

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

THIRTY-NINTH 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-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Harris Present via phone.

Present 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle,
Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 1 - Mr. O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-1603](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the W.J. Beitler Company on its 100th Birthday and thank current President Quentin Beitler and all employees for their service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, June 10, 2017, to be "***W.J. Beitler Company Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1604](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheraden for 115 years of service to the community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, June 11, 2017, to be "***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheraden Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:**

[2017-1596](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Warehouse Townhomes project at 5227 and 5229 Duncan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2017-1597](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 267, Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements; Section 267.03, Exemption Schedule; and Section 267.09, Participation by Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Board of Education, to extend the application periods for the exemptions set forth in Section 267.03, subsections (b) and (c), which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 10 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2017-1598](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 265, Exemptions for Residential Improvements; Section 265.03, Exemption for Improvements, subsection (e); and Section 265.04, Exemption for Residential Construction, subsection (g), to extend the application periods for the exemptions covering residential improvements and new residential construction in areas defined as the Uptown District, the Downtown District and Targeted Growth Zones, which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 9 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2017-1599](#) Resolution authorizing the Citizen Police Review Board to enter into an Agreement(s) or Contract(s) with Attorney William F. Ward of Rothman Gordon, P.C., for professional services to assist in the legal representation of the Citizen Police Review Board for a period of Three years. Said Agreement(s) or Contract(s) shall not exceed Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) for 2017 and shall not exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) per year for 2018 and 2019; subject to the annual allocation by City Council.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2017-1600](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 267 - Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2017-1601](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 265 - Exemptions for Residential Improvements.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2017-1590](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1542](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain property, acquired at tax sales, to a City of Pittsburgh based Community Development Corporation, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the community through redevelopment. ITEMS A through E.
A: 321 N. Aiken, B: 5348 Kincaid, C: 5346 Kincaid, D: 0 (851) Tripoli, E: 853 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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1543](#) 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: 814 Clarissa, B: 121 N. Aiken, C: 2638 S. 18th, D: 2642 S. 18th E: 3302 Francisco, F: 1408 Sheffield, G: 1424 Lowrie, ~~H: 1925 Tours~~ **H: 1925 Tours**

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1544](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through N: A: 135 Robinson, B: 5203 Gem, C: 5426 Broad, D: 607 Brushton, ~~E: 714 N. Homewood~~, F: 4739 2nd G: 163 Greenfield, H: 1533 Methyl, I: 1535 Methyl, J: 238 Plymouth, K: Perrysville, L: 109 Bausman, M: 116 Bausman, N: 6 Grape

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1545](#) Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, which authorized the sale of property in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, due to an incompleteness of sale.
Items A: 5130 Rosetta

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1546](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution 20 of 2016 to authorize an increase in compensation for brij to provide professional consulting services for planning procurement systems and process optimization by further increasing the authorized amount by \$17,898.00 to \$158,798.00.

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1551](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 704, effective January 1, 2008, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2008 Capital Budget and the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2008 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing AUTOMATED FUEL DISPENSING SYST by \$1,621.79, ELEVATOR REPAIR & MAINT by \$21,906.64, POLICE FACILITIES UPGRADE by \$52.51 and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$23,580.94.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1552](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 675, effective January 1, 2009, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget and the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2009 through 2014 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing ELEVATOR REPAIR & MAINT by \$9,601.79 and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$9,601.79.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1553](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 768, effective January 1, 2010, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2010 Capital Budget and the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2010 through 2015 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing FACILITIES MAINTENENCE PROGRAM by \$728.40, AUTOMATED FUEL DISPENSING SYST by \$5,228.50, ELEVATOR REPAIR & MAINT by \$79,510.00, CAMERA/PORT SECURITY PROJECT by \$0.43, and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$85,467.33.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1554](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012, as amended, entitled “Adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program,” by reducing BRIDGE REPAIRS by \$2,389.78, BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM by \$618,145.58, PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEMS by \$855.30, FIELD AUTOMATION INITIATIVE by \$2,838.33, POLICE-EQUIPMENT by \$35.32, and increasing STREET RESURFACING by ~~\$673,373.31~~ **\$624,264.31**.
SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1555](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled “Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program,” by reducing CONCRETE, BRICK, AND BLOCK STONE by \$9,043.39, TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM by \$6.53, POLICE-EQUIPMENT by \$14.94, and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$9,064.86.
SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1556](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 796, effective January 1, 2014, as amended, entitled “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 BRIDGE REPAIRS by \$4,429.27, CONCRETE, BRICK, AND BLOCK STONE by \$200,000.00, NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT by \$9,900.00, ELEVATOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE by \$50,000.00, SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE by \$3,633.79, POLICE-EQUIPMENT by \$111.30, and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$268,074.36.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1557](#) 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 SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM by \$1,322.00, CONSTRUCTION/MANAGEMENT INSPECTION by \$1,176.05, and increasing STREET RESURFACING by \$2,498.05.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND REV. BURGESS

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2017-1591](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1540](#) 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 the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) for training and certification services regarding fire boat operations at a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2017-1592](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1548](#) Resolution granting unto Elisa Merrell, 1602 Clinton Street, Pittsburgh PA 15203, her successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain and use at her own cost and expense, a building addition with attached balcony on the right-of-way at 1610 Clinton Street in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2017-1549](#) Resolution granting unto Oakland Real Estate Co., Inc., 216 Oakland Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15213, their successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a metal fire escape on the right-of-way of Atwood Street for 3700 Forbes Avenue in the 4th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2017-1593](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1558](#) Resolution to establish a temporary limitation on building demolition for the area currently included in the Uptown Interim Planning Overlay District.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2017-1594](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1560](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) for the Wightman Park Rehabilitation Project.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2017-1595](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for May 31, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1539](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into a Software Licensing Agreement or Agreements with Johnson Controls, Inc. for all costs associated with the implementation of the VMS software upgrade necessary to run the City's security camera system. Said Agreement(s) shall be for a term of one year at an overall cost not to exceed Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four dollars and no cents (\$47,784).

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. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MR. O'CONNOR****PRESENT VIA PHONE - MRS. HARRIS****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****ADJOURNMENT****LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**