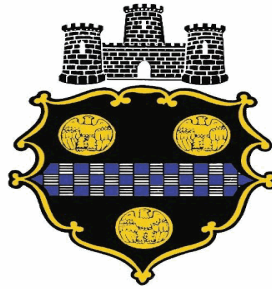


City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 24, 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 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mr. Kraus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2015-1338](#) *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Cribs for Kids for their success in reducing the incidence of infant, sleep-related deaths through their successful awareness campaigns and outreach and commends and congratulates District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. for hosting the 10th Annual Women of Achievement Awards to honor the achievements of 19 women from the Pittsburgh area whose accomplishments embody the spirit of Women's History Month ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, March 5, 2015, to be "*WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT 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 by a unanimous vote.

[2015-1339](#) *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Bj Samson for receiving the 2015 Catherine Baker Knoll Award ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 24, 2015, to be "*Bj Samson Day*" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Rev. Burgess and All Members

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[2015-1340](#) *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 24, 2015, to be "World Spay Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mrs. Harris and All Members

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[2015-1341](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Homeless Children's Education Fund, its staff, its Board of Trustees and volunteers for their dedication and service to the children experiencing homelessness in our community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, March 2, 2015, to be "Champions for Children's Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Mrs. Kail-Smith and All Members

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2015-1330](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 858, effective January 1, 2015, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2015 Capital Budget and the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2015 through 2020 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing and increasing various line items funded from the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, and HOME program.

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2015-1332](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Questica, Inc. for professional services for initial implementation and annual subscription fees for a budgeting and performance management system that will improve the City's budgeting and financial planning processes, increase staff productivity, enhance analytical capabilities, and provide more stakeholders with additional information about the costs and performance of city services. Cost not to exceed \$547,000.00 over five years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Performance and Asset Management

[2015-1333](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to purchase software from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to be used for revenue forecasting and cash flow projection. Payment for software would be made to Municast in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

Read and referred to the Committee on Performance and Asset Management

[2015-1334](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a multi-year Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with CORE Business Technologies for software, equipment and services related to the installation of an enterprise-wide payment processing and cashiering system for the Department of Finance and providing for the payment of the cost thereof not to exceed Three Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$306,112.00) for years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Read and referred to the Committee on Performance and Asset Management

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2015-1331](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement or agreements in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) with Shift Collaboration, to implement a comprehensive educational awareness building campaign (as part of the CHAMPS program) so that families know there are resources for free nutritious meals for their children.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2015-1335](#) Resolution amending Resolution 756/2014, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to purchase the Lot and Block# 54-J-187 located at 341 Saline Street, 15207 from John & Virginia Ingoldsby in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)" so as to include additional funds to cover administrative costs.

Sponsors: Mr. O'Connor

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2015-1324](#) Resolution providing for an agreement for payment of the City's share of the 2015 operating expenses for the Allegheny County Central Tax Collection District for tax collection. Cost not to exceed \$10,277.06.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1325](#) 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 B. A: 235 Mayflower, B: 7030 Bennett

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1326](#) Resolution providing for conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property. ITEM A.

A: 4703 Mossfield, 4707 Mossfield, 4709 Mossfield, and 4711 Mossfield

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1327](#) 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: A: 804 PJ McArdle Roadway (PART)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2015-1328](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. ITEMS A through J: A: 2456 Bedford, B: 304 Young, C: 5326 Hillcrest, D: 5336 Hillcrest & 5338 Hillcrest, E: 7142 Bennett, F: 304 W. Elizabeth, G: 1014 Spring Garden, 1016 Salter, H: 1018 Spring Garden, I: 1102-04 Spring Garden, 1108 Spring Garden, 1110 Spring Garden, J: 1262 Spring Garden

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2015-1329](#) Resolution vacating Gazena Way between Progress Street and Carpenter Way in the 23rd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2015-1336](#) Communication from City Solicitor Lourdes Sanchez-Ridge submitting the first, second, third and fourth quarter Claims Report for the year 2014.

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

[2015-1337](#) Communication from City Clerk Mary Beth Doheny submitting the first, second, third and fourth quarter Travel Reports for the year 2014.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 18, 2015 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

[2015-1261](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of \$4,950.00 to Rothman Gordon, P.C., 310 Grant Street - Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for mediation services related to The United States, et al. vs. City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1262](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$3,244.00, in favor of Noreen A. Re, 415 County Office Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, for payment of professional services rendered.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1263](#) Resolution Providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Four Dollars (\$7,204.00) in favor of Carole Katz, LLC, 411 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1425, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-1905 for Mediation Services provided in an action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at C.A. No 2:13-cv-1900 and charging same to 11101.58.58105.108000.2015.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1264](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$3,608.91) in favor of William J. Miller, Esquire, 106 Rampart Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658 for arbitration services and charging same to 11101.58.58105.108000.2015.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1270](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Section 265, Exemptions for Residential Improvements by amending the schedule of exemptions in Section 265.03 as such schedule applies to properties located within the Lower Hill District (as hereafter defined).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1271](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Section 267, Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements by amending the schedule of exemptions in Section 267.03 as such schedule applies to properties located within the Lower Hill District (as hereafter defined).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1291](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$8,166.00, in favor of Yellow Cab Company c/o Innovative Claims Management, 4240 Greensburg Pike, Suite L100, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, for damage to a cab from an intersectional accident with a City police vehicle on December 16, 2013, at the intersection of Ross Street and Second Avenue.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1292](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$25,000.00), in favor of Troi Baldwin and Joel Sansone, c/o Joel Sansone, Esquire, Three Gateway Center, 401 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in Full and Final Settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:14-cv-00829.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1293](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$25,000.00), in favor of Earl D. Baldwin, Jr. and Joel Sansone, c/o Joel Sansone, Esquire, Three Gateway Center, 401 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in Full and Final Settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:14-cv-00829.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1294](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$55,000.00), in favor of Robert J. Palmosina and Timothy P. O'Brien, c/o Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, 1705 Allegheny Building, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in Full and Final Settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:14-cv-00326.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2015-1295](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Rothman Gordon, P.C. to provide professional legal representation to the City in the real estate tax assessment case of Omni Pittsburgh Corporation v. The Board of Property Assessments Appeals and Review (case docket no. BV-13-006771) at a cost not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) chargeable to and payable from 11101.53.53517.108000.2015.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2015-1323](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for February 18, 2015 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2015-1269](#) Resolution Authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the County of Allegheny and the School District of Pittsburgh providing for the funding and/or financing, monitoring, implementation and termination of the Lower Hill Local Economic Revitalization Tax District. (Council District 6)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

I. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

K. EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - NONE

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. ADJOURNMENT

P LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER