

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 2, 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**

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****PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0862](#) Resolution transferring three thousand dollars (\$3,000) from City Council to the City Clerk's Office.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

[2020-0863](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 25 of 2020, effective July 31, 2020, titled, "Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Two--Fiscal, Article V-Special Funds, to add a new Chapter, Chapter 237 - "STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND", to prioritize the prevention of violence and crime within communities and to create a budgetary obligation for the Fund.", by changing language.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

[2020-0864](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article III, Organization, Chapter 116, Department of Public Safety, by adding a new section, § 116.15, Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

[2020-0865](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article III, Organization, Chapter 113, Office of the Mayor, by adding a new section, § 113.06, “Office of Community Health and Safety.”

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0854](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 192 of 2020, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an amendment or amendments to the Second Amended Full Requirements Service Agreement with Direct Energy Business LLC for the continued supply of electricity to the City’s buildings and facilities in connection with City’s aggregated purchase of electricity with other members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium.

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

[2020-0855](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an amendment or amendments to the purchasing agreement with Snyder Brothers Inc. for the continued supply of natural gas to the City’s buildings and facilities, and extending the term of current purchasing agreement for two years until December 2024. The City plans to soon develop a competitive solicitation for procurement of natural gas purchases in 2025 and beyond.

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

[2020-0856](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Bench Way (formerly Stack Alley), laid out in the Eastern Addition of New Homestead Plan of Lots, Plan Book Volume 20, Pages 12 & 13, in the 31st Ward, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2020-0857](#) Resolution granting unto 1700 PARTNERS, LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new projecting sign, at 1607 E. Carson Street, in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2020-0858](#) Resolution granting unto JONATHAN RESSER, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new projecting sign, at 2777 E. Carson Street, in the 16th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0859](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Farrell Reisinger & Comber LLC, 436 7th Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Thirty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$20,030.40).

*(Executive Session Requested)*

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

[2020-0860](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ira and Mary Ann Ritter c/o, of their attorney, D. Scott Lautner, Esquire, 68 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, in the amount of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 18-002921 by Plaintiffs.

*(Executive Session Requested)*

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

[2020-0866](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article I: Administration, Chapter 219: Operating Budget, Section 219.02: Five-Year Plan, in order to temporarily decrease the minimum fund balance requirements, in response to the fiscal pressures imposed upon the City by the Covid virus.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[2020-0861](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Michael Baker International, Inc., in the amount of \$14,469.00, for rendering a noise monitoring, training, and report preparation, in response to a complaint filed under 917.02, Zoning Ordinance, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0850](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 28, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0822](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Finance and Public Works to execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh of 5164 Broad Street in the 10th Ward, Block and Lot Number 50-L-188, and to accept a deed for the property. And, further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). And, further authorizing acceptance of that lot and dedicating that lot and an adjacent City-owned lot, together, as the Nelson Mandela Peace Park.

**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**

[2020-0851](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 28, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0706](#) Resolution providing for an agreement with KCI Technologies for design, engineering and miscellaneous services associated with the 28th Street Bridge construction project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand (\$900,000.00) dollars.

**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

[2020-0710](#) Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the 28th Street Bridge construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$1,220,000.00) dollars; reimbursable at ninety five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

**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

[2020-0818](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) for tree pit site preparation work completed for the East Carson Street streetscape project.

**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

[2020-0824](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 675 of 2008, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget and the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program" by transferring the remaining \$41,269.78 from Brookline Blvd to CityFarms.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**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

[2020-0825](#) Resolution further amending Resolution number 193 of 2020, that amended Resolution number 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” in order to correct job numbers and budget years on the CityFarms project.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**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

[2020-0826](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 772 of 2012, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget, and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program” by transferring the remaining \$167,048.03 from Brookline Blvd to CityFarms.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

[2020-0852](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 28, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0702](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to hereby name the previously unnamed trail in South Side Park to KEELING COAL TRAIL.

*(Public Hearing held 10/21/20)*

**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

[2020-0703](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to hereby name the previously unnamed multimodal trail in Highland Park to CATTAIL TRAIL.

*(Public Hearing held 10/21/20)*

**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

[2020-0719](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863, 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 reducing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$12,500 and increasing 28TH STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$250,000 to reflect the local, Federal Highway Administration, and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation shares.

**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

## **COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

[2020-0853](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for October 28, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0819](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the University of Pittsburgh Chiller Plant project which will involve the construction of a 15,000 ton chiller plant and a turf athletic field located at 530-570 Champions Drive. The existing two athletic fields at this location will be removed. The site address is 530-570 Champions Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the 5th Ward.

**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

[2020-0820](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the New Granada Theater Redevelopment, 2007 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

**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

[2020-0821](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh (North Braddock) project located at 516/518/520 N Braddock Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208.

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

**Aye:** 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghil, 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**