

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

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 Coghil, 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 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2021-1400](#)

WHEREAS, April 11, 2021 marks the 53rd anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which, as amended, pronounces a national policy of Fair Housing for all without regard to identity under the protected classes of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status; mandating fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 256

[2021-1401](#)

WHEREAS, May 21st, 2021 has been designated as the 23rd Annual “Take a Father to School Day” in the Pittsburgh Public Schools; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 257

[2021-1402](#)

WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the 26th Amendment to the United States Constitution took effect, lowering the universal voting age in America from 21 years to 18 years. Millions of young Americans were extended the right to vote, empowering more young people than ever before to help shape our country; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 258

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2021-1394](#) Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to deny the renaming of “Niagara Parklet” to “Oakcliffe Community Playground”.

Attachments: [2021-1394 Cover Ltr NC Coverletter 01042021_Oakcliffe Summary 2021-1394](#)
[2021-1394 20210104_Naming Commission Minutes](#)
[2021-1394 Oakcliffe Community Playground \(1\)](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1395](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Keystone Communities Grant program to provide funding for the construction of a new park building in the Robert E Williams Memorial Park. The grant proposal includes a request of \$500,000.00 with a local match of \$997,170.00 payable from the City of Pittsburgh’s 2020 and 2021 Capital Budget. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY (\$1,497,170.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1395 Cover Ltr Director's Letter - Robert E. Williams 4-14-21 - signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1395](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1403](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 675 of 2008, entitled “Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget and the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program” to change the Cityfarms deliverable from Brookline only to Brookline and District 7.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

Attachments: [2021-1403 Summary](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1396](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 129 McKean Street commercial property at 129 McKean Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201.

Attachments: [2021-1396 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Cover Letter - 129 McKean St](#)
[Summary 2021-1396](#)

[2021-1396 4-13-2021 129 MCKEAN STREET DISTLLERY BUILDING RENOVATIONS 03 COMPONENT 3 FORM SFPM](#)

[2021-1396 Sewer Module Questionnaire - 129 McKean Street 27th ward 15219](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1397](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with David Wright, 27 Foster Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 for expert witness services related to pending civil rights litigation, filed at Case No. 2:18-cv-2019 in the US District Court, in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2021-1397 Cover Ltr Wright Council letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1397](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2021-1398](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a contract and/or agreement and/or use an existing contract and/or agreement with Informing Design, Inc. and/or Homeless Children's Education Fund to provide for the continued operation of the Big Burgh online application and providing for the payment of the cost thereof not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000).

Attachments: [2021-1398 Cover Ltr Mayor Letter Big Burgh Resolution](#)
[Summary 2021-1398](#)

[2021-1398 Waiver letter- BigBurgh.com](#)

[2021-1398 WCP21-020 Informing Design Bob Firth](#)

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2021-1399](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Urban League of Pittsburgh, for the implementation/administration of the Housing Counseling Program, and related costs, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Attachments: [2021-1399 Cover Ltr CDBG Housing Counseling Letter v2_041321 Summary 2021-1399](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2021-1390](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 14, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1351](#) Resolution amending Resolution 343 of 2020, which authorized the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Campbell Durrant, P.C., for professional legal services and expert advice regarding labor matters, by increasing the total spend by \$50,000.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$390,000.00.

(Executive Session Held 4/13/21)

Attachments: [2021-1351 Cover Ltr-Campbell Council ltr Summary 2021-1351 2021-1351 WCP21-017 Campbell Durant](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2021-1370](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 565, effective November 3, 2020, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Finance and Public Works to Execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh of 5164 Broad Street in the 10th Ward, Block and Lot Number 50-L-188 and to accept a deed for the property. And, further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). And, further authorizing acceptance of that lot and dedicating that lot and an adjacent City-owned lot, together, as the Nelson Mandela Peace Park” to clarify the cost of the purchasing said property and other associated auxiliary costs.

Attachments: [2021-1370 Cover Letter-Mayor Letter NMPP Amendment](#)
[Summary 2021-1370](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2021-1373](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Manager of the Office of Community Health and Safety, and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an agreement or agreements with Primary Care and MEE Productions, for the purpose of mini-grants for Community Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Trusted, Community-Identified Leaders who participate in the Allegheny County Health Department and Department of Human Services COVID-19 Awareness Campaign for Ethnic and Minority Communities. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, chargeable to and payable from the Stop the Violence Trust Fund.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Kraus

Attachments: [2021-1373 Summary](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2021-1391](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 14, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1365](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Multimodal Transportation Program for the design and construction of street and sidewalk infrastructure and pedestrian/plaza space at and near the intersection of Beechview Ave and Broadway Ave and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1365 Cover Letter-DCED Multimodal Broadway_signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1365](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2021-1366](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 830 of 2018, previously amended by Resolution 142 of 2020, originally entitled “Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements, allowing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility & Infrastructure, on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement or agreements to complete engineering design for a new multimodal connection of Hazelwood, Greenfield, and Four Mile Run with Oakland - which will support green infrastructure, ensure safe travel, increase travel options between these neighborhoods, protect local neighborhoods, and increase connectivity consistent with the concept design developed through the 2018 public process, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed \$1,346,644.10” to authorize a supplemental agreement with Michael Baker for an increase to the scope of work on the Mon Oakland Mobility Corridor Project, and to account for the new increased project cost, not to exceed \$2,031,904.81, and increase of \$396,223.31 from the previous supplement.

Attachments: [2021-1366 Cover Letter -Mon Oakland Michael Baker](#)
[Supplement Letter 3.26.21](#)
[Summary 2021-1366](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2021-1392](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 14, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1382](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Amended Lease Agreement or Agreements with Wood Street Commons Commercial LLC to continue leasing office space in 304 Wood Street for the Pittsburgh Partnership for a sum not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$1,359,654.82) over five years, and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2021-1382 Cover Ltr to City Council for Wood Street Commons](#)

[2021-1382 EORC Wavier EARN](#)

[Summary 2021-1382](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2021-1393](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 14, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1231](#) Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.41 to Lubavitch Center Inc, property owner, for authorization to operate a Multi-Suite Residential (Limited) use at 2142 Wightman Street, Block and Lot 87-B-58, zoned “RM-M” Multi-Unit Residential, Moderate Density District, 14th Ward, Council District No. 5.
(Public Hearing Held 4/13/21)

Attachments: [2021-1231 Cover Ltr City Council Cover Letter 2142 Wightman St CUA](#)
[2021-1231 2142 WIGHTMAN STREET CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW CRITERIA RESPONSE 1-14-2021](#)
[2021-1231 DCP-ZDR-2020-00360 Map](#)
[2021-1231 DCP-ZDR-2020-00360, 2142 Wightman Street](#)
[2021-1231 DCP-ZDR-2020-00360_2142 Wightman St Hearing Report 2021-02-09](#)
[2021-1231 DCP-ZDR-2020-00360_2142 Wightman St City Council extension Summary 2021-1231](#)
[2021-1231_2124 Wightman Street Presentation](#)

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

Aye: 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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Enactment No: 259

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER