



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Kraus

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0022](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 241: Amusement Tax, Section 241.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 3/4/2020. The motion carried.

[2020-0057](#)

Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Two: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237 - The City of Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund, to conform with the Home Rule Charter Article Nine (9) in order to establish the creation of the Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund.

(Public Hearing held 3/5/20)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 3/11/2020. The motion carried.

[2020-0066](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Pietragallo, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 38th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for legal services in connection with employment law-related training, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00).

(Executive Session held on 2/20/2020)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0068](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, LLC, 525 William Penn Place, 28th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3152 for legal services in connection with an employment related matter, in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00).

(Executive Session held on 2/20/2020)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2020-0120](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, in order to clarify definitions of contract types, correct conflicting language between commodities and professional services and add additional categories for requests to waive the competitive bidding requirements to be in line with current practice and national standards.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 3/4/2020. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Finance and Law . The motion carried.

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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 3/4/2020. The motion carried.

[2020-0121](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161.22: Debarment from Bidding on and Participating in City Contracts in order to change the requirement of an affidavit to be a certification which will simplify the contracting process and reduce costs to our suppliers by no longer requiring the document to be notarized.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 3/4/2020. The motion carried.

[2020-0122](#) 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.

Item A: 228 Kramer

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0126](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$3,013.00, in favor of Duquesne Light Company, ATTN: Carolyn K. Cingel, 411 Seventh Avenue, Mail Drop 16-1, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for damage to their light pole near 1205 Denniston Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15217 from a City ES-Recycling vehicle pulling it down on April 30, 2019.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0127](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$3,300.00, in favor of Dane Hager, 414 Rebecca Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 for damage to his vehicle from an intersectional accident with a city police vehicle, in emergency response, at the intersection of Frankstown Avenue and Washington Blvd., on March 31, 2019.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0128](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of three (3) warrants for the total sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000) relating to the settlement of a lawsuit filed at 2:18-cv-00864 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

(Executive Session held 3/3/2020)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

[2020-0129](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund, to be designated as the "Crossing Guards Special Events Trust Fund," for the deposit of monies from crossing guards special events cost recovery, and authorizing the use of monies deposited therein by the Department of Public Safety to cover premium pay reimbursement for crossing guard personnel and administrative costs related to the aforementioned activities.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the February 26th 2020 Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Code – codification of Ordinances 2,026.42

MAYOR

Pennsylvania Legislative Services – yearly subscription renewal 4,300.00

I&P

Spok – pager service 849.62

Spok – pager service 304.96

FINANCE

Formax – service contract renewal for folder/sealer for pension checks 832.00

K-7 Parking Company – commercial parking leases for employees 2,170.00

Pittsburgh Mailing Systems Inc – printing and mailing services 2,999.00

George M Hall Co – office supplies for three taxing bodies trust fund 943.52

LAW

Commercial Vehicle Safety Solutions – professional services for litigation case 2,728.10

Department of Real Estate – filings, copying at Recorder of Deeds office 390.00

Noblemediation – mediation services for litigation case 2,231.25

Sargents Court Reporting – depositions and transcript for litigation case 407.45

The Center for Musculoskeletal Evaluations – videotape deposition 250.00

HUMAN RESOURCES

Germino, Samuel – reimbursement for parking at GSPIA & library career fairs 10.50

James L Smith Insurance Agency – notary bond 50.00

Lewis, Kelli – reimbursement for parking at GSPIA career fair 7.00

Stevens, Cassandra M – CityFit yoga classes 400.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Marketwurks.com – farmers market management tool 1,600.00

Mihm Equipment& A Party Place – linen rental for Valentines on Ice 262.50

Salsa Pittsburgh – salsa dancing for Valentines on Ice 150.00

Thong, Sam – caricature artist for Valentines on Ice 300.00

POLICE

Approved Toilet Rentals Inc – Portajohn rental for training academy 66.13

Atlantic Signal – AMC R/A plug installation 192.50

Cummings, Theresa & Earl – notary bond fee for Theresa Cummings 80.00

Jack Lafferty’s Truck Parts – inspections and parts 62.50

Degounette, Markeda – reimbursement to vehicle owner for illegal towing 305.00

Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association – accreditation training course, 5 officers 500.00

OMI

Assured Polygraph Services – polygraphing of candidates for employment 2,700.00

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Pennsylvania State Police – background checks 1,540.00

TransUnion Corporation – credit checks on candidates for employment 278.27

FIRE

Epps, Lisa – reimbursement for class 20.00

FASP – renewal of membership dues 20.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Zoresco Equipment – long term rental of storage trailers at several locations 240.00

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PARKS & RECREATION

Camillo, Joseph M – tennis clinic instruction at Mellon tennis bubble 2,100.00

Schaefer, Nancy – reimbursement for workboots for park ranger 129.93

DOMI

Pennsylvania One Call System – PA One Call service 1,440.56

Vulcan Aluminum – 24” sign blanks 421.25

CPRB

Myron Corp – CPRB promotional items 444.95

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0070](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into financial and “in-kind” Sponsorship Agreements for the City’s Office of Special Events’ 2020 Season.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kraus

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2020-0118](#) Resolution granting unto JEFF YATES C/O MCKNIGHT RIVER WALK, LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new 10' concrete sidewalk along South 4th Street, (5) existing loading docks, as well as, a new ADA ramp, at 317 E. Carson Street, in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0119](#) Resolution granting unto PNC BANK-SQUIRREL HILL, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an ADA entrance ramp, at 5810 Forbes Avenue in the 14th Ward, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR**SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**

[2020-0147](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Preservation Agreement with the New Hazlett Theater.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2019-2031](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from EMI, Educational Medical Institution, to UI, Urban Industrial, property with frontage on Jane Street, 20th Street, 21st Street, Mary Street, Edwards Way, and Harcum Way, identified as Block 12-K, Lots 290 and 360 and Block 12-P, Lot 27, in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 17th Ward.

(Public Hearing held 2/19/2020)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2019-2307](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the Joseph J. Weiss Jr., Federal Courthouse, located at 700 Grant Street (2-B-39), in Downtown, in the 2nd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 2/19/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0029](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Bradberry, located at 1130 Reddour Street (23-L-70), in the Central Northside Neighborhood, in the 22nd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 2/19/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0030](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the City-County Building, located at 414 Grant Street (2-J-2 and 2-E-284), in Downtown, in the 1st Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 2/19/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0031](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as Pennsylvania National Bank, located at 3480 Butler Street (48-S-268), in the Lawrenceville Neighborhood, in the 6th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 2/19/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2020-0130](#) Resolution amending Resolution 12-2019 providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Cascadia Partners to assist the City in developing plans and studies for the development of a data manual for the Comprehensive Plan and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, not to exceed \$213,657.00.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.