

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED**

**THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL**

***Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council***

***Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Gilman, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris,  
R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith***

***Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk***

**ROLL CALL**

**Present** 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

**Absent** 1 - Ms. Rudiak

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-1844](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Phil Coyne for his remarkable commitment to the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and the Pittsburgh community and for demonstrating passion for the game of baseball; and,

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 29th, 2017 to be “**Phil Coyne Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. GILMAN AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1845](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the tremendous staff of the City Channel as well as celebrate its 35th birthday; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, August 29th, 2017 “**City Channel Pittsburgh Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1846](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Reverend Dr. Sheila Johnson-Hunt for her dedication to her community, her church, the lives of children in youth in the community; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, August 20, 2017 to be “***Reverend Dr. Sheila Johnson-Hunt Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** REV. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1847](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Melissa Berman and James Craig on the occasion of their marriage and wishes them good health and happiness for years to come; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 3rd, 2017 to be “***Melissa and James Craig Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. GILMAN AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1848](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor historic citizen and commends all of the 2017 sponsors and participants in the annual ***German Heritage Recognition Luncheon*** ; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, August 26, 2017 to be “***German Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh. ***\*Glück Auf!\****

**SPONSOR /S:** MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1849](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the hard work and dedication that **Gregor Meyer** has put into his love of golf and congratulates him on his remarkable achievement of winning **the WPIAL Crown as the Boys 3-A Golf Title Champ**.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1850](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby give a hearty Pittsburgh welcome to the **Perth Heat Colts** and their Coach, Steve Fish from Perth, Australia and wishes them a great experience in the United States and especially in Pittsburgh, PA.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

## **COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2017-1807](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into a Contract or Agreement with GBWH Pittsburgh, New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Pittsburgh, to deliver technical training courses to support ongoing development of Innovation & Performance staff who support critical IT infrastructure for a sum not to exceed Forty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Zero Dollars (\$46,400) for one year and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

## **COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:**

[2017-1808](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the construction of 10 single family houses to be known as Republic Street Housing. This will include six houses along the east side of Republic Street and four houses along the west side of Seward Street. The project is located on interconnecting lands between Republic and Seward Streets, just south of Rutledge Street in the 19th Ward of the City. The house addresses will be 217, 219, 221, 223, 227, and 229 Republic Street and 214, 216, 218 and 220 Seward Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1809](#) Resolution to extend the term of existence of the Stadium Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1810](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, or an entity to be formed, for the sale of Block 1-D, Lot 183 in the 2nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, 604 Liberty Avenue -- Council District No. 6 (Commercial Rehabilitation).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1811](#) Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Cory G. Cope IV and Jennifer Owen, for the Sale of Block 23-B, Lot 174, in the 25th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 (Perrysville Avenue - Sideyard).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1812](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the NRG Energy Center Pittsburgh LLC, with respect to the sale of Block 2-H, Lot 53 (Lot 5-B in the NRG Subdivision Plan No. 1) situated in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, -- Council District No. 6 (Redevelopment).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1813](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, or a joint venture to be formed by the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (“HACP”), or an entity to be formed by HACP and TREK Development Group, with respect to the sale of Block 23-F, Lots 59, 59A, 60, 60A and 60B; Block 23-B, Lots 216, 227, 227A, 227B, 228, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234, 234A and 235; and Block 23-G, Lots 344 and 345, situated in the 25th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, -- Council District No. 6 (Residential Development).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1814](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an application for financial assistance for the Choice Neighborhood Homeowner Assistance Program in the amount of \$250,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation and administration of certain programs and projects in FY 2017-2018. (Council District: 9).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1815](#) Resolution authorizing a 2017-2018 Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the designation of the local matching share for a grant applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Keystone Communities Program for the Choice Neighborhood Homeowner Assistance Program. (Council District: 9).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1816](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an application for financial assistance for East Ohio Street Gateway Redevelopment in the amount of \$250,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation and administration of certain programs and projects in FY 2017-2018. (Council District 1).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1817](#) Resolution authorizing a 2017-2018 Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the designation of the local matching share for a grant applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Keystone Communities Program for the East Ohio Street Gateway Redevelopment. (Council District 1).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1818](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an application for financial assistance for Polish Hill Gateway Redevelopment in the amount of \$400,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation and administration of certain programs and projects in FY 2017-2018. (Council District 7).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1819](#) Resolution authorizing a 2017-2018 Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the designation of the local matching share for a grant applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Keystone Communities Program for the Polish Hill Gateway Redevelopment. (Council District 7).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1820](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an application for financial assistance for the Neighborhood Business District Program in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the operation and administration of certain programs and projects in FY 2017-2018. (Council District: All).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2017-1821](#) Resolution authorizing a 2017-2018 Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the designation of the local matching share for a grant applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Keystone Communities Program for the Neighborhood Business District Program. (Council Districts: All).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2017-1822](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into contract with consultant(s) to perform a comprehensive analysis of Pittsburgh's farmers' market system, and develop a plan for growth that improves equitable access to fresh, affordable, culturally appropriate food, supports our regional food producers, and promotes healthy eating for all residents. The study should be executed for a sum not to exceed Forty-Six Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$46,000.00).

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

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

[2017-1823](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic District under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structures known as the Winter Homes, located at 2314 and 2316 Brownsville Road, block and lot numbers 95-M-310 and 312, in the 29th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:**

[2017-1824](#) Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies for job development and employment services necessary to implement the 2017 Neighborhood Employment Program, and providing for the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the 2017 Neighborhood Employment Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources**



[2017-1825](#) Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide job development and employment services, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor, staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, vocational skills training and on-the-job training, outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2017 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program; and providing for the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the 2017 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program, and for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

**Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2017-1826](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of two hundred fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$251,500.00) that will be used to establish, coordinate and fund activities to prevent, combat and reduce auto theft.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services**

**COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:**

[2017-1827](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article V, Use Table, Section 911.02 to create the definition of Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Growing and Processing uses, and to allow for such uses as special exception in certain zoning districts.

**SPONSOR /S:** MR. O'CONNOR

**CO-SPONSOR /S:** Ms. Rudiak and Mr. Kraus

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

**COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:**

[2017-1828](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Burns White LLC, Four Northshore Center, 106 Isabella St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212, in an amount not to exceed Forty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$47,236.81) for professional legal services and expert advice regarding construction litigation.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2017-1829](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Bronder Technical Services, in the amount of \$45,883.85, for emergency repair/replacement services to the existing Early Flood Warning System on Allegheny River Boulevard/Washington Boulevard/Negley Run/Highland Drive, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

[2017-1830](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Project and License Agreement with Riverlife to provide certain improvements along Fort Pitt Boulevard between Grant Street and Smithfield Street in the Downtown neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

**COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:**

[2017-1831](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Brenda F. Pree as City Clerk of the City of Pittsburgh for a three year term. This appointment shall become effective as of the date of the Oath of Office administered on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

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

**Aye:** 6 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, and Mr. O'Connor

**No:** 2 - Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1832](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Andrea L. Vasquez as a member of the Pittsburgh Equal Opportunity Review Commission with a term to expire November 30, 2018.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1833](#) Resolution re-appointing Guy Costa as a member of the Equipment Leasing Authority Board of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire April 17, 2022.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1834](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Eric L. Holmes as a member of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations with a term to expire March 30, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1835](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Allyce Pinchback as a member of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations with a term to expire March 30, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1836](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Jessica Ruffin as a member of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations with a term to expire March 30, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1837](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Lori Carol Zimmerman-Roth, Esq. as a member of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations with a term to expire April 1, 2019.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1838](#) Resolution informing City Council of the re-appointment of Fred W. Brown, Jr. as a member of the Pittsburgh Planning Commission with a term to expire January 1, 2022.

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

[2017-1839](#) Resolution re-appointing LaShawn Burton-Faulk as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire on August 31, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.**

[2017-1840](#) Resolution re-appointing Alice Mitinger as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire on August 31, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.**

[2017-1841](#) Resolution re-appointing JJ Richardson as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire on August 31, 2021.

**A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.**

[2017-1842](#) Communication from Jen Presutti, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Paul Leger, Director of Finance, submitting a Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

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

[2017-1843](#) Communication from William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, recommending Mr. Robert Samuel for removal as a member of the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (CHR) on the grounds of being in violation of the CHR By-laws of attendance.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MS. RUDIAK**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**