



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

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

[2021-2090](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 651 of 2020 to include rental permit registration fees in the 2021 Fee Book pursuant to City Code Chapter 170.

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-1943](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code at Title One: Administrative, Article XI: Human Resources, Chapter 192: Pensions, by adding Subsection 192.02 (3), so as to add language to allow for elimination of the social security offset for municipal employees.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law concurrent with other Pension Bills. The motion carried.

[2021-1996](#) Resolution amending Resolution 452 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with DeForest, Koscelnik, Yokitis & Berardinelli, Koppers Building, 30th Floor, 435 Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services regarding ethics matters, by increasing the total spend by \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) for a new not to exceed amount of \$70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents).

(Executive Session held)

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

[2021-1997](#) Resolution amending Resolution 372 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Jones Passodelis, PLLC, Gulf Tower, Suite 3410, 707 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services for an employment related matter before the Human Relations Commission, by increasing the total spend by \$8,019.58 (Eight Thousand Nineteen Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents) for a new not to exceed amount of \$32,019.58 (Thirty Two Thousand Nineteen Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents).

(Executive Session Held)

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

[2021-1998](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Francisco J. Muniain, c/o his attorney, Matthew S. Marquette, 4773 William Flynn Highway, Allison Park, PA 15101, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at A.R. 20-003025.

(Executive Session Held)

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

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2053](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to pursuant to Ch. 210 ("Acceptance of Gifts to City") of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to accept a donation from Carnegie Mellon University in the amount of TWO-HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) for the design and construction of playground improvements at Four Mile Run Playground in Greenfield and Lewis Playground in Hazelwood.

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

[2021-2054](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Wheels, Inc. Attn: Adrianna #12048, P.O. Box 5046, Des Plains, IL 600617-5046, in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$6,526.80) in settlement of a claim for damage to a vehicle from City of Pittsburgh Public Works vehicle.

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

[2021-2055](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Charles Rhys Griffin, 3916 Coleman Street, Apt. 3, Pittsburgh, PA 15207, in the amount of Seven Thousand Sixty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$7,067.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to a parked vehicle from a city Public Works vehicle on December 17, 2020.

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 October 27th 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

Analogue Imaging – yearly warranty for book scanner 3,500.00

Brillman, Laura – intern (Dist. 8) 288.00

Kail-Smith, Theresa – reimb/food for evening meeting (Dist. 2) 60.46

Legacy International Worship Center – donation (Dist. 1) 250.00

S & S Candy – candy for community events (Dist. 2) 384.90

OFFICE OF EQUITY

Global Wordsmiths – translation services 175.00

I&P

Barone Nicole – reimbursement for soda 7.49

CHR

Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh – fair housing testing 1,200.00

FINANCE

K-7 Parking Company – commercial parking lease 155.00

**Stanley Convergent Security Solutions – security monitoring, cashier’s office
183.60**

Zilch, Robert – reimbursement for mileage 118.16

LAW

Thompson West – legal publications 806.30

Pittsburgh Collision and Reconstructive – collision reconstruction expert 2,783.40

**Fraternal Order of Police - contractually obligated payment to legal defense fund
50,000.00**

DeSimone, Jane, Arbitrator – arbitrator services for arbitration hearing 700.00

Creo, Robert A – arbitrator services for arbitration hearing 3,000.00

AKF Reporters Incorporated – video deposition of expert witness 626.15

Baumiller, Lawrence – reimbursement for continuing legal education 305.00

Walsh Barnes & Zumpella – medical records 329.44

Magna Legal Services – discovery deposition 998.75

Esquire Deposition Solutions – discovery deposition 424.60

HUMAN RESOURCES

YourMembership.com Inc – advertising 805.50

PLANNING

Everett, Stephanie Joy – virtual conference event: Rail~Volution 2021 100.00

Kossis, Andrea Lavin – reimbursement for event: Rail~Volution 2021 100.00

PLI

Freyermuth, Ronald E – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

Perry, Gina – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

McDonald, Ian – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

Williams, Lance – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

Ballein, Alyssa – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

Henderson, Akil – reimbursement for state certification 219.00

Mariani, Mark – reimbursement for state certification 105.00

PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

**Southside Community Council – reimbursement for annual community festival
1,000.00**

DQE Communications – monthly high-speed service internet 275.00

POLICE

Weinheimer, Eric – reimbursement for fuel 80.81

Scanlon Counseling & Consulting – FFD and CI assessments 600.00

FIRE

Hydro Test Products – gauge calibration 273.60

Hydro Test Products – special pamphlets for hydrotest machine 389.51

WB Mason Co Inc – bottled water for water dispenser 99.96

WB Mason Co Inc – bottled water for water dispenser 27.00

3 Rivers Fire Equipment – special couplings 263.97

PUBLIC WORKS

**Liberty Tire Recycling – tire recovery and disposal services (Solid Waste TF)
4,416.90**

Zoresco Equipment Co – long term rental of storage trailers 240.00

DOMI

KDC – printing large quantity of postcards for community meeting 341.00

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: 10/22/2021

Re: Intradepartmental transfer

Dear President and Members of Council:

Per Resolution 650 of 2020, which authorizes City Council to approve intradepartmental transfers throughout the 2021 Fiscal Year, the Office of Management and Budget would like to make the following transfer(s):

Department of Law

Amount from:

\$107,190.69 from 108000.52101 Health Insurance

\$11,792.04 from 108000.52111 Other Insurance

\$15,847.25 from 108000.53517 Legal Fees

Amount to:

\$134,829.98 to 108000.58101 Judgements

This transfer is needed to align available funding for upcoming settlements.

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

P-CARD APPROVALS

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

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P-Cards

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**[2021-2056](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Port Authority of Allegheny County, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$24,702.50), for transportation services provided for the 2019 City of Pittsburgh Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race on September 29, 2019, and 2021 City of Pittsburgh Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race on September 26, 2021.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR**SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**[2021-2071](#)

Resolution 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 Brighton Heights Citizens Federation (BHCF), a 501(c) non-profit organization, in order that the Brighton Heights Citizens Federation (BHCF) will utilize a part of the first floor of the City of Pittsburgh building, located at 3515 McClure Avenue, for temporary storage. The term of the lease shall not exceed twelve (12) months. The Agreement(s) shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor.

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

NEW PAPERS[2021-2046](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission using funds of the Shade Tree Trust Fund (Resolution 490 of 2020), controlled by the Department of Public Works (DPW), to enter into a Cooperation Agreement for Tree-Related Activities and Services with Tree Pittsburgh not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and sixty nine cents (\$25,737.69) to enable reimbursement/payment to TREE PITTSBURGH for work in calendar year 2020.

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

[2021-2047](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light - Go Grant for the Fiber Network Expansion Project further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (\$266,736.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (\$66,684.00) dollars for a total project cost of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY (\$333,420.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

[2021-2048](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light - Go Grant for the East End Signal Retiming Project further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND (\$132,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of THIRTY THREE THOUSAND (\$33,000.00) dollars for a total project cost of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$165,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

[2021-2049](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 22 of 2020, entitled "authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to execute relevant agreements with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County to receive grant funding to support Homewood Complete Streets Planning project" to increase the amount of grant funding received.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. KRAUS, CHAIR

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2052](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 800 of 2017 (effective December 28, 2017), which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) with UPMC Benefits Management Services, Inc. d/b/a WorkPartners for services relating to the administration of the City's workers' compensation program, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, by increasing the cost by a sum not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$3,350,662.00) for an additional three years of service

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

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

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2057](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Department of City Planning to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction grant program to support a municipal composting program feasibility study and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed NINETY THOUSAND (\$90,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires an in-kind match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND (\$28,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

[2021-2060](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Seven: Business Licensing, Article X: Rental of Residential Housing, Chapter 781: Residential Housing Rental Permit Program to change the fee for rental permit registration so as to reflect current practices in accordance with Chapter 170: Fees.

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

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0521](#)

Resolution repealing, amending and re-enacting Resolution Number 18 of 1983, effective January 20, 1983, titled, “Resolution authorizing and directing that the Bureau of Cable Communications, Department of Public Works, broadcast all of Council’s regular legislative sessions, standing committee meetings;”, setting forth the responsibilities of the Department of Innovation and Performance with respect to meetings of City Council, and to reflect various changes in the City’s Departmental organization structure and other changes to reflect technological innovations since 1983.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management, due back by 11/22/2021. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-2081](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Deed by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the City of Pittsburgh, for the sale of Block 31-G, Lot 200, in the 31st Ward and Block 32-H, Lot 100, in the 16th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Hays Woods - Council District No. 5).

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

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2021-1852](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 42-M, Lot 22 (Council District No. 2 - Zephyr Avenue - southwest side of Zephyr Avenue south of Sherwood Avenue).

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, due back by 11/22/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-2051](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the proposed SouthSide Works Apartment Building project, located at 2613 South Water Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

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