

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL

Theresa Kail-Smith, President of Council

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

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kim Clark-Baskin, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Members present via video conference due to COVID-19 protective guidelines set forth by the federal, state, and local governments

Present 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2020-0517](#) **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's eviction and foreclosure moratorium is slated to expire on July 10, 2020; and

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Strassburger

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

Enactment No: 311

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

[2020-0519](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement or Agreements with McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc., to allow the performance of site preparation work on designated City property in order to facilitate the construction of Larimer East Liberty Phases 3 & 4 Choice Neighborhood development.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0500](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into temporary construction easements, in lieu of eminent domain, with the owners of certain properties in the 24th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, adjacent to Cowley Park, for landslide remediation work related to public park purposes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0501](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into temporary construction easements, in lieu of eminent domain, with the owners of certain property in the 19th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, known as 1599 Fallowfield Avenue and 1545 Fallowfield Avenue, for landslide remediation work related to public roadway purposes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0502](#) Resolution granting unto Mark DiNatale, 242 Bigham Street, Pittsburgh, Pa, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new retaining wall and fence, at Sycamore Street and Redoak Way, in the 19th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0503](#) Resolution granting unto Crafton Borough, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an 18 foot storm water sewer line and endwall with storm water outfall into Chartiers Creek, at the intersection of Chartiers Avenue and Sycamore Street, in the 28th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Not introduced

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0504](#) Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17th, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for forty-nine (49) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until August 25th; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council.
The motion carried.**

[2020-0506](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Vijay Kapoor, The Kapoor Company, 8 Braddock Way, Asheville, NC 28803LLC, for professional services in connection with FOP interest arbitration, in an amount not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0507](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Howard J. Woods, Jr. & Associates, LLC, 49 Overhill Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-4211 for professional services in connection with PUC litigation and related matters, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0508](#) Resolution amending Resolution #829 authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Campbell Durrant, P.C., 535 Smithfield St., Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 for professional legal services and expert advice regarding labor matters by increasing the total cost Thirty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00), from Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$305,000.00) to Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$340,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0509](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Curtin & Heefner, LLP, 2005 S. Easton Road, Suite 100, Doylestown, PA 18901, in an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$11,864.05) for professional legal services and expert advice regarding Source of Income litigation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0510](#) Resolution amending Resolution #587 authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fox Rothschild LLP, 2000 Market St., 20th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 for professional consulting and legal services in relation to False Claims Act litigation by increasing the total cost Forty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00), from Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$235,000.00) to Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$280,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0511](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Cohen Law Group to address a matter of pending telecommunications and cable regulatory litigation at an amount not to exceed twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0512](#) Resolution authorizing 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 for an amount not to exceed Twenty Four Thousand and No Cents (\$24,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0513](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Cozen O'Connor, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 41st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with an employment related matter for an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand and No Cents (\$15,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0514](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an access agreement or agreements with the Carnegie Science Center of Pittsburgh for purposes of a drive-in movie presentation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0505](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Cycom Data Systems, Inc., for professional services relating to continuing maintenance, support and upgrades to CityLaw, the Department of Law's legal case management and administrative support software system at a cost not to exceed \$11,376.00 (Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and No Cents).

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

[2020-0515](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into a three (3) year Contract or Agreement with Esri, granting uncapped, citywide access to Esri's products for all departments. To build and maintain a City authoritative system of record, make data-driven decisions, share information across departments, perform advanced analytics and share information with the public, to meet the needs of the City of Pittsburgh at a sum not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000).

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

[2020-0516](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into Startup Participation Agreements with selected entities as part of the sixth cohort of PGH Lab and further authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into Program Participation Agreements with local municipal entities to allow such entities to test products and services as part through PGH Lab.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0495](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for July 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0440](#) An Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code Title One: Administration, Article IX: Boards, Commissions and Authorities by adding Chapter 179G to establish the LGBTQIA+ Commission in order to advocate for equity for the LGBTQIA+ community in Pittsburgh.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2020-0448](#) Resolution Declaring that **Black Pittsburgh Matters** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0496](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for July 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0441](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the US Department of Justice for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (\$676,895.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0497](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for July 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0436](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Temporary Right of Entry and License Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the four HOMEOWNERS for the purpose of repairing the slope through soil stabilization at the rear of the HOMEOWNERS' property adjacent and in FRICK Park.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2020-0485](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to grant a temporary construction easement to 2013 PA Brushton, LLC to perform land stabilizing work.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0498](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for July 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0237](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Mowry-Addison House, located at 5134 Carnegie Street (80-G-239), in the Lawrenceville Neighborhood, in the 10th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 6/9/2020)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2020-0499](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for July 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0442](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 389 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to existing agreements to purchase Accela Civic Platform and Accela Citizen Access subscription and cloud hosting services so as to extend the contract an additional year until June 30, 2021, and increase the not-to-exceed cost from \$1,269,962.16 to \$1,289,919.29.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2020-0494](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution 539 of 2016, as amended, entitled "authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and/or Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements with Granicus, Inc., for software upgrades, server hosting services and annual maintenance of Legistar agenda management and video streaming" in order to extend the contract an additional 12 months, for a total cost of \$247,722.22.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2020-0504](#)

Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17th, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for forty-nine (49) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until August 25th; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Ms. Gross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER