

City of Pittsburgh

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



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Monday, December 16, 2013

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL**

Darlene M. Harris, President

Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Deborah L. Gross, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk
Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

ROLL CALL

Motion to Waive the Rules of Council due to the Late Start

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2013-2124](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Jean Fink for her tireless devotion to public service as a member of the Pittsburgh Board of Education; she will be sorely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, December 16, 2013 to be "Jean Fink Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2013-2125](#) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for its years of dedication to finding role models and guidance to children in need; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 17, 2013 to be Big Brothers Big Sisters Celebrate Coalitions Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2013-2126](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Tom Blaskiewicz for his professional achievements, and wishes him many happy years of retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, December 18, 2013 to be "Tom Blaskiewicz Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

Bill No. Communication from Daniel F. Regan, City Solicitor, submitting the Claims Report
[2013-2128](#) for the years 2011 and 2012, pursuant to Section 163 of the Pittsburgh Code.

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

Bill No. Communication from Daniel F. Regan, City Solicitor, submitting the Claims Report
[2013-2129](#) for the First, Second and Third Quarters of 2013, pursuant to Section 163 of the
Pittsburgh Code.

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

Bill No. Communication from Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk, submitting the Travel
[2013-2130](#) Reports for the years 2010-2012 from various City Departments.

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

Bill No. Communication from Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk, submitting the Travel
[2013-2131](#) Reports for the First, Second and Third Quarters of 2013 from various City
Departments.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article IV, Planning
[2013-2127](#) Districts, Chapter 909.01, SP, Specially Planned District.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for December 11, 2013 with an
[2013-2120](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the City Code at Title One: Administrative, Article V: Legislative, Chapter 151: Council by adding a section of the State Second Class City Law relating to sharing information.

[2013-1912](#)

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution making appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the Public Business of the City of Pittsburgh and for meeting the debt charges thereof for the Fiscal Year, beginning January 1, 2014

[2013-2051](#)

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution fixing the number of officers and employees of the City of Pittsburgh, and the rate of compensation thereof, and setting minimum levels for designated positions.

[2013-2052](#)

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution adopting and approving the 2014 Capital Budget and the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2014 through 2019 Capital Improvement Program.

[2013-2053](#)

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

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

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

Bill No. [2013-2089](#)
Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$3,750.00) to Thomas G. McConnell Jr., 255 Silverbell Court, West Chester, PA 19380 for arbitration services in connection with City of Pittsburgh and IAFF Local 1 Act 111 Health Care Reopener Arbitration. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act (Act 111), the City is required to pay the expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration proceeding.

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

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

Bill No. [2013-2090](#)
Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$9,670.00) to John M. Skonier, Esq., 2417 Oakland Drive, Norristown, PA 19403 for arbitration services in connection with City of Pittsburgh and IAFF Local 1 Act 111 Health Care Reopener Arbitration. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act (Act 111), the City is required to pay the expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration proceeding.

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

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

Bill No. [2013-2091](#)
Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$3,267.00) to Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C., One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, for arbitration services in connection with an Act 111 Interest Arbitration. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act (Act 111), the City is required to pay the expenses incurred in connection with the arbitration proceeding.

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

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

Bill No.

[2013-2095](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Richard S. Caliguiri Amyloidosis Foundation in an amount not to exceed sixteen thousand, four hundred, eleven dollars (\$16,411.00), in connection with the 2013 Great Race in the Department of Parks and Recreation, without previous authority of law; and providing for the payment thereof.

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

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

Bill No.

[2013-2100](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Granicus, Inc. in the amount of \$19,686.88 in payment for the annual maintenance agreement and other services related to the legislative tracking software used by the City Clerk's Office.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS

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

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

Bill No.

[2013-2113](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$48,500.00) to Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky for professional consulting and legal services in relation to reviews of the City's processes and procedures regarding tax collection matters.

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

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

Bill No.

[2013-2114](#)

Resolution realigning a total of \$4,485,000 between various accounts within the 2013 Operating Budget. This transfer is necessary for the 2013 close in order to meet expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Quinn's Quality Services
[2013-2116](#) in the amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,950.00), in payment for lawn cutting services rendered to senior residents of Council District No. 2 during the months of May through September, 2013.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for December 11, 2013 with an
[2013-2121](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Safety, and the Acting Chief of Police to
[2013-2092](#) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ) to receive monies from the 2013 Justice Assistance Grant Program, and further authorizing legitimate expenditures by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, for purchases authorized by the Grant Agreement and for the execution of agreements(s), or contract(s) for any equipment or services required in connection with the execution of said Grant Agreement. Said agreement(s) or contract(s) shall not exceed \$157,943.00.

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

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

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for December 11, 2013 with an
[2013-2122](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh from the Estate of
[2013-2096](#) Elizabeth Ann Yallum of certain property in the 12th ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public purpose to become part of the space plan of Larimer Area Redevelopment adjacent to Highland Park on the Negley Run Area.

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

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh from Dan P. Lipsky
[2013-2097](#) of certain property in the 10th ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public purpose and addition to the Allegheny River Greenway at the cost of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh from Ari I. and
[2013-2098](#) Karen H. Lightman of certain property in the 14th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public purpose to become part of the Nine Mile Greenway.

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for December 11, 2013 with an
[2013-2123](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution revising the boundaries of the Center Triangle TIF District. (Council District 6)
[2013-1643](#)

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

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

Bill No. Resolution revising the boundaries of the South Side Works TIF District by removing the Excluded Property from the TIF District, being Parcel E1b. (Council District 3)
[2013-1800](#)
Presented by Mrs. Harris and Mr. Kraus

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

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

Bill No. Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Eastside Limited Partnership III land development located on or about 6118 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206.
[2013-2115](#)

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

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER