

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 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

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**

[2020-0112](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 11th to be “***Dr. Carter G. Woodson Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 32

[2020-0113](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the League of Women Voters for their work promoting active, participatory elections and democracy and congratulates them on their 100th Anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, February 11, 2020 to be “***League of Women Voters Day***” 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: 33

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0111](#) Resolution adopting the plan submitted to the electors of the City of Pittsburgh entitled, “Restoring Pittsburgh Parks” and “The Parks Plan” (collectively, “The Parks Plan”) by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy prior to the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election as the official parks plan of the City of Pittsburgh and the City of Pittsburgh Parks Trust Fund.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0103](#) Resolution granting unto MATT BARNETT, DAY3DESIGN, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a storm water runoff mitigation raingarden at 915 Liberty Ave in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0104](#) Resolution authorizing the approval of the 2020 Housing Opportunity Fund Annual Allocation Plan. (Council Districts All).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0109](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Townhomes on Fifth Avenue project located on Tax Map Parcel 52-G-133 at 5127, 5129, 5131, 5133 and 5135 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15232

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0105](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of effect (formerly Comcast) in the amount of \$6,878.25 for digital advertising services in connection with the city-wide recruiting plan, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2020-0106](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of SHRM in the amount of \$16,500.00 for Pennsylvania and Federal Labor Law Posters, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0107](#) Resolution amending Resolution #94 of 2019 providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$6,857.02) in favor of Diane and Ronald J. Bawkey c/o Robert Pierce & Associates, P.C., 2500 Gulf Tower, 707 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, a warrant in the sum of Nine Hundred Eighteen and 08/100 Dollars (\$918.08) in favor of the City of Pittsburgh, Treasurer, and a warrant in the total sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 90/100 (\$724.90) in favor of Jordan Tax Service, as final settlement related to the action filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, by changing the issuance to read as follows: the issuance of a warrant in the total amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$8,500.00) payable to Diane and Ronald J. Bawkey c/o Robert Pierce & Associates, P.C., 2500 Gulf Tower, 707 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, as final settlement related to the action filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0108](#) Resolution for issuance of a warrant in the amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,490.00) in favor of Tri Rivers Consulting Services related to expert medical testimony of James L. Cosgrove, M.D. for use at trial in re the matter of Willa Mae Mathews v. City of Pittsburgh, et al, filed at A.R. 16-001700.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0110](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh to accept a remittance from Point Park University in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. This remittance will fund the design and fabrication of historic district signage not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0100](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 5, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0064](#) Resolution, amending Resolution No. 794 of 2019 entitled “providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) extension with B2GNow, and providing for the payment thereof at a cost not to exceed Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$59,636.00)” to list the correct years for which the contract is valid.

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

[2020-0065](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$8,744.72) to Kittelson LLC, 1008 Woodcreek Drive, College Station, TX 77845 for professional services in relation to lawsuits filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

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

[2020-0069](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of Fifty-Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$52,400,000).

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

[2020-0072](#)

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 within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to War Memorials.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

[2020-0073](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution 549 of 2012, entitled “providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof” by transferring \$20,000 within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to War Memorials.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

[2020-0101](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Works for February 5, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0090](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 591 of 2016, previously amended by Resolution 870 of 2019, originally entitled “Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies and professional services in connection with the Bike Infrastructure Program, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$836,632.00” to account for both previous work completed on bike infrastructure projects utilizing Resolution 591, and to account for the new total bid amount for the Gap to the Point Project, but not to exceed \$955,155.96.

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

[2020-0102](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for February 5, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0063](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement with Henderson Brothers for services relating to the brokerage of a one year excess workers' compensation insurance policy for a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The Contract allows for two one-year renewal options at the same price at the discretion of the city.

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