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Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Public Works (DPW) to enter into an agreement or agreements with licensed plumbers or plumbing firms or other entities on such terms as are necessary to alleviate the critical shortage of plumbers and in the city's workforce.

WHEREAS, residents look forward to spending time in City-owned parks, pools and recreation centers and parents and their children enjoy playing in spray parks and other water features; and,

WHEREAS, City employees and residents and taxpayers rely on functioning restrooms and water fountains when working or interacting with the City in City-owned buildings; and,

WHEREAS, whether in City parks, recreation centers or City buildings, well-trained plumbers are essential to maintaining the water systems; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has a shortage of qualified plumbers as employees; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to address the shortage of qualified plumbers, and has begun the process of addressing the need, the City cannot wait to address plumbing, water and sewer-related issues in its buildings, parks and recreation facilities.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Public Works (DPW) are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements or a contract or contracts or for the use of existing agreements or contracts with licensed plumbers or plumbing firms on such terms as are necessary to alleviate the critical shortage of plumbers in the city's workforce.

Section 2. The Mayor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Department of Public Works (DPW) are further authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or quasi-public agencies, school districts or authorities on such terms and conditions as are necessary to mitigate operational issues due to the lack of plumbers in the City workforce.

Section 3. Said Agreement or Agreements shall be approved by the City Solicitor as to form.

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Section 4. The Controller is hereby authorized and directed to encumber the funds for each agreement or contract upon execution of said agreements or contracts from the following JD Edwards accounts: 4000280070.53901.00 (Parks Tax Trust Fund) and 11101.450000.54.54201.2024 (DPW Bureau of Facilities). No prior competitive process shall be required for an agreement pursuant to this Resolution provided that the vendor, vendors, firm or firms utilize unionized plumbers, or, pursuant to Section 2, the City enters into agreements with a political subdivision, school district, authority or other quasi-governmental entity.

Section 5. The Mayor and the Directors of the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Public Works are hereby authorized to make any necessary salary increases required to increase the number of plumbers in the City's employ.

Section 6. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.