

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

**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 Coghil, 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** 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

[2021-1417](#) **WHEREAS**, Harry G “Knut” Finnerty was born to John and Ella Finnerty on Wednesday, April 29, 1931 in Carnegie Pennsylvania and celebrates his 90th Birthday with family and friends; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 266

[2021-1418](#) **WHEREAS**, Following in his father’s footsteps and joining the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in 1993, Chief Scott Schubert has dedicated the entirety of his professional career to the City and to its residents; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 267

[2021-1419](#) **WHEREAS**, in 1594 the world’s first documented arbor plantation festival was held in Mondoñedo, Spain at the site of Alameda de Los Remedios , where plantings of lime and horse-chestnut trees still take place today; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 268

[2021-1420](#)

**WHEREAS**, according to data of reported crashes compiled by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, 4,099 pedestrians and 1,003 bicyclists were injured in crashes throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2019; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 269

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

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

[2021-1408](#)

Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to formalize Frick Park's trail names, "Clayton Hill", "Trough Trail", "Concrete Block", and "Two Seventy-Six".

*(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2021-1408 Cover Letter-NC Coverletter](#)  
[04052021\\_FrickParkTrails](#)  
[2021-1408 -20210405 Naming Commission Minutes](#)  
[2021-1408 -Final Application for Trail Naming 2021](#)  
[Summary 2021-1408](#)

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

### **COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2021-1409](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 131 Shiloh Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

**Attachments:** [2021-1409 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - Gordo's Tacos 131 Shiloh St](#)  
[2021-1409 -Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council for Gordo's Tacos \(131 Shiloh St\)](#)  
[2021-1409 -SFPM-Gordos Tacos-20210318 rev](#)  
[Summary 2021-1409](#)

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

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

[2021-1411](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through H: A: 1642 Worthington, B: 0 Gopher, C: 0 Kilbourne, D: 964 Manton, E: 0 Industry, F: 1031 Woods Run, G: 3251 Central, H: 1703 Termon

**Attachments:** [2021-1411 -Cover Letter Auction](#)

[2021-1411 -Auction\\_April\\_2021](#)

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

[2021-1412](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through H: A: 816 Cherokee, B: 0 Stanley, C: 1417 Warner, D: 1608 Brighton, E: 1606 Brighton, F: 1600 Brighton, G: 1607-09 McCullough, H: 1733 McCullough

**Attachments:** [2021-1412 -Cover Letter Side Yard](#)

[2021-1412 -Side Yard\\_April\\_2021](#)

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

[2021-1413](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 400 of 2020, authorizing the Mayor and Directors of the Departments of Public Safety, Finance and/or Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements for acquisition of real property and execution of related Agreements for the site of the former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Highland Drive Medical Center, located along the east side of Washington Boulevard (Highway PA-8) at 7180 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (“Property”), for construction of new facilities and renovation of existing facilities for emergency management and law enforcement uses by City’s Department of Public Safety.

**Attachments:** [2021-1413 Cover Letter-210420 - Amendment to Res. 400 of](#)

[2020 - Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1413](#)

**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**

**COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:**

[2021-1410](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six entitled “Conduct,” Article I, entitled “Regulated Rights and Actions,” Chapter 601, entitled “Public Order,” to amend the title and substance of Section 601.17 currently reading “RESERVED. (Reserved for future legislation.)” with the title "Hate Crimes," and substantive legislation to provide for additional penalties for criminal conduct motivated by hatred toward certain characteristics of other persons, under certain terms and conditions.

**Attachments:** [2021-1410 Cover Letter-Mayor Letter Hate Crimes Ordinance](#)  
[Summary 2021-1410](#)

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services**

**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2021-1416](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative; Article IX, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, to add a Section 177A.11, LGBT Business Enterprises.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

**CO-SPONSOR /S:** Council Member Kraus and Council Member O'Connor

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

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[2021-1414](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 9, Zoning; Article III, Overlay Zoning District, Chapter 907: Development Overlay Districts, removing subsection 907.02.K for IPOD-6 Inclusionary Housing Overlay District and creating 907.04.A Inclusionary Housing Overlay District.

*(Needs to held for Public Hearing)*

**Attachments:** [2021-1414 -Cover Letter\\_IZ\\_2021](#)  
[2021-1414 -LawrencevilleMailer\\_Map](#)  
[Summary 2021-1414](#)

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

**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

[2021-1415](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting Fiscal Audit of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Finance - Real Estate Division and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) of Pittsburgh, Tax Abatement and Tax Incremental Financing Program, dated April 22, 2021.

**Attachments:** [2021-1415 Tax Abatement & Tax Increment Financing Programs](#)

**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

[2021-1404](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 21, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1385](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement or Agreements with Mistick Construction Company and certain related entities to allow the performance of site preparation work on designated City property in order to facilitate the construction of Cal-Bride Place, an affordable housing development.

**Attachments:** [2021-1385 Cover Ltr Council Letter Mistick License Summary 2021-1385](#)

**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

[2021-1389](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to establish a joint Pittsburgh Recovery Task Force consisting of representatives of the Office of the Mayor, President of Council, President Pro-Tempore and Chairman, Committee on Finance and Law, City Council, to oversee **make recommendations as to** the distribution of funds allocated to the City of Pittsburgh pursuant to the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (“ARPA”).

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Attachments:** [2021-1389 Summary](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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:** 1 - Council Member Coghill

**Abstain:** 0

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

[2021-1405](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 21, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1379](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Memorandum or Memoranda of Understanding with the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (“WPEC”), for aggregated purchasing of electricity, prorated cost-sharing amongst WPEC members as well as the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of the members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC) in order to procure electricity at lower costs and increase City’s use of renewable energy sources.

**Attachments:** [2021-1379 Cover Ltr WPEC MOU Director's Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1379](#)

**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

[2021-1380](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements and/or Commodity Master Agreement(s) with Direct Energy Business LLC (“Direct Energy”) for the supply of electricity to City buildings and facilities, as well as additional services including those in regards to the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of the members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC). Said services shall be performed in conjunction with guidance provided by City’s energy consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (“Enel X”).

**Attachments:** [2021-1380 Cover Ltr Direct Energy\\_Director's Letter](#)

[2021-1380 Waiver letter - Direct Energy Business LLC \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1380](#)

**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**

[2021-1406](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 21, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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



[2021-1383](#) Resolution amending resolution 491 of 2019 providing for an Agreement, or Agreements, with the CREATE Lab at Carnegie Mellon University, to develop an interactive mapping tool utilizing local housing data regarding discrimination, displacement, eviction, and gentrification to help provide evidence for systemic and complex housing complaints, and to better coordinate outreach efforts with local advocacy agencies, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$20,000.00~~ \$30,000.00.

**Attachments:** [2021-1383 Cover Ltr CMU Housing Map Project - Amending Resolution letter](#)  
[2021-1383 WCP21-014 Carnegie Mellon CREATE Lab Summary 2021-1383](#)

**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**

[2021-1407](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 21, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1381](#) 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 \$1,500,000.00. (Council Districts: All).

**Attachments:** [2021-1381 Cover Ltr 2021 Paygo Fiscal Letter 040621.docx \(1\)](#)  
[Summary 2021-1381](#)

**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**

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**