



# City of Pittsburgh

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Resolution authorizing and directing the Pittsburgh City Controller to perform an audit of all contracts, agreements, and leases between the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC), as well as the administering agencies, departments, authorities, and entities within the Controller's jurisdiction to do so, pursuant to the powers outlined in the Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, voters in the City of Pittsburgh approved an amendment to the Home Rule Charter on November 5, 2019 that authorizes the creation of the City of Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, this campaign was led by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy with the intent to work with the City of Pittsburgh in improving our City Parks; and,

WHEREAS, questions and concerns were raised regarding the accountability and transparency of PPC in their previously agreed upon contracts and cooperation agreements and,

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to provide prudent financial oversight of tax dollars; and,

WHEREAS, per Article 4, Chapter 404: "Powers and Duties," Section (b) of the City's Home Rule Charter, the Pittsburgh City Controller has the authority "to audit the accounts of council, units of government and all agencies and trusts;" and,

WHEREAS, per Article 4, Chapter 404: "Powers and Duties," Section (c) of the City's Home Rule Charter, the Pittsburgh City Controller further has the authority "to conduct performance audits of all agencies, trusts, council and units of government whenever the Controller decides it is necessary or is directed to conduct such an audit either by the Mayor or by Council, but in any event no less than once every four years;" and,

WHEREAS, a thorough review and accounting of all tax payer dollars used to fund any and all partnerships between the City and PPC are necessary before moving forward with any new agreements for the Parks Trust Fund; and,

**Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:**

### **Section 1: AUDIT**

- a. The Pittsburgh City Controller is hereby authorized and instructed to perform an audit of any and all cooperation agreements, services agreements, project management agreements, and leases between the

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- b. The scope of this audit shall be from January 1, 1998, to present time, and shall include an accounting of all monetary exchanges, legal agreements, cooperation agreements, leases, and any other interactions between the two entities.
- c. The City Controller shall present the findings of this audit to the Pittsburgh City Council upon its completion.