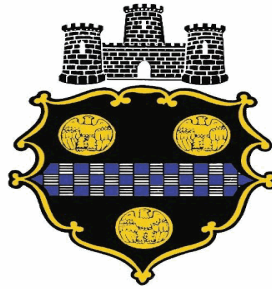


City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL**

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Gilman, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith

Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus
Absent 1 - Mr. Lavelle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2015-1531](#) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 14, 2015, to be **“ALLDERDICE DRAGONS BOYS BASKETBALL DAY”** in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mr. O'Connor and All Members

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

2015-1532 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and celebrate Pittsburgh Public Schools and the participating fathers and male guardians for organizing “Take a Father to School Day”; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Wednesday, May 15th, 2015**, to be **“Take a Father to School Day”** in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mr. Kraus and All Members

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

[2015-1533](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the lasting contributions Ray Werner has made as an advertiser, cultural advocate, musician, playwright, and community leader; and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 17, 2015, “Ray Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Ms. Gross and All Members

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

[2015-1534](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Allegheny General Hospital, its Auxiliary organization, the Northside Leadership Conference, and our students and teachers, for their commitment to educating local youth and making their lives safer through the **Stranger Awareness Program**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of May 2015 to be “**Stranger Awareness Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mrs. Harris

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

[2015-1535](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor “**Debra L. Caplan**” for her outstanding career in public health, and for serving as a valuable community partner to the communities of the Northside, and city as a whole; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of April 2015 to be “**Debra L. Caplan Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mrs. Harris

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

[2015-1536](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the importance of the **UPMC Day of Conversation** in furthering the interest of public health in our community, and does hereby declare **Thursday, April 16th, 2015**, to be “**Healthcare Decisions Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mr. Kraus and All Members

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

[2015-1537](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby acknowledges Slice on Broadway; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby declares Tuesday, April 14, 2015, “Slice on Broadway Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Ms. Rudiak and All Members

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

[2015-1538](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Sunday, April 12, 2015, “Pittsburgh Believer Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Ms. Rudiak and All Members

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

[2015-1539](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and recognize the **Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh** for working to memorialize and commemorate the legacy of those whose lives were impacted by the events of the Holocaust; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 15, 2015, to be “***YOM HASHOA DAY***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Gilman and All Members

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

[2015-1541](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council and Mayor of Pittsburgh declare that from April 9, 2015, onward Grant Street shall be dedicated to the memory of General and President Ulysses S. Grant, his efforts toward the preservation of the Union, the abolition of slavery, and the restoration of African-American suffrage, and that a bronze plaque of local manufacture be erected on an appropriate public building marking this change.

Sponsors: Mr. Lavelle and All Members

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

[2015-1540](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Key for his commitment to rebuilding urban neighborhoods and his philanthropic approach in helping minorities obtain gainful employment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 14, 2015, to be “Keith B. Key Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Rev. Burgess and All Members

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

[2015-1542](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh thank STAC and AAJ for their continued support of the nation’s law students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares April 16, 2015, “STAC Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mr. Gilman and All Members

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

[2015-1543](#) **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Council of the City of Pittsburgh stands with workers across the country who are calling for a wage of \$15 per hour and the right to organize a union; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we urge employers, from fast-food chains to universities, to respond to the challenge of rising income inequality by raising wages significantly so as to ensure broadly shared prosperity that permits employees to obtain basic necessities like affordable housing, healthcare, and education and to give their families a dignified life.

Sponsors: Ms. Rudiak and All Members

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2015-1521](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Departments of Public Works, Finance, and/or City Planning to enter into a revocable License Agreement or Agreements with Brighton Heights Citizens Federation to provide green-space improvements for a designated vacant City lot.

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

[2015-1522](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Departments of Public Works, Finance, and/or City Planning to enter into a revocable License Agreement or Agreements with Fineview Citizens Council to provide green-space improvements for a designated vacant City lot.

This Resolution was Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1523](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution number 479 of 2013, as amended entitled "Resolution Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the City Council Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 7; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof" so as to close multiple projects and transfer \$7,000 to East Liberty Development Inc.

Sponsors: Ms. Gross

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1524](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution 855 of 2011 entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program" so as to close multiple District 7 Neighborhood Needs projects and transfer \$7,000 to East Liberty Development Inc.

Sponsors: Ms. Gross

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1525](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 140, effective April 2, 2014, entitled: “Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities and the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and further, authorizing various City Departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving, the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and other related costs at a costs not to exceed \$948,400.00” so as to transfer funds in City Council from: “Traffic Improvements” (-\$2,500.00) and transfer these funds to “Union Project” (+\$2,500.00).

Sponsors: Ms. Gross

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

[2015-1526](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 141, effective April 2, 2014, entitled: “Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories; ”so as to transfer funds within City Council from: “Traffic Improvements” (-\$2,500.00) and transfer these funds to “Union Project” (+\$2,500.00).

Sponsors: Ms. Gross

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

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2015-1527](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 867, effective December 22, 2014, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Penn Credit Corporation for the purpose of performing collection of delinquent taxes, fines, penalties and interest for the City of Pittsburgh. Body” so as to attach the proper fee schedule as an exhibit and to allow for any changes in the fee schedule to be filed with the City Clerk.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2015-1495](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to grant to Duquesne Light Company a permanent easement for the installation, use, operation, maintenance, repair, renewal and the removal of an underground electrical transmission line under and through the City's property described as Parcel ID No. 11-K-340, located between Swineburne Street and Brady Street along Second Avenue in the 2nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, and constituting a portion of the Eliza Furnace Trail.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2015-1528](#) Resolution granting unto Highwood Properties, Three PPG Place, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, their successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an elevated outdoor dining area with steps with landing, pavers, rails with guardrails, decking, planters, and canopy with sign on the sidewalk area of 2 PPG Place, Market Place, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2015-1529](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to maintain a raised flower bed at the Faith Gallo Memorial Garden located at the Gateway island that is bounded by Stanwix Street, Penn Avenue and Liberty Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2015-1530](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One - Administrative, Article IX - Boards, Commissions and Authorities, Chapter 178 - Community Advisory Boards, by adding Section 178D, entitled, Pittsburgh Education Commission.

Sponsors: Mrs. Kail-Smith

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

[2015-1450](#)

Resolution appointing Carol Peterson, 172 46th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, as a member of the Historic Review Commission, for a term to expire on March 31, 2018. This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

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

[2015-1454](#)

Resolution appointing Catherine Qureshi, 2324 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, as a member of the Personnel Appeals Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2015-1519](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 8, 2015 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2015-1492](#)

Resolution providing for conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

ITEMS A through B: A: 714 Naylor, ~~B: 847 Tripoli, 849 Tripoli, Tripoli.~~

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

[2015-1493](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984; having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program.

ITEMS A through D. A: 2928 Leander, B: 305 Fram, C: 722, 724, 726 Fargo, D:722 Ormsby.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

[2015-1494](#) Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, authorizing the sale of properties in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

Item A: 19 Woessner.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2015-1520](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 8, 2015 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2015-1455](#) 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 \$120,000. (Council Districts: All).

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

[2015-1456](#) 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 \$4,121,433.00. (Council Districts: All).

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

[2015-1457](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$4,258,000. (Council Districts: All).

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Will Of Council

[2015-1544](#) **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh stands in support of higher wages, and greater economic equality in the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council calls for every full-time employee of the City of Pittsburgh to be provided a family-sustaining, living wage of at least \$15 an hour.

Sponsors: Mrs. Harris

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

Aye: 5 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mr. Kraus

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Kail-Smith

Out of Room: 2 - Mr. Gilman, and Ms. Rudiak

Absent: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MR. LAVELLE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER