

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

***ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-SECOND COUNCIL***

Theresa Kail-Smith, President of Council

***Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Bruce A. Kraus,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Erika Strassburger, Bobby Wilson***

Kim Clark-Baskin, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

Absent 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2022-0757](#)

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, Pittsburgh City Council supports the stated mission and aims for the Global Energy Action Forum, enthusiastically welcomes participants to share their ideas here in our City, and supports actions coming out of the forum that will advance substantive clean energy solutions rather than half measures that neither address the environmental challenges we face nor break our dependency on fossil fuels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council shall be sent to the Allegheny County delegation of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, the chairs and minority chairs of the State House and Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committees, Governor Tom Wolf, and Acting Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Ramez Ziadeh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 492

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2022-0749](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a License Agreement or Agreements with the University of Pittsburgh in order to conduct free clinical testing activities for seniors at City recreational and/or senior centers through programs including but not limited to those offered by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and the School of Pharmacy. The License Agreement(s) shall be at no cost to either party.

Attachments: [2022-0749 Cover Letter-2022 UPitt License Agreement - Clinical Testing](#)
[Summary 2022-0749](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2022-0743](#) Resolution authorizing an interdepartmental transfer in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the Bureau of Facilities within the Department of Public Works to the Office of Management and Budget. This transfer is necessary to cover increased fuel costs and unanticipated fleet maintenance expenses.

Attachments: [2022-0743 Cover Letter-Interdepartmental - Letter JP Signed](#)
[Summary 2022-0743](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2022-0744](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the West Carson Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements, at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0744 Cover Letter-WCarsonStBridge Letterhead - signed](#)
[2022-0744-114266.WCarsonStBridge.PE.Exhibit A_rev](#)
[Summary 2022-0744](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2022-0745](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Penn Ave Signal Improvements Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$753,660.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a cost to the City of Pittsburgh not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00). Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0745 Cover Letter-Penn Ave Signal Improvements Letterhead - signed](#)
[2022-0745-Penn Ave Signal Improvements Exhibit A01_rev](#)
[Summary 2022-0745](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2022-0746](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for property located at corner of Sapphire Way and Lorigan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, Allegheny County, at block and lots 26-H-338 and 26-H-339.

Attachments: [2022-0746 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - Sapphire Way](#)
[2022-0746-13704 - SFPlanning Mod - BOOKLET - building](#)
[2022-0746-Sewer Module Questionnaire - Sapphire Way](#)
[Summary 2022-0746](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2022-0748](#) Resolution amending Resolution 898 of 2021, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Professional Service Agreement or Agreements with Lexipol LLC for software subscription-based policy management, wellness and training services at an overall cost to the City not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FORTY-NINE DOLLARS and SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$557,049.67). The current agreement is being amended in order to add funds for two additional years' subscription to the Cordico Wellness App, utilized by personnel in the Bureaus of Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.

Attachments: [2022-0748 Cover Letter-Amendment to Lexipol letter](#)
[Summary 2022-0748](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2022-0750](#) 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 reducing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$500,000 and increasing WEST CARSON STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$500,000.

Attachments: [2022-0750 Cover Letter-2021 West Carson St Bridge Letter](#)
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[Summary 2022-0750](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2022-0751](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with Employers Choice Screening for professional services in connection with pre-employment and promotional background investigations for all City of Pittsburgh candidates excluding Uniformed Police, Fire, and EMS personnel, and providing for payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 over four (4) years.

Attachments: [2022-0751 Cover Letter-Signed Council Letter](#)
[2022-0751-Approval letter - Background Investigations](#)
[2022-0751-Signed memo](#)
[Summary 2022-0751](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2022-0752](#) Resolution amending Resolution 280 of 2020, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements or adoption of existing government contracts with ePlus Technology, Inc. for commodities and professional services for system critical adjustments, improvements, and upgrades to maintain the City of Pittsburgh's network functionality by increasing the funding.

Attachments: [2022-0752 Cover Letter-ePlus letter - Waive Rule 8 - 2022 - signed](#)
[2022-0752-WCP22-035 - ePlus](#)
[Summary 2022-0752](#)

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

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2022-0747](#) Resolution approving a new Institutional Master Plan under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article II, Chapter 905, Section 905.03.D and Article VII, Chapter 922, Section 922.12.G for Carnegie Mellon University entitled "Carnegie Mellon University Institutional Master Plan 2022" dated September 2022 on property zoned EMI, Educational Medical Institution District, 4th, 7th, and 14th Wards, Council District Nos. 8 and 5.

Attachments: [2022-0747 Cover Letter-DCP-MPZC-2021-01727_CMU 2022 IMP Cover Letter](#)
[2022-0747_502_DCP-MPZC-2022-01727_CMU IMP and ZCP](#)
[2022-0747_502-DCP_MPZC_2021_01727_Map_BuildingFootprints revised](#)
[2022-0747_502-DCP-MPZC-2021-01727_CMU IMP ZCP_2022-09-06_Hearing Report](#)
[Summary 2022-0747](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2022-0753](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 606 of 2020, effective December 1, 2020, as amended, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,216,133.00 and 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,140,292.00” by amending various Emergency Solutions Grant line items, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0753 Cover Letter-2020 ESG Admin Xfer Letter 090922 JP Signed Summary 2022-0753](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

[2022-0754](#) 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 and R1D-L, Residential Single-Unit Detached Residential, Low Density to EMI, Education Medical Institution, 7 parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 7th and 14th Wards.

Attachments: [2022-0754 Cover Letter-DCP-MPZC-2021-01727 CMU ZCP Cover Letter Summary 2022-0754](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2022-0755](#) Resolution transferring a total of Four Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$410,000) within the 2022 Operating Budget from the Office of Management and Budget and Parks and Recreation to the Office of the City Clerk. This transfer is to correctly budget funds that are to be utilized by City Council to provide grants to community and sports groups.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [Summary 2022-0755](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0756](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Fiscal Follow-Up Report of the Special Events Trust Fund, dated September 2022.

Attachments: [2022-0756 2022 Follow-Up on Special Events Trust Fund](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2022-0739](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 14, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0653](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Natasha Bruce and her attorneys, Jack Goodrich and Associates, P.C., 429 Fourth Avenue, Suite 900, Pittsburgh PA 15219, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00 USD) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 17-001241.
(Executive Session held 9/13/22)

Attachments: [2022-0653 Bruce letter to council](#)

[Summary 2022-0653](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

[2022-0655](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of O'Brien, Coleman & Wright, LLC, Oliver Building, 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 1025, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$450,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a litigation, including attorney's fees and costs, filed at No. 2:19-cv-00805 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
(Executive Session held 9/13/22)

Attachments: [2022-0655 Cover Letter BUTTER - Council ltr for settlement legislation](#)
[Summary 2022-0655](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

[2022-0713](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of B-Three Solutions, in the amount of Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$49,860.00) for the Parks Tax integration into the old real estate system.

Attachments: [2022-0713 Cover Letter - Letter B Three Warrant](#)
[Summary 2022-0713](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

[2022-0714](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through E: A: 136 Bodkin Street, B: 1232 Butterfield Way, C: 236 E Jefferson St, D: 3820 Perrysville Ave, E: 3516 Brighton Rd

Attachments: [2022-0714 Cover Letter-Auction August 2022 Council Letter REVISED](#)
[2022-0714-Auction August 2022 REVISED](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

[2022-0715](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through EE: A: 3362 Webster Avenue, B: 921 Anaheim Street, C: 3718 Woolslayer Way, D: 723 N Mathilda Street, E: 0 Schenley Avenue, F: 128 N Winebiddle Street, G: 6208 Huntress Street, H: 649 Paulson Avenue, I: 219 Mayflower Street, J: 0 Silverdale Street, K: 8155 Conemaugh Street, L: 154 Hazelwood Avenue, M: 156 Hazelwood Avenue, N: 521 Sylvania Avenue, O: 301 Cedarhurst Street, P: 1546 Methyl Street, Q: 215 Fairview Ave, R: 1117 Island Avenue, S: 1119 Island Avenue, T: 947 Itin Street, U: 1022 Salter Way, V: 951 Itin Street, W: 1202 Seidle Street, X: 1544 Rhine Street, Y: 1548 Rhine Street, Z: 1918 Perrysville Avenue, AA: 1727 Warren Street, BB: 2445 Snyder Street, CC: 3604 Pennsylvania Avenue, DD: 3567 Elmhurst Avenue, EE: 1143 Mitchell Street

Attachments: [2022-0715 Cover Letter-Sideyard August 2022 Council Letter](#)
[2022-0715-Sideyard August 2022](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2022-0740](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for September 14, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0733](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Police Traffic Services Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, for the purpose of receiving funds in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NINETY-ONE CENTS (\$174,468.91) that will be used for enforcement of drunk and impaired driving as well as related outreach activities.

Attachments: [2022-0733 Cover Letter-Traffic Services Legislation Letter Summary 2022-0733](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2022-0741](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for September 14, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0708](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to apply for TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) dollars in grant funding from the Allegheny County Department of Community and Economic Development, through its Act 152 Blight Removal Program, in order to fund the demolition of 1613 Broadway Avenue. In the event the grant is awarded, the parties plan to subsequently enter into a grant agreement (to be authorized by separate legislation) for the final awarded dollar amount for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2022-0708 Cover Letter-Allegheny County Blight Removal Program letter 2022.doc](#)
[2022-0708-Allegheny County Blight Removal ATTACHMENT C 2022](#)
[Summary 2022-0708](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

[2022-0709](#) Resolution granting a vacation of an unopened portion of Bobby Way, laid out in the Summer Hill Terrace Plan (#2328), as recorded in P.B.V. 40 Pg. 476, in the 26th Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2022-0709 Cover Letter-council](#)
[2022-0709-Bobby Way Vacation Application](#)
[Summary 2022-0709](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILWOMAN STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2022-0742](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for September 14, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0716](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 773 of 2017 (effective February 10, 2017), which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Service Agreement(s) with Rulis & Bochicchio, LLC for the purpose of providing legal services in connection with the defense of certain workers' compensation matters and claims brought against the city, by increasing the cost by \$900,000.00 for 3 additional years of services.

Attachments: [2022-0716 Cover Letter-Council_Letter_R&B_Extension_Aug'22-final_signed Summary 2022-0716](#)

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

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Wilson

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER