

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 30, 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 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 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

[2021-1354](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges Congress - especially federal elected officials representing the City of Pittsburgh - to support H.R. and S.R. 1, the For the People Act, to protect American democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Will of Council shall be shared with the Offices of United States Senators Robert Casey and Patrick Toomey to communicate the will of this legislative body as the Senate considers and debates S.R. 1.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

Enactment No: 203

[2021-1355](#)

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, Pittsburgh City Council denounces the attempts of state and federal legislators to prohibit transgender athletes from participating in sports on the youth and collegiate level and urges sports programs, both youth and collegiate, within the state to adopt and support transgender inclusive policies for their teams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council shall be sent to the Allegheny County delegation of the Pennsylvania House and Senate, the chairs and minority chairs of the State House and Senate Education Committees, Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania Acting Secretary of Education Noe Ortega, Congressman Mike Doyle, Senator Pat Toomey, and Senator Bob Casey.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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

Enactment No: 204

[2021-1356](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the memory of Patrick Quinn; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to be “**the late Mr. Patrick W. Quinn Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 205

[2021-1357](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Tau Beta Eta Fraternity on their first anniversary and thank them for their selfless work in the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding areas; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Thursday, April 1 to be “**Tau Beta Eta Fraternity Inc Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 206

[2021-1358](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of the Pittsburgh Film Office, and declares Saturday, April 24, 2021, to be Pittsburgh Film Office Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 207

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2021-1344](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Pittsburgh Baseball Umpires Association in the amount of \$6,000.00 for umpire services during the 2021 calendar year.

Attachments: [2021-1344 Cover Ltr-2021 Pittsburgh Baseball Umpires Association Ltr](#)
[Summary 2021-1344](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2021-1345](#) Resolution authorizing the City's Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into relevant agreements with Sonitrol of Pittsburgh for security through video monitoring and alarm systems, along with repairs at Parks and Recreation facilities at set negotiated prices to be determined over a term of three years.

Attachments: [2021-1345 Cover Ltr-2021 Sonitrol of Pittsburgh Purchasing Letter](#)
[2021-1345 -WCP21-013 Sonitrol](#)
[Summary 2021-1345](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1346](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, with Peoples Natural Gas Company to provide a Permanent Easement for additional and/or relocated natural gas pipelines and necessary accessories at the South Side Park as part of a joint City- People's Natural Gas project to improve the South Side Park in the South Side neighborhood.

Attachments: [2021-1346 Cover Ltr-PW letter DOC013](#)
[2021-1346 -Exhibit A -Metes and Bounds Survey](#)
[2021-1346 -Exhibit B -Proposed Easement](#)
[Summary 2021-1346](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1347](#) Resolution amending Resolution 145 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Quetica for professional services relating to fleet telematics and snow route optimization, by extending the term for two years at an increase of \$384,376.00 for a new cost not to exceed \$2,116,208.00.

Attachments: [2021-1347 Cover Ltr-Quetica Resolution Letter kp signed](#)
[2021-1347 -Quetica - Pittsburgh subscription fees 210312](#)
[Summary 2021-1347](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1348](#) Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) to establish ownership and maintenance responsibilities for a Flood Early Warning System within the right-of-ways of Washington Boulevard, Allegheny River Boulevard, Butler Street, Highland Drive and further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, effective December 28, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS by \$170,899.79 to reflect reimbursement of previously expended City funds.

Attachments: [2021-1348 Cover Ltr-Washington Boulevard Flood Gates Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1348](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1349](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (the "**Authority**") to establish the size of the Board of the Authority at a number not less than five and not more than nine.

Attachments: [2021-1349 Cover Ltr-Mayor Letter PWSA Board Size AOI](#)
[Summary 2021-1349](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1359](#) Ordinance amending Title VII Business Licensing, Article X Rental of Residential Housing Chapter 782 Temporary Eviction Regulation For Disease Prevention and Control Due to COVID-19 to strengthen its policy directives through certain technical and substantive revisions.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1350](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Wheels, Inc. Attn: Michelle #20264, P.O. Box 5046, Des Plains, IL 600617-5046, in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$36,256.95) in settlement of a claim for damage to a vehicle from a 3-vehicle accident on PA SR 22/30 involving a City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services vehicle.

Attachments: [2021-1350 Cover Ltr-Claim No. 20C-0034 - Wheels Inc. - Council Letter Summary 2021-1350](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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 Requested)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1352](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management & Budget, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a no-cost professional service agreement or agreements to work with experts from the Harvard University Government Performance Lab (GPL) to create templates, contract language and key performance indicators for outcomes-based procurements.

Attachments: [2021-1352 Cover Ltr-Harvard GPL letter_KP](#)

[Summary 2021-1352](#)

Waived under Rule 8

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2021-1353](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a no-cost professional service agreement or agreements to work with experts from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Government Excellence (“GovEx”) to elevate data governance practice across the City.

Attachments: [2021-1353 Cover Ltr-GovEx Letter REVISED \(Waive Rule 8\)](#)

[3-23-21 - signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1353](#)

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

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

[2021-1342](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 24, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1332](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with First National Insurance Agency, LLC for insurance brokerage services for all necessary policy types. This shall be a no-cost agreement with a term of three years with two one-year options to extend.

Attachments: [2021-1332 Cover Ltr FNI - Letter](#)

[2021-1332 FNI - RFP21000005](#)

[Summary 2021-1332](#)

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

[2021-1343](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 24, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1297](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to conduct landslide mitigation on Mount Washington and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (\$9,998,250.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$3,332,750.00) dollars for this stated purpose for a total project cost of THIRTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND (\$13,331,000.00) dollars.

Attachments: [2021-1297 Cover Letter-PEME Grant Letter Letterhead signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1297](#)

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

[2021-1298](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund to construct a play space in Homewood Park. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1298 Cover Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1298](#)

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

[2021-1299](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund, to fund the planning of the replacement of the Jefferson Recreation Center. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1299 Cover Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1299](#)

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

[2021-1300](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund to rehabilitate the Warrington Recreation Center. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1300 Cover Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1300](#)

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

[2021-1301](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund for site work at the First Tee Club House located in Schenley Park and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) DOLLARS.

Attachments: [2021-1301 Cover Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1301](#)

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

[2021-1302](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Gaming Economic Development Fund, for site work at the First Tee Club House located in Schenley Park and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (\$194,125.00) DOLLARS.

Attachments: [2021-1302 Cover Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1302](#)

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

[2021-1303](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 647, effective December 23, 2020, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2021 Capital Budget and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2021 through 2026 Capital Improvement Program", by reducing PARK RECONSTRUCTION by \$36,000.00 and increasing PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS by \$36,000.00.

Attachments: [2021-1303 Cover Letter-Kennard-Phillips Funds Transfer Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1303](#)

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

[2021-1325](#) Resolution granting unto SOUTHSIDE WORKS CITY APARTMENTS LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install (2) new projecting banner signs and (2) canopies at 2603 Sidney Street, in the 16th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1325 Cover Ltr council](#)

[2021-1325 2603 Sidney Street encroachment app and letters\(1\)](#)

[\(2\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1325](#)

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

[2021-1327](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a reimbursement agreement to receive grant funding from the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association for a lighting project on the 18th Street steps and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2021-1327 Cover Ltr 18th Street Steps Grant Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1327](#)

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER