

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

FORTIETH COUNCIL

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Theresa Kail-Smith, Erika Strassburger

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 1 - Mrs. Strassburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2019-1672](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and value the efforts of all who work to temper the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in five families affected by them; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 14, 2019 as “**Cheers for Ears 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.

Enactment No: 314

[2019-1673](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Movie Scene Queen for its contributions to journalism, film and education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 14, 2019, to be “**Movie Scene Queen Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 315

[2019-1674](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Dr. Carey Andrew - JaJa** for 45 years of professional service, personal commitment and remarkable kindness and compassion, congratulates him for his acclaim as the “Singing Doctor” and wishes him “A Wonderful World” in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 14, 2019, to be “**DR. CAREY ANDREW -JAJA DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 316

[2019-1675](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Northside Leadership Conference, Highmark and all of the participants and sponsors in the **2019 Northside Sandwich Week** for making such a unique and enjoyable event possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare that **Fig & Ash** shall rule over the Northside with beneficence and grace for one year as **Northside Sandwich King**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 9th to May 19th, 2019, to be “**Northside Sandwich Week**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 317

[2019-1676](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Kedrique on his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, May 18, 2019 to be “**Kedrique Mitchell 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.

Enactment No: 318

[2019-1677](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend P.J. Steiner on his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Saturday, May 18, 2019 to be “**Paul “P.J.” Steiner Jr. 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.

Enactment No: 319

[2019-1678](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the service of **Minister Rena Fuller and George Thomas** to the greater Hazelwood community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday May 18, 2019, to be “**MINISTER RENA FULLER AND GEORGE THOMAS MEMORIAL DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 320

[2019-1679](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend with gratitude the visionary national leadership of **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** exemplified by the completion of its new Exhibit Staging Center and Living Campus and honors the opening of the new Exhibit Staging Center and the debut of the Living Campus, benefitting all in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 321

[2019-1680](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Michael Ehrmann** for his service to the Squirrel Hill Historical Society; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday May 14, 2019, to be “**MICHAEL EHRMANN DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 322

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2019-1654](#)

Resolution amending Resolution #98 of 2019 which authorized the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tabatha Werkmeister, on her own behalf and as guardian on behalf of her minor children, and Grinage Dion Wilson, 3517 Fleming Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$80,000.00) by changing the issuance to four (4) warrants as follows: in favor of Tabatha Werkmeister, Guardian on behalf of her minor children in the amount of \$30,000; and in favor of Law Offices of Timothy O'Brien, 239 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2103, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 in the amount of \$39,990 in settlement of litigation per Order of Court of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of PA; in favor of Tabatha Werkmeister, 3517 Fleming Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 in the amount of \$5,005; and in favor of Grinage Dion Wilson, in the amount of \$5,005 in settlement of litigation as described in the Full and Final General Release and Settlement Agreement between the parties.

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

[2019-1668](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Nine - Zoning, Chapter 922 Development Review Procedures, Sections 922.10.E.2, 922.11.B.3 and 922.11.C.2 with a new subsection, "Affordable Housing Impact Statements."

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND MR. LAVELLE

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

[2019-1669](#)

Resolution establishing the City of Pittsburgh Equity and Inclusion Implementation Team ("EIIT").

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND MR. LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1670](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One - Administrative, Article Three - Organizations, Chapter 111 - Departments, Generally, by adding a new subsection, § 111.03, Equity Standards and Requirements for all Departments and Units of City Government.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND MR. LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1671](#) Resolution declaring the City of Pittsburgh as an “All-In” City.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND MR. LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2019-1655](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Donation Agreement with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy to accept a donation for materials to repair and improve the Nine Mile Run Trail in Frick Park, and further authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy accepting the donations for this purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2019-1656](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for the professional landscape architectural services for Arsenal Park Phase I Design, at a cost not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$394,174.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2019-1657](#) Resolution providing for the filing of applications by the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Human Services for grants in connection with the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) and providing for the authorization to enter into agreements with various agencies and to pay for expenditures for costs to support, implement and administer the program. Cost not to exceed \$4,585,786.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2019-1658](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Derfler Investments, LLC, for 700 Armandale Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, Allegheny County, at block and lot 23-E-325, in the 25th Ward.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2019-1659](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Connection @ South Side, 2984 Sidney Street, identified in the Allegheny County System as Block and Lots 29-N-316 and 29-N-311 in the 16th Ward. See attachment for approval of individual addresses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2019-1660](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (City) to enter into a Second Amendment to Agreement of November 1, 1950, with the Allegheny County Sanitation Authority (ALCOSAN), the Township of Upper St. Clair, Peters Township, Peters Township Sanitary Authority (PTSA) and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA).

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2019-1661](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh ("City"), to enter into an Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") to receive certain Grant Monies for the Safe Routes to School Project through the Transportation Set-Aside Program; and further authorizing an agreement or agreements to expend these Grant monies toward completion of the Safe Routes to School Project.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2019-1662](#) Resolution further amending Res. No. 73, effective February 29, 2012 entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the City Council Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 2; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof", by transferring \$1,600 from Neighborhood Learning Alliance-Public Safety Cameras to D2 Dek Hockey. Total of all projects is not to exceed \$14,964.53.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1663](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget" by transferring \$1,600 from Neighborhood Learning Alliance/Public Safety Cameras to D2 Deck Hockey, in Council District 2 Neighborhood Needs program.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

- [2019-1664](#) Resolution appointing Rachel Nawrocki as a Commissioner of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire April 30, 2023.
A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.
- [2019-1665](#) Resolution appointing Sally Stadelman as a Commissioner of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire April 30, 2023.
A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.
- [2019-1666](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2018.
A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.
- [2019-1667](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Performance Audit of the Office of Management and Budget Bureau of Procurement, dated May 2019.
A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

- [2019-1652](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 8, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.
- [2019-1620](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Office of Special Events - Department of Public Safety and the Office of Special Programs - Department of Parks & Recreation to accept an in kind donation of various holiday décor and supplies from Highwood’s Properties (owners of PPG Place) valued at \$8,000.00 for the purpose of the transition of the annual Light Up Night Gingerbread House Display to the City-County Building in 2019.
A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith
- No:** 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Strassburger

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2019-1653](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 8, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1623](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Keystone Communities grant program to renovate the Jefferson Recreation Center and the adjacent park and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND (\$402,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND (\$402,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose for a total project cost of EIGHT HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND (\$804,000.00) dollars.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Strassburger

[2019-1624](#) Resolution granting unto DAH Partners LP, 6592 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a handicap ramp with handrail and landing at 6620 Hamilton Avenue, in the 12th Ward, in the 9th Council District of City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Strassburger

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mrs. Strassburger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER