

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 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 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

[2020-0805](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Alfred DiRosa for his tireless work on behalf of the Greater Hazelwood community and the many ways that it positively impacted its residents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, October 11, 2020, to be “**Alfred DiRosa Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh

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

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

Enactment No: 501

[2020-0806](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Ann Favors for her decades-long role as a much-loved and much-appreciated icon of the Greater Hazelwood community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, October 11, 2020, to be “**Ann Favors Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 502

[2020-0807](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby thank Coughlin’s Law for helping to bring awareness of this devastating disease and help raise funds to potentially save lives; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of October, 2020 to be “**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 503

[2020-0808](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize dating violence as a serious issue among college-age students and thank all Title IX offices in Pittsburgh colleges and universities for their work in protecting their students; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of October to be “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 504

[2020-0809](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize our German-American residents and honor the achievements of German-Americans throughout our country; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, October to be “**German-American Heritage Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 505

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0793](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 3173-3719-3721 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0794](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 27 51st Street Renovations project, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0795](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of quitclaim deeds conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the City-owned property located in the 1st Ward of the City at 661 1st Avenue and 700 2nd Avenue designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 2-P Lot 110 and Block 2-P Lot 120 respectively, to the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0796](#) Resolution amending Resolution 557 of 2016 to remove certain properties, designated as lot and blocks 2-P-110 and 2-P-120, from the transaction and cooperation agreement authorized therein.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0797](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ogg, Murphy & Perkosky, 245 Fort Pitt Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15222, as attorneys for their client Willa Mae Mathews in the amount of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a litigation filed at A.R. 16-001700 in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas against the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0798](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program", by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - CITY FACILITIES by \$260,000.00 and increasing REMEDIATION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$260,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0799](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through G: A: 5 Vincent, B: 329 Industry, C: 334 East Warrington, D: 807 Crucible, E: 0 Lovelace, F: 0 Oxfield, G: 223 Alice

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0800](#) 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 C: A: 126 Meadow, B: 0 Kilbourne, C: 1017 Marena.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0801](#) Resolution amending Resolution 654 of 2017, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an amended professional services agreement or agreements with Humane Animal Rescue for professional services in connection with the detention, care and/or euthanasia of domesticated animals in order to extend the term until December 31, 2021 and add \$300,000 in compensation, as the City plans to soon develop an RFP for the forthcoming procurement of said services beyond 2021.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0802](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania for the provision of medical direction services at an overall cost not to exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30). Said agreement(s) shall commence on January 1, 2021 for a term of three years and expire on December 31, 2023.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0803](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program," so as to identify specific projects in City Council Districts 1, 4, 8, and the Mayor's Office and authorize a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2020-0810](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” by transferring a total of \$20,000 of War Memorials capital funding from District 1 Neighborhood Needs to City Planning.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0804](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Public Works for Jackie Balzer, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2020-0786](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0751](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, P.C, P.O. Box 641014, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-1014, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents (\$7,940.68) for professional legal services in connection with immigration matters.

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

[2020-0777](#) Ordinance, amending Ordinance 22 of 2020, entitled “Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2020 November General Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Two, Executive, be amended and supplemented by amending and adding new language to Sections 229 and 230 and adding a new Section, 231, expanding the powers of the Independent Citizen Police Review Board to allow the Board to require police officers to participate in investigations, conducting performance audits of the Police Bureau and preventing the removal of Board members except for just cause and with City Council approval” to remove the requirement to mail to every registered elector in the City.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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 COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0787](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0752](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, to receive a FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) and further providing for an agreement or agreements for the purchase of COVID-related personal protective equipment (PPE).

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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0788](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0745](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Rehrig Pacific Company for the manufacturing and distribution of recycling containers, and provision of containers for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$1,351,000.

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

[2020-0746](#) Resolution amending Resolution 335 of 2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to supplement a Professional Services Agreement with a consultant, Eileen Papale, as a sole source to provide professional support services to staff of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure at a new cost not to exceed Twenty One Thousand dollars (\$21,000.00), an increase of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

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

[2020-0789](#)

Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0749](#)

Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies for job development and employment services necessary to implement the 2020 Neighborhood Employment Program, and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the 2020 Neighborhood Employment Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

[2020-0750](#)

Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide job development and employment services, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor, staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, vocational skills training and on-the-job training, outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2020 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the 2020 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program, and for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00

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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0790](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0198](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article VI: Development Standards, Chapter 914: Parking, Loading, and Access in order to eliminate minimum parking requirements for single-family attached dwellings.

(Public Hearing held 9/30/20)

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 ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2020-0791](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0753](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements with CIS (Center for Internet Security)) for a one-year term for Albert MD Monitoring application to predict malicious activity on the City network by monitoring, alerting and analyzing information gathered by sensors at a one-time cost not to exceed \$14,700 (Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents) with three (3) additional option years (2021, 2022, 2023)

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

[2020-0754](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a multi-year agreement or agreements with ePlus Technology, Inc. for network monitoring and a security professional services partner aligned with key business goals of reducing risk, improving service efficiency, and minimizing client impact to include better network utilization, monitoring and enhanced security posture throughout the enterprise at a cost not to exceed \$484,193 (Four Hundred Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Zero Cents).

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

[2020-0755](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with the Change and Innovation Agency, LLC for access to their Learning Management System and consultative assistance to adapt the City of Pittsburgh Gold Belt Workshop for e-Learning for (1) one year at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 (Eighteen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents)

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

[2020-0792](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for October 7, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0747](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Botero Development - 4112 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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

[2020-0748](#) Resolution amending Resolution 342 of 2019, entitled "a resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Public Works to enter into a professional service agreement with Oxford Development Company to serve as property manager for 412 Boulevard of the Allies," to provide for additional funding for management fees at an amount not to exceed \$430,976.02, and to authorize appropriation of building operations at an amount not to exceed \$1,318,644.76 and capital repairs at an amount not to exceed \$238,006.26 for deposit into relevant accounts.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 3 - Council Member Gross, Council Member O'Connor, and Council Member Kail-Smith

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER