

# **City of Pittsburgh**

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



## **MEETING MINUTES**

*Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh*

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-EIGHTH 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**

**Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk**

## ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2014-0374](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize, commend and congratulate the "Minadeo Marathoners" on their commitment to healthy living and their dedication to their school and their team ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, , that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, May 3, 2014, to be "MINADEO MARATHONERS DAY " in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0375](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize, commend and congratulate The Squirrel Hillbillies for their innovative music style and their enjoyable, entertaining performances ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 29, 2014, to be "THE SQUIRREL HILLBILLIES DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0376](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby pay tribute to Mendelson Gallery's 40 year love affair with the arts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 2, 2014, "Steve Mendelson Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN GILMAN**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0377](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 29, 2014 to be "Brenda Tate Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0378](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Evan Mirapaul, Thorsten Brinkmann, and all others who assisted in the creation of La H?tte Royal - most notably Anne Stone, Gavin White, and Daniel Menges - for transforming an abandoned home into a one of a kind, world-renowned modern art work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday April 29, 2014 to be "Evan Mirapaul Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0379](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the Center for Traumatic Stress for Children and Adolescents at Allegheny General Hospital for their 20 years and commend them for their tremendous work and dedication to children and families; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 29, 2014, to be "The Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): THERESA KAIL-SMITH AND DARLENE M. HARRIS**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0380](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 29th, 2014 to be "WYEP 40th Anniversary Day" in the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates WYEP's longstanding positive contribution to the City of Pittsburgh and looks forward to another 40 years of independent, community-oriented radio.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND BRUCE A. KRAUS**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0381](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 2, 2014 to be "Pittsburgh Fringe Festival Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0382](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates the achievements of the team for winning the 2014 Pittsburgh Class B Diocesan Girls' Basketball Championship and does hereby proclaim April 29th, 2014 to be "Brookline Regional Catholic Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Day" in the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates the outstanding athletic achievements of coaches Ian Barrett and Mark Bernotas and team members Vanessa Hudson, Amanda Santora, Sarah Merlina, Sydney Carr, Alexia Bernotas, Maleah Neiport, Gianna Facchiano, Kendall Calanish, Emily Meador, Samantha Chatham, and Maggie Wilson.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0383](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Lois McCafferty for her stellar achievements serving the Brookline neighborhood and the City of Pittsburgh as a whole; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Sunday, April 27th, 2014 as "Lois McCafferty Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0384](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize, commend and congratulate Deborah McGowan for her patient and passionate approach to the people that she serves and for her dedicated service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 2, 2014 to be "DEBBIE MCGOWAN DAY " in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0385](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Pittsburgh on its impact and imprint in the Pittsburgh region and congratulates David Lassman for receiving the Mermelstein Award for his leadership and dedication at the agency's Annual Meeting ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 15, 2014 to be " JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0386](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the 2013 retirees for their dedication and commitment to protecting and servicing the people of the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, April 25, 2014 to be "FOP Fort Pitt Lodge #1 Retirees Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0387](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim May 3, 2014, as "Cathy Jacobson-Guzy Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN GILMAN**

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

Bill No.

[2014-0388](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Mayor Brown for her many achievements and concentrated efforts in revitalizing the City of Compton ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 1, 2014, to be "Mayor Aja Brown Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS AND R. DANIEL LAVELLE**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2014-0373](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Whole Foods Building Expansion at 5880 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh 15206.

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

### **COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2014-0365](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing Planning and Management (-\$50,000.00), Comprehensive Plan (-\$150,000.00), Community Streetscape Planning

(-\$275,100.00), Firefighting Equipment (-\$250,000.00), Firefighting Grant Matching Funds (-\$1,674.00), Flex Beam Guiderails (-\$50,000.00), Splash Zones (-\$250,000.00), Refinish Gym Floors (-\$40,000.00), and Dog Parks (-\$200,000.00) and increasing Street Resurfacing (+\$1,266,774.00).

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

Bill No. [2014-0366](#)  
Resolution further amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing Elevator Repair and Maintenance (-\$100,000.00), Ivondale Street Property Acquisition (-\$30,000.00), Planning and Management (\$75,000.00), Decentralization of BBI Employees (-\$50,000.00), Liberty Avenue Street Improvements (-\$150,000.00), and Portman Slope (-109,524.58) and increasing Street Resurfacing (+\$514,524.58).

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

### **COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

Bill No. [2014-0367](#)  
Resolution vacating Stanhope Street from Stafford Street to the southern Sheridan Park boundary in the 20th Ward, 2nd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Bill No. [2014-0368](#)  
Resolution accepting the dedication by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh of certain streets in the South Side Works project in the 16th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public highway and utility purposes, accepting the grading, paving, street lighting, curbing, traffic signals, establishment of grades and fixing the width and position of roadways and sidewalks thereof. (Council District 3).

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

Bill No. [2014-0369](#)  
Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Ownership and Maintenance Agreement with the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County to maintain at the City's sole cost and expense, the completed streets in the Lower Hill Development, in Council District 6 of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Bill No. [2014-0370](#)  
Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Public Works to assume responsibility for the year round maintenance, repair, and future alterations of facilities constructed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as part of the PA Route 28 Roadway Improvement Project.

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

Bill No. [2014-0371](#)  
Resolution granting to The Community Alliance of Spring Garden-East Deutschtown (CASGED), a non-profit corporation, a license to plant and maintain landscaped plantings so that CASGED may maintain a landscaped garden and plantings beginning at the Sarah Heinz Pedestrian Bridge and extending 2,100 feet north along Route 28, in the Twenty Third Ward (23rd) Ward, Council District 1 of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2014-0372](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the transfer to the City of  
Pittsburgh \$9,900 to pay for the costs incurred constructing and installing the large  
street name signs for the Penn Circle Renaming project. (Council Districts 8 and 9)

**Read and referred to Committee on Public Works****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING CONFIRMATION:**

Bill No. Resolution appointing Greg Jones as a member of the Board of Directors of the  
[2014-0228](#) Allegheny County Sanitary Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2014. Mr.  
Jones will fill the seat vacated by Joseph White.

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

Bill No. Resolution appointing Todd Siegel as Director of the Personnel Department of the City  
[2014-0329](#) of Pittsburgh.

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

Bill No. Resolution appointing Mike Gable as Director of the Department of Public Works of  
[2014-0330](#) the City of Pittsburgh.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON  
PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Performance and Asset Management for April 23, 2014  
[2014-0364](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Directors of Public Safety and the Department of  
[2014-0306](#) Innovation & Performance to enter into an agreement or agreements and/or contract or  
contracts for the maintenance of the public security camera system, cost not to exceed  
two hundred thirty thousand one hundred ninety two dollars and sixty-four cents  
(\$230,192.64) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements for the Department of  
[2014-0307](#) Innovation & Performance to include upgrades to the City's existing information and telecommunication systems, public safety systems, and public works systems for a sum not to exceed \$300,000 and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements for the Department of  
[2014-0308](#) Innovation & Performance to include upgrades to the City's existing public safety systems for a sum not to exceed \$200,000 and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - NONE**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**