

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, October 20, 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** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**Absent** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0827](#)

**WHEREAS**, Richard Sherman was born and raised and educated in Pittsburgh, PA, having grown up in an educated, loving family and taking part in all the extracurricular and educational opportunities available. Richard grew to place enormous value on education, understanding the fundamental economic and intellectual values that lead to freedom, socialization, ethics and community responsibility; and,

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 526

[2020-0828](#)

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Angela Reynolds became the new CEO of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh February 24, 2020 amid the COVID 19 Pandemic and quickly transitioned programs to a virtual setting to ensure access to critical services for women and families. In addition, she orchestrated an emergency food distribution program, and expanded their housing programs to help families avoid an eviction and secure safe, stable housing, and basic needs; and,

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 527

[2020-0829](#)

**WHEREAS**, Jim and Pearl Sheppard will quietly celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary October 24, 2020 while social distancing with loved ones; and,

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 528

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[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.

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

[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

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

[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

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

[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

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

**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[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.

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

[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.

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

[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.

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

### **COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[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.

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

[2020-0823](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in favor of Sourath Chatterji, c/o The Law Offices of Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, as final settlement related to the action filed at 2:18-cv-00199-CB in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.

*(Executive Session Requested)*

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

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

[2020-0812](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0771](#) Resolution amending resolution 880 of 2019, which authorized the fee schedule for 2020 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code, in order to update the fees associated with the Schenley Park Ice Rink for the remainder of 2020.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Gross

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2020-0772](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$392,000.00) in favor of DH, a minor, by and through her natural guarding CRH, c/o The Law Offices of Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, as final settlement related to the action filed at 2:18-cv-01258-NJR in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Out of Room:** 1 - Council Member Gross

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

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

[2020-0813](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0773](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into three Sponsorship Agreements for the Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

## **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

[2020-0814](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0766](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Federal Department of Homeland Security to install diesel exhaust apparatus in multiple Emergency Medical Service's stations and further providing an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$591,625.75) for this state purpose. Supplemental funds from the City of Pittsburgh's 2021 Capital budget are required in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS (\$446,457.96) for this stated purpose for a total project cost of ONE MILLION THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-ONE CENTS (\$1,038,083.71).

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2020-0778](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Darlington Court be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

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

[2020-0815](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0769](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six Conduct, Article V Discrimination, Chapter 659 Unlawful Practices, Sections 659.02 Unlawful Employment Practices, 659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices, and 659.04 Unlawful Public Accommodations Practices to prohibit employment, housing, and public accommodation discrimination based on hairstyle and protective and cultural hair textures and hairstyles.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

## **COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION**

[2020-0816](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0763](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education or another vendor chosen through the City bid process for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2020-2021 Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Eight Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00).

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

[2020-0764](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the United States Tennis Association to provide supplies to reopen the Mellon Tennis bubble which is currently closed to the public due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) dollars for this state purpose.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor



[2020-0765](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Rachael O. Afolabi in an amount not to exceed ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS, for the payment of services for the introduction of Technology, Training, Development and Delivery Services rendered to the youth of the City at some of the CitiParks Recreation Centers; and providing for the payment thereof.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

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

[2020-0817](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for October 14, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0768](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Carnegie Mellon University Scaife Hall, 4805 Frew Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member O'Connor

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. O'Connor**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**