

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 4, 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

Councilwoman Gross present via phone.

**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

[2020-0096](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 4, 2020 to be “***Nandi Nelson Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 14

[2020-0097](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby extend heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Anna Turner Murchison on a life full of love, honor and service with sincere best wishes for a joyful 100th birthday celebration;

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 4th to be “***Mrs. Anna Turner Murchison Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 15

[2020-0098](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **Cribs for Kids** for their success in reducing the incidence of SIDS and for hosting the **Celebrate and Share Women of Achievement Awards Dinner**

***NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, March 12, 2020, to be “***THE WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS DAY***” 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: 16

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0086](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and/or the Director of the Department of Public Safety and Director of the Office and Management and Budget to enter into agreements in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less with performers, instructors, artists, referees, and persons with specialized skills in connection with the Departments' recreational and instructional programs and special events services.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation**

[2020-0087](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, Lease(s) and/or License Agreement(s) for the use of certain property for senior facilities for the provision of center services to seniors in an amount not to exceed Eighty Seven Thousand, and Ten Dollars (\$87,010.00), chargeable to and payable from the Seniors Community Program Trust Fund in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation**

### **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0088](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816, effective December 18, 2015, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program", by increasing the federal funding allocation for BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE by \$73,886.40.

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

[2020-0089](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 386, effective June 19, 2019, entitled "authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for the professional landscape architectural services for South Side Park Phase I Design at a cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Ninety Six Dollars (338,096.00)," by increasing the total allocation to \$400,000.00.

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

[2020-0090](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 591 of 2016, previously amended by Resolution 870 of 2019, originally entitled “Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies and professional services in connection with the Bike Infrastructure Program, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$836,632.00” to account for both previous work completed on bike infrastructure projects utilizing Resolution 591, and to account for the new total bid amount for the Gap to the Point Project, but not to exceed \$955,155.96.

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

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

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0091](#) An Ordinance providing funding for the City of Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund through a .50 mill increase to the property tax rate; by adding Section 263.04 City of Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund Levy at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemption.

*(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)*

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2020-0092](#) Resolution appointing Erika Strassburger as member of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire March 31st, 2022.

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

Enactment No:

[2020-0093](#) Resolution appointing Bobby Wilson to serve as a member of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2022.

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

Enactment No:

[2020-0094](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of City Planning for Lisa Ray, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2020-0095](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting a Fiscal Audit of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Parks and Recreation - Pittsburgh Sports Officials Parks' Imprest Fund - 2019 Citisports Baseball Leagues, dated December 30, 2019.

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

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

[2020-0080](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0049](#) Resolution providing for an agreement, for payment of the City's share of the 2020 operating expenses to the Allegheny County Central Tax Collection District for tax collection. Cost not to exceed Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eighty-One Cents. (\$8,930.81)

**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 COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0081](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0050](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 849 of 2019, authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an amended Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with InTime Solutions, Inc. for EMS and Police scheduling and timekeeping services at a total cost not to exceed EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (\$863,525). Resolution No. 849 of 2019 is being amended in order to correct JDE job numbers.

**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

[2020-0051](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 50 of 2018, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with Cover Your Assets, LLC for a web-based secondary employment scheduling system and services," by extending the term of the agreement in order for the pending RFP process to be completed.

**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

[2020-0052](#)

Resolution authorizing the Citizen Police Review Board to enter into an Agreement(s) or Contract(s) with Attorney William F. Ward of Rothman Gordon, P.C., for professional services to assist in the legal representation of the Citizen Police Review Board for a period of Three years. Said Agreement(s) or Contract(s) shall not exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) per year for 2020, 2021 and 2022; subject to the annual allocation by City Council.

**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**

[2020-0082](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0007](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City, to enter into an Agreement with Duquesne Light Company to provide 1) a Permanent Construction Easement for the improvement of the Riuzzi Power Substation in the Central Oakland neighborhood, and 2) a License to maintain a swath of land at the base of the hill to improve long-term storm-water control of the City property (Schenley Park) which also affects the Substation.

**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

[2020-0042](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Allegheny Crane Rental in the amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$88,150.00) for emergency work at Penn Avenue and 10th Street.

**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

[2020-0043](#) Resolution granting unto AT&T, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, (6) antennas to the facade of the building at 240 Fourth Avenue in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**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

[2020-0045](#) Resolution granting unto UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a storm water runoff mitigation raingarden at 3550 Terrace Street in the 4th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**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

[2020-0046](#) Resolution granting unto Carnegie Mellon University-CDFD, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a retaining wall along Filmore Street and Forbes Avenue, and a tree pit, at 4665 Forbes Avenue in the 4th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**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 BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES**

[2020-0083](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0048](#) Resolution amending Resolution 151 of 2019, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into Professional Services Agreement and/or Contracts with consultants and/or service providers for professional services in connection with Civil Service and MPOETC required assessment and evaluation of Public Safety candidates, by increasing the total not to exceed amount by \$160,000.00 to cover services in 2020.

**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**

[2020-0084](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0040](#)

Resolution 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 making an amendment and name change to City Council line items 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 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

[2020-0041](#)

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 various City Council CDBG Unspecified Local Option line items 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 WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS  
AND COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

**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

[2020-0053](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide rapid rehousing activities--including rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, as associated with Emergency Solutions Grant funds, at a cost not to exceed \$240,625.00

**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**

[2020-0085](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for January 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0047](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Cooperation and License Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to authorize the inclusion of designated City properties in the LandCare Program and to further authorize reimbursement payments for the services of the URA and its contractors.

**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**

[2020-0099](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognize Westwood Oakwood Athletic Association to be a civic and/or service organization within the context of the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act, as amended.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Ms. Gross present via phone.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**