

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

FORTIETH COUNCIL

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Theresa Kail-Smith, Erika Strassburger

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO'S 2020 BUDGET ADDRESS****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2019-2297](#) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Friday, November 15, 2019 as “**The Hill District Rebels 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: 720

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

[2019-2263](#) 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, 2020.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2264](#) Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2265](#) Resolution fixing the number of officers and employees of the City of Pittsburgh for the 2020 fiscal year, and the rate of compensation thereof, and setting maximum levels for designated positions.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2266](#) Resolution Authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to participate in applicable cooperative purchasing agreements for goods, materials, equipment, supplies, services, or construction, as authorized by the Commonwealth Procurement Code and the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2267](#) Resolution authorizing City Council to approve intra-departmental transfers throughout the 2020 Fiscal Year.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2268](#) Resolution providing for the letting of contracts and for the use of existing contracts for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment for City Departments, and the maintenance, repair, rental and/or leasing, rehabilitation, renovation, inspection or servicing of City buildings and facilities, and for any miscellaneous services in and for any City Departments, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2273](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Eight and Twenty Cents. (\$5,258.20) to Levy Convention Centers for costs incurred for Government Alliance on Race and Equity Training.

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

[2019-2274](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) extension with B2GNow, and providing for the payment thereof at a cost not to exceed Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$59,636.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2275](#) Resolution appointing individuals from the Department of Finance to represent the City of Pittsburgh as delegates to the Tax Collection Committee to be established for the Allegheny Central Tax Collection District pursuant to the requirements of Act 32 of 2008.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2276](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Tax, Chapter 245: Earned Income Tax, Section 245.03: Declaration and Payment of Tax, at subsection (d) so as to fix the rate of interest on delinquent Earned Income Tax for the year 2020.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2277](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 246: Home Rule Tax, Section 246.03: Declaration and Payment of Tax, at subsection (d) so as to fix the rate of interest on delinquent Home Rule Tax for the year 2020.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2278](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemptions, Section 263.02: Payment Options, Discount and Delinquency Penalty, so as to set the payment, discount, and delinquent dates for the 2020 fiscal year.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2279](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemption, Section 263.01: Levy and Rate on Lands and Buildings, by fixing the rate of taxation for 2020.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2280](#) Resolution authorizing all City departments, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, to enter into facilities usage agreements for the purpose of permitting groups and individuals to rent City-owned facilities for recreational and community-focused activities during the 2020 calendar year. The City shall not charge more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per rental agreement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-2281](#) Resolution authorizing the fee schedule for 2020 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2019-2282](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 611 of 2017, authorizing an Agreement or Agreements with CleanNet Systems of Pennsylvania, Inc., for the purpose of providing custodial and cleaning services at Citiparks' Recreation and Healthy Active Living (Senior) Centers by increasing the cost from Nine Hundred, Seventy-Six Thousand, Two-Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$976,222) to One Million Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$1,036,222).

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2019-2269](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 796 of 2013, effective December 19, 2013, as amended, entitled "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," by reducing ARTIST IMAGE RESOURCES by \$5,000 and increasing HISTORIC DEUTSCHTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORP. by \$5,000 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 HARRIS

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

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

[2019-2270](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2016, effective January 1, 2017, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing NORTHSIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE by \$4,085, increasing PUBLIC SAFETY AEDS by \$4,085, 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 HARRIS

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

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

[2019-2271](#)

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 various amendments and name changes 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 HARRIS

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

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

[2019-2272](#)

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 CDBG program line items, adding JD Edwards financial information, 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 HARRIS

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

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

[2019-2283](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Commission to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with UPMC WorkPartners-LifeSolutions for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh’s Employee Assistance Program and for a sum not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) over three years and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Not introduced by Councilwoman Harris, Chair of the Committee on Human Resources

[2019-2284](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Commission to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with ConnectYourCare for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Flexible Spending Account program and for a sum not to exceed Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$23,100.00) over three years and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Not introduced by Councilwoman Harris, Chair of the Committee on Human Resources

[2019-2286](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with Partner4Work for the shared operation and administration of the Workforce Development Fund for a period of two (2) years from the opening of the fund, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and for the payment of the costs thereof.

(Waiver of Rule 8 Requested)

Not introduced by Councilwoman Harris, Chair of the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2019-2285](#) 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 International Trauma Life Support Pennsylvania Chapter for trauma life support training services for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at a sum not to exceed Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,750.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2019-2287](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Tree Pittsburgh for the purpose of supporting Tree Pittsburgh's efforts to promote and advance the City of Pittsburgh's Urban Forest Master Plan.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2019-2288](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 3-P, Lot 273, Block 3-R, Lot 321, and Block 14-C, Lot 6 (Council District No. 3 - Residential Rehabbed Housing - 800, 919, and 924 Eureka Street).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2019-2289](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 125-B, Lot 116-0-1 (Council District No. 9 - Institution Expansion - 6513 Meadow Street).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2019-2290](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management & Budget to enter into an Amended and Restated Cooperation and Support Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Regional Asset District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2019-2291](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article I, Chapters 411, 412, 415, 416 and 419; Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article II, Chapter 427; and Title Five: Traffic, Article VII, Chapter 548 to clarify the jurisdiction of the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and to update language relative to the Department's maintenance of the use of the right-of-way, especially involving permits and fees.

Not introduced by Councilwoman Kail-Smith, Chair of the Committee on Public Works

[2019-2292](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement with CDR Maguire, Inc., for Project Design Management Services and Reviews in connection with various City of Pittsburgh construction projects including Central Business District Signals, Southside Signals, Liberty Avenue, Wenzell Avenue/ Carnahan Road Bridge construction, Penn Avenue, Smithfield Street, West Ohio Street Bridge, McFarren Bridge, South Negley Bridge, 28th Street Bridge, Swinburne Bridge, Charles Anderson Bridge utilizing previously appropriated funds in the amount of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Eight dollars and ninety nine cents (\$570,778.99) and newly appropriated funds in the amount of Six Hundred Twenty Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Sixty Six cents (\$622,530.66), for a total not to exceed amount of One Million, One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Nine dollars and Sixty Five cents (\$1,193,309.65).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2019-2293](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 708 of 2019, approved October 30, 2019, finally locating right of ways and accepting the dedication of roadways which are part of the Convention Center Roadway Improvements Phases I-III, and vacating a portion of Tenth Street adjacent to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (Convention Center) no longer used for roadway purposes by adding additional coordinates under description 3.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2019-2294](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Zones, LLC, sole source reseller for the annual renewal of OTRS Gold Support in the amount of \$10,675.69 to provide commercial support, consulting and development services for the (OTRS) open source service used by IT service management, customer service and help desk as provided to the Department of Innovation & Performance

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

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2019-2295](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting Fiscal Audits of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Innovation and Performance-Verizon Franchise Trust Fund (VFTF) & Comcast Franchise Trust Fund (CFTF), dated October 24, 2019.

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

[2019-2296](#) Resolution appointing Jennifer Richnafsky to serve as a member of the Ethics Hearing Board for a term of three (3) years, to expire June 30, 2022.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2019-2260](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-2226](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, 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 FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS by \$550,000.00, increasing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$530,000.00, and increasing SWINBURNE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$20,000.00.

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2019-2227](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 432 of 2019 authorizing the Mayor and the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Rothman Gordon, P.C., 310 Grant St., 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services regarding ethics matters by increasing the total cost from Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000).

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2019-2230](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” by transferring a total of \$37,392.76 from closed and completed projects within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to Public Safety-AEDs (\$9,514), District 1 DPW Projects (\$7,878.76), and American Legion Post #681 (\$20,000) **and Allegheny West (\$10,000).**

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2019-2231](#) Resolution further amending Resolution 549 of 2012, entitled “providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof” by transferring \$37,392.76 from closed and completed projects within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to Public Safety-AEDs (\$9,514), District 1 DPW Projects (\$7,878.76), and American Legion Post #681 (\$20,000) **and Allegheny West (\$10,000).**

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2019-2261](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for November 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-2232](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Sheriff, County of Allegheny, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents, for security services provided for the City of Pittsburgh Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race on September 29, 2019.

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2019-2262](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for November 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1977](#) Resolution naming the Stratmore Street Park as “Andrew Joseph Kukuruda” Park. *(Public Hearing held 10/30/19)*

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2019-1994](#) Resolution naming the basketball court located at 555 Larimer Avenue, Block 124-J, Lot 215, as “Costa Court”. *(Public Hearing held 10/30/19)*

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 Harris, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER