Greentree Road; 422 Greentree Road; and 434 Greentree Road, at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

[2024-1012](#) Resolution providing for a Cooperative Agreement or Agreements with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to reimburse expenses of UPMC incurred for public work at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and De Soto Street, related to the City's SmartPGH project, performed in the course of the completion of UPMC Presbyterian Bed Tower, at an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Educational Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2024-1013](#) Resolution transferring the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) within the 2024 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

Not introduced

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2024-1014](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the US Department of Transportation for the purpose of receiving grant funds from the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure program in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred and Six Dollars and Fifty One Cents (\$2,396,406.51) dollars to support the City’s “Equitably Empowering EV Ownership in the City of Pittsburgh through Community Charging Infrastructure” project. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$38,997.08), The Pittsburgh Parking Authority in the amount of Ninety One Thousand Dollars (\$91,000.00) and Duquesne Light in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars (\$470,600) for this stated purpose for a total project cost of TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY NINE CENTS (\$2,997,003.59).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-1015](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 647 of 2020, effective December 23, 2020, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2021 Capital Budget and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2021 through 2026 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing SOUTH SIDE SIGNALS (TIP) by Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars and Zero Cents (\$437,603.00), to account for additional Federal Highway Administration funding being received by the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-1016](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program” by reducing BUS RAPID TRANSIT by Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) and increasing ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION AND CONGESTION MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPMENT (ATCMTD), administered as the SmartPGH project, by Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-1017](#) Resolution authorizing an interdepartmental transfer in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to the Department of City Planning to support work relating to transit-oriented development in Homewood.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2024-1018](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Carnegie Mellon University for a real estate subdivision and exchange involving two parcels having identification numbers 80-N-5-9 and 80-N-8 at no cost to the City.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS:

[2024-1019](#) Resolution providing for an amended Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Construction phase of the South Side Signals project, and providing for the payment of costs thereof, not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$4,748,556.00), an increase of Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$437,603.00) from the previously passed authorization, reimbursable at one hundred percent.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2024-1020](#) Communication from Jake Pawlak, Director of Office of Management and Budget, submitting to City Council the attached status update from the Grants Office for the week ended October 4, 2024.

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

[2024-1021](#) Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a Public Hearing before City Council relative to the importance of Manchester Neighbors becoming a registered community organization (RCO), and to provide an update from Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning regarding the 2019 Manchester plan. The Petition is valid in accordance with the Home Rule Charter.

(Public Hearing needs to be scheduled)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Cablecast Public Hearing to the Committee on Hearings and Policy . The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2024-1000](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0946](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Comber Miller, LLC for legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,138.00) over one year.

(Executive Session held 9/24/24)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0947](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Summers McDonnell Hudock Guthrie & Rauch, P.C. for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-cv-1567 for an amount not to exceed FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$15,200.00) over one year.

(Executive Session held 9/24/24)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0948](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC for expert legal services in connection with a litigation matter in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:18-cv-01567 for an amount not to exceed TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$12,432.00) over one year.

(Executive Session held 9/24/24)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0974](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Project Labor Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Regional Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO (“Building Trades”), that will apply to all phases of installation of the City’s LED street light conversion construction project, at no cost to the City
(Executive Session held 10/1/24)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELLNESS

[2024-1001](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety and Wellness for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0943](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) to support forensic genetic testing by the Bureau of Police.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WARWICK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

[2024-1002](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0950](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY (\$337,960.00) dollars for the installation of solar panels at the City's Fourth Division.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0951](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh, the Director of Public Works, and Director of Finance to enter into an easement agreement or agreements with Duquesne Light Company to provide, install, use, own, operate, maintain, repair, renew, and finally remove two light (2) poles and one (1) anchor along with thirty (30') feet of vegetation clearing rights located upon City-owned property in the parking lot of the Pittsburgh Zoo (Parcel ID 82-H-1-0-2) at no cost to the City.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0952](#)

Resolution granting unto INCHEON VENTURES LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, at no cost to the City, new permanent shoring and footers, above-grade unit balconies and building façade elements that will extend into the right-of-way, at 32 39th Street, in the 6th Ward, ~~4st~~ **7th** Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0953](#)

Resolution granting unto THE STANDARD BC LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, at no cost to the City, new permanent building footers and building canopy that will extend into the right-of-way, at 2120 5th Avenue, in the 4th Ward, ~~4st~~ **6th** Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILPERSON ROBERT CHARLAND PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2024-1025](#)

Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0941](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Municipal Investigations (OMI) to enter into an agreement or agreements with Versaterm (formerly known as CI-Technologies) to extend the current agreement and amend the name of the vendor, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Two-Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$7,282.80) over 1 year, for OMI's electronic case-management system, IA Pro.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2024-0942](#) Resolution providing for issuance of a warrant in favor of Rita Porterfield in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) as a settlement for EEOC case 532-2024-00502 over one (1) year.

(Executive Session held 9/24/24)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2024-1003](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2023-2330](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article 902.03, Zoning Map, by changing from UC-E, Urban Center Employment to R-MU, Residential - Mixed Use, certain properties located on McKee Place in the 4th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh known in the Allegheny County Office of Deed Registry as Block and Lot Numbers: 28-F-314, 28-F-310, 28-F-308, 28-F-306, 28-F-304, and 28-F-302.

(Sent to the Planning Commission for a Report and Recommendation on 12/18/23)

(Report and Recommendation received on 4/4/24)

(Public Hearing held 6/12/24)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON RECREATION, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

[2024-1004](#)

Report of the Committee on Recreation, Youth, and Senior Services for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0949](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Allegheny County, Department of Human Services, for the City's operation of its Senior Community Centers. Said agreement or agreement shall be for a term of one year at no cost to the City with compensation to the City not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$773,100.00).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE, ASSET MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

[2024-1005](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance, Asset Management, and Technology for October 2, 2024 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2024-0945](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 629 of 2023 further amending Resolution No. 484 of 2022 further amending Resolution No. 647 of 2021 authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections, the Director of City Planning and the Director of Innovation & Performance to enter into an Amended Professional Service Agreement or Agreements with Buildingeye, Inc. ("Buildingeye") to purchase software and related support services that will create an interactive map for internal and public visual display of planning, permit, license, and violation data, by increasing the approved amount by increasing the approved amount by Forty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,596) for an amended total cost not-to-exceed Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six dollars and Zero Cents (\$627,936) over eight and a half (8.5) years.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Charland, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Mosley, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, Council Member Warwick, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT