



# City of Pittsburgh

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

#### FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

#### SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-1352](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management & Budget, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a no-cost professional service agreement or agreements to work with experts from the Harvard University Government Performance Lab (GPL) to create templates, contract language and key performance indicators for outcomes-based procurements.

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

#### DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-1276](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) in favor of Will El & Todd J. Hollis, c/o Todd J. Hollis, Esquire, as final settlement of all claims, costs, and fees related to this Plaintiff only in the police related action filed at 2:15-cv-00834 in the US District Court which has been pending in multiple stages of litigation since 2015.

*(Executive Session held 3/30/21)*

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

[2021-1277](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Joann Ducouer and her attorney, Bernard C. Caputo, Esquire, in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$12,500.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at GD 14-010902 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.  
*(Executive Session held 3/30/21)*

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

[2021-1278](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Chris Boyle Law Enforcement Consulting, LLC, 1759 Fort Washington Avenue, Ambler, PA for professional consulting services in connection with litigation for an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00).  
*(Executive Session held 3/30/21)*

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

[2021-1305](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLC for professional legal services in connection with civil rights litigation for an amount not to exceed Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$85,000.00).  
*(Executive Session held 3/30/21)*

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

## NEW PAPERS

[2021-1331](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of MGT of America Consulting, LLC, P. O. Box 17780, Clearwater, Florida 33762-0780 in the amount of Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) relating to a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 15-023074.  
*(Executive Session Requested)*

**A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.**

[2021-1333](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

**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 March 31st 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**

**Coghill, Anthony – reimb/postage for newsletter (D4) 2,855.54**

**Plavchak, Blake – reimb/toner (Dist. 4) 68.98**

**OFFICE OF EQUITY**

**Global Wordsmiths – translation services 223.21**

**LAW**

**Wolters Kluwer Law & Business – legal publications 713.85**

**ProQuest – online research source 896.46**

**PLI**

**Masi, Vincent – reimbursement for state certification 104.87**

**Eldaher, Nizar – reimbursement for state certification 438.00**

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

**Ford, Roland – virtual winter line dancing videos 500.00**

**FIRE**

**Premier Safety – supplies for recruit class 76.90**

**Waterway – repair and supplies for ground ladders 1,341.00**

**ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL**

**A Step Up Veterinary Inc – professional veterinary services 3,300.00**

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**King General Cleaning – sanitizing/disinfecting at Schenley ice rink 1,245.00**

**King General Cleaning – sanitizing/disinfecting at Schenley ice rink 249.00**

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

**INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS**

**NONE**

**P-CARD APPROVALS**

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

[Item 47](#)

P-Cards

**PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR****DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-1087](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One -- Administrative, Article III - Organization, Chapter 116: Department of Public Safety, to add a new subsection, § 116.17 - “Prohibition on the Execution of ‘No-Knock’ Warrants”, by requiring all City police officers, when executing any warrant, to physically knock and announce the presence of police before entering a premises.”  
*(Executive Session held 2/1/21)*

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

**A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Safety Services, due back by 4/14/2021. The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR****DEFERRED PAPERS**[2020-0482](#)

Resolution granting unto 1505 E CARSON STREET,LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 1505 E. Carson Street, in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council to bring back on Agenda The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**A motion was made that this matter be UNTABLED to the Committee on Public Works . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

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

**NEW PAPERS**[2021-1314](#)

Resolution granting unto NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES INC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing set of entry steps, and canopies, at 1601 Brighton Road, in the 25th Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1315](#) Resolution granting unto FRICK LENDER ASSOCIATES LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a projecting blade sign, at 437 Grant Street in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1316](#) Resolution granting unto 601 GRANT STREET INVESTMENT LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a projecting blade sign, at 601 Grant Street in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1317](#) Resolution granting unto NICHOLAS NICHOLAS G & DIANE M LANDIS, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new awning, at 26 Market Square, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1318](#) Resolution granting unto SOLARA VENTURES VII LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install tree pits, at 2635 Penn Ave in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1319](#) Resolution granting unto TERMINAL LEASING INC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new concrete and wood cafe deck, two (2) standard tree pits, and, two (2) new suspended steel canopies along 24th St, at 2400 Smallman Street, in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1320](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance, by the City of Pittsburgh, of the dedication of Zuzu Circle (3-N-239), originally recorded as “Bailey Park Avenue” in the Bailey Park Plan of Lots, situate in the 18th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2021-1321](#) Resolution granting unto OISHII DONBURI INC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a small blade sign that will project into the right-of-way, at 5227 Butler Street, in the 10th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1322](#) Resolution granting unto QUALITY MANAGED SERVICES LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing set of entry steps, at 5416 Butler Street, in the 10th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1323](#) Resolution granting unto PITTSBURGH TRUST FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing fire escape at 937 Liberty Ave, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1324](#) Resolution granting unto EXTRA SPACE EAST I LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install (7) seven new entrance canopies at 7535 Penn Ave in the 14th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2021-1326](#) Resolution providing for a reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Larimer Avenue Bridge project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred (\$731,500.00) dollars; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

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

[2021-1328](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Energy Services Agreement or Agreements with Energy Center Pittsburgh LLC for the supply of steam to the City-County Building, with the possibility of hot and/or chilled water in the future.

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

**LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR****SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1359](#) Ordinance amending Title VII Business Licensing, Article X Rental of Residential Housing Chapter 782 Temporary Eviction Regulation For Disease Prevention and Control Due to COVID-19 to strengthen its policy directives through certain technical and substantive revisions.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

**A motion was made that this matter be AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTE. The motion carried.**

[2021-1359](#) Ordinance amending Title VII Business Licensing, Article X Rental of Residential Housing Chapter 782 Temporary Eviction Regulation For Disease Prevention and Control Due to COVID-19 to strengthen its policy directives through certain technical and substantive revisions.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1334](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and/or an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) in support of the American Cities Climate Challenge. The MOU(s) shall be at no cost to the City.

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

[2021-1335](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from RM-H, Multi-Unit Residential High Density, to LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial sixteen parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 12th Ward; and changing from R1D-H, Single Unit Detached Residential High Density to LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial thirteen parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 12th Ward.

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

**A motion was made that this matter be Held for a CABLECAST Public Hearing. The motion carried.**



**INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR****SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1353](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a no-cost professional service agreement or agreements to work with experts from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Government Excellence (“GovEx”) to elevate data governance practice across the City.

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

**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1338](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements with certain individuals in conjunction with the Department of Innovation and Performance’s “Pro-Code-O” program that will provide additional support for the Innovation and Performance initiatives at no cost to the City.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR****DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2020-0634](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for proposed land development located at 316 S. Highland Ave. at the parcel number 84-K-260, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

**A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, due back by 5/12/2021. The motion carried.**

**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1329](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 3500 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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

[2021-1330](#)

Ordinance authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services (“DHS”) with regard to Medicaid reimbursement services, for a term of three years plus one possible two-year extension at the parties’ mutual option. The Agreement(s) shall result in net revenue for the City but will require upfront expenses in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,363,810) annually, for a total amount not to exceed Six Million Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$6,819,050).

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