

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 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

- Present** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2020-0204](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the groundbreaking and visionary work of Glenn Cannon. His legacy will live on in the work of the Pittsburgh Police, Fire and EMS and in the progressive public safety policies of the State of PA and the Nation. His giving spirit and his dedication and commitment to public service will serve to inspire us all.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 91

[2020-0205](#) ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish community, hereby declare the days of March 10 - 17, 2020 to be "***ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 92

[2020-0206](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Zachary James Esch; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, March 15th, 2020, to be "***Zachary James Esch Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 93

[2020-0207](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh makes known its support for Pennsylvania House Bill No. 432 of 2019 and encourages its swift adoption by the Pennsylvania General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council encourages the Allegheny Delegation of both chambers of the General Assembly to support this vital legislation, as well as any companion legislation to it that may be introduced.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR, COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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

Enactment No: 94

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2020-0200](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article Nine, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, to add Chapter 177D: Pittsburgh Commission on Racial Equity, pursuant to the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, §§ 102 and 208.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Pursuant to Sections 102 and 208 of the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Council shall transmit a copy of this proposed Ordinance to the Mayor for his recommendation, and Council shall take no further action on this Ordinance until the Mayor either sends a recommendation to City Council, or the expiration of 30 days from the date he receives this proposed Ordinance, therefore this proposed Ordinance is not currently subject to Rule VIII of the Rules of Council.

Referred for Report and Recommendation to the Mayor due back on 4/9/2020

[2020-0201](#)

Resolution adopting the Ten Commitments of Racial Equity.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0190](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the West Penn Playground Reconstruction Project. The grant proposal includes an ask of \$75,000 with a local match of \$75,000 to come out of the 2020 City of Pittsburgh Operating Budget (11101.450000.56.56401.2020) in the form of in-kind work. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0191](#) Resolution granting unto BIG RIVER DEVELOPMENT, LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 2305 Smallman Street, in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0192](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Villas at Winter Park at Hackstown Street Ext., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0193](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 106 of 2019, effective February 14, 2019, entitled "Resolution amending Resolution No. 191, effective March 19, 2018, entitled 'Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the administration of certain projects and programs, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$3,286,320.00' by including an additional Economic Development & Housing (H.E.L.P. Initiative) line item for an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 and the total cost thereof by the same amount not to exceed \$3,340,320.00," by including an additional Economic Development & Housing (Microfinance Program) line item for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 and the total cost thereof by the same amount not to exceed \$3,590,320.00. (Council Districts: All).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0202](#) Resolution, further amending resolution 797 of 2017, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget" as amended by resolution 876 of 2019, in order to correct the account number for the URA's Microfinance Program.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0194](#) Resolution amending Resolution Number 56 of 2018, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement with The United Way of Southwestern PA for services relating to the Career Transition Project (21 and Able), and providing for the payment of the costs thereof”, by increasing the authorized amount by One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) and by extending the term two years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0195](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, 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 reducing SMALLMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION by \$473,374.38 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$473,374.38.

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

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0196](#) Resolution amending Resolution 613 of 2017 authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with CORE Business Technologies for software, equipment and services related to the installation of payment processing and cashiering system for the Department of Finance to include an additional option year and providing for the payment of the cost thereof not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$390,552.17) for years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2020.

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

[2020-0197](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Questica, Inc. for professional services. This is a contract renewal via sole source for annual subscription fees related to a budgeting and performance management system. Questica will continue to improve the City’s budgeting and financial planning processes, increase staff productivity, enhance analytical capabilities, and provide more stakeholders with additional information about the costs and performance of city services. Cost not to exceed \$412,500.00 over five years.

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

[2020-0203](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 730 of 2019, effective November 6, 2019, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to revise the not-to-exceed funding amount and to clarify the leasing process.

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0198](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article VI: Development Standards, Chapter 914: Parking, Loading, and Access in order to eliminate minimum parking requirements for single-family attached dwellings.

(Send to Planning Commission for Report and Recommendation)

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0199](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program,” by amending City Council CDBG Unspecified Local Option line items, reducing SAVE A LIFE TODAY PITTSBURGH by \$8,000.00, and increasing BIRMINGHAM FOUNDATION AND SAVE A LIFE TODAY PITTSBURGH by \$8,000.00, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0187](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 4, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0022](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 241: Amusement Tax, Section 241.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code is hereby amended at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 241: Amusement Tax, Section 241.01: Definitions, as follows:

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

[2020-0022](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 241: Amusement Tax, Section 241.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0120](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, in order to clarify definitions of contract types, correct conflicting language between commodities and professional services and add additional categories for requests to waive the competitive bidding requirements to be in line with current practice and national standards.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0121](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161.22: Debarment from Bidding on and Participating in City Contracts in order to change the requirement of an affidavit to be a certification which will simplify the contracting process and reduce costs to our suppliers by no longer requiring the document to be notarized.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0128](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of three (3) warrants for the total sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000) relating to the settlement of a lawsuit filed at 2:18-cv-00864 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

(Executive Session held 3/3/2020)

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0142](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Compass Natural Gas Partners LP for the lease of a compressed natural gas fueling system, and provision of fuel for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$378,000.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Finance and Law . The motion carried.

[2020-0143](#) Resolution amending Resolution 837 of 2017 entitled “Authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund to be designated as the Schenley Park Rink Trust Fund, for the purpose of depositing funds and expenditure of funds for any and all related expenses” to authorize the ~~Department of Public Works~~ Department of Parks and Recreation to utilize the trust fund.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0161](#) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement or agreements with PNC Bank, National Association to grant a license to PNC Bank, National Association to enter onto certain parcels in order to perform certain work including geotechnical and environmental surveys, site and topographic surveys, utility assessments, and engineering and evaluation.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0188](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for March 4, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0144](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into an Agreement or Agreements with Bucks County Community College for Hazardous Materials Safety Officer training and certification services at a sum not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) 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:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0146](#) Ordinance supplementing Ordinance No. 36 of 2015 relative to the Pittsburgh City Code at Title 6: Conduct, Article III: Dogs, Cats and Other Animals, Chapter 636: Wild Animals, Section 636.06: prohibiting the capture and harm of any wild birds, to prohibit the sale of native or indigenous birds, to eliminate any permit or license allowing individuals to trap wild birds and to completely prohibit trapping wild birds other than by a properly qualified and trained employee of the Pittsburgh Bureau Of Animal Care and Control when the wild bird is injured, resides within a building, or poses an imminent risk of property damage or physical harm.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0189](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 4, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0139](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 510 of 2019 entitled “A Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreement, providing for the planning, design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, operations, and / or the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies in connection with the production of the Oakland Transportation Study and associated projects;” to provide for a specific payee and authorize entering into a contract for the Oakland Transportation Study.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0140](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 336 of 2019 entitled “A Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreement, providing for the planning, design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, operations, and / or the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies in connection with the production of the Hill District Mobility Network and Parking Management Plan and associated projects;” to provide for a specific payee and authorize entering into a contract for the Hill District Transportation Study.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0160](#)

Resolution amending Resolution number 763 of 2019, entitled “Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for roadway purposes certain property in the 26th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by Cessy Portuguez and known as 45 Semicir Street, authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition and relocation costs related thereto” to amend the chargeable account to reflect the 2020 operating budget.

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 Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mrs. Kail-Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER