

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 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, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

Absent 1 - Ms. Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2019-1358](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of the Pittsburgh Film Office, and declare Saturday, February 23rd, 2019, to be Pittsburgh Film Office Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 66

[2019-1359](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by their community's career and technical education programs and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 1-28, 2019 to be "**Career and Technical Education Month**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 67

[2019-1360](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the late Dr. Woodson and the Dr. Edna B. McKenzie Branch of ASALH for the work they have done to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community, especially in the creation of Black History Month.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 68

[2019-1361](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **George Martin** for his many years of dedication to the entertainment and happiness of his customers and fellow Elks. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh looks forward to future celebrations of **George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin’s** birthdays, and wishes him many more years of happiness doing what he loves to do; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 to Saturday, February 9th, 2019 to be **George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin Week** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 69

[2019-1362](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood, Inc. as a civic and service organization within the appropriate context of the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act, as amended.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR

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

[2019-1363](#)

NOW, THEREOFRE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby urge President Donald J. Trump, the United States Senate, and the United States Congress to enact legislation securing the citizenship of all internationally adopted adult and minor individuals; and,

BE, IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council shall be sent to President Donald J. Trump, United States Senators Bob Casey, Jr. and Pat Toomey, and the Allegheny County delegation of the United States House of Representatives.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND MRS. STRASSBURGER

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

Enactment No: 70

[2019-1364](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the artistic, social, cultural and humanitarian efforts of these unique individuals to their craft.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 71

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2019-1344](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Benter Foundation. This funding will support the Imagination Library program for the City of Pittsburgh through the Dollywood Foundation providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1345](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 267: Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements, Section 267.03: Exemption Schedule, Subsection (e) to include applications filed during the period of June 30, 2017 until legislation establishing a new program has been adopted or the program is terminated.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1346](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$4,565.00, in favor of Daniel Bendas for damage to the sidewalk and driveway of his residence at 4345 McCaslin Street, Pittsburgh, 15217 from a City PW high lift removing ice buildup from a PWSA water main break on January 3, 2018.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1347](#) Resolution providing for an agreement, for payment of the City's share of the 2019 operating expenses to the Allegheny County Central Tax Collection District for tax collection. Cost not to exceed Eight Thousand and Sixty Five Dollars and Fifty-One Cents. (\$8,065.51)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1356](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing BEDFORD DWELLINGS CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD by \$1,500,000 and increasing ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING by \$1,500,000.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1357](#) Resolution amending Resolution 532 of 2018, entitled "authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a contract(s) or agreement(s) or use of existing contract(s) or agreement(s) on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh with the Pittsburgh Land Bank for administrative service for the 2018 Land Bank implementation at a cost not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars" in order to allow expenditures in 2019
SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2019-1348](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 444 of 1977 in order to rename the “Special Summer Food Service Trust Fund” as “Special Food Service Programs Trust Fund”. For background purposes, note that prior to Resolution No. 444 of 1977 a new trust fund was created every year a grant was issued, including 315 of 1971, 240 of 1972, 166 of 1973, 295 of 1975, etc. Starting with Resolution No. 444 of 1977, the City stopped creating additional yearly funds, consolidated the older funds, and started depositing new annual grants into a single trust fund. The City’s Department of Parks & Recreation now seeks to rename the “Special Summer Food Service Trust Fund” as “Special Food Service Programs Trust Fund” in order to reflect that additional food service programming is conducted throughout the school year, and not merely the summer.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2019-1349](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and/or the Director of the Department of Public Safety and Director of the Office and Management and Budget to enter into agreements in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less with performers, instructors, artists, referees, and persons with specialized skills in connection with the Departments’ recreational and instructional programs and special events services.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2019-1350](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, Lease(s) and/or License Agreement(s) for the use of certain property for senior facilities for the provision of center services to seniors in an amount not to exceed Eighty Seven Thousand, and Ten Dollars (\$87,010.00), chargeable to and payable from the Seniors Community Program Trust Fund in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2019-1351](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 503, approved June 27, 2000, "providing for the implementation of a Residential Sticker Parking Program in the Beechview neighborhood pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549" so as to amend the streets and remove addresses included in Area "T".

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

[2019-1352](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 574, approved July 25, 2000, "providing for the implementation of a Residential Sticker Parking Program in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549" so as to amend the streets and remove addresses included in Area "K".

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

[2019-1353](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, by creating Title 13 entitled "Stormwater Management", and by deleting Stormwater Management text from Title 10, Building, Chapter 1003.

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2019-1354](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Dahlem Place in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2019-1355](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements, to set forth financial obligations and maintenance responsibilities for the project and the pedestrian facilities with PennDOT. Local costs associated with work to be done on SR0885 (Boulevard of the Allies) ADA Ramps and upgraded black traffic signal poles being constructed and inspected by PennDOT, and further providing for reimbursement to PennDOT of the costs estimated to be Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$77,707.50).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

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

[2019-1341](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 30, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1303](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 878, effective December 21, 2018 entitled: Resolution authorizing the fee schedule for 2019 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code so as to replace the attached fee schedule and update the effective date.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

[2019-1304](#) Resolution amending Resolution 843 of 2018 (by changing the budget year from 2018 to 2019), providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) in favor of Kathleen Kasunick and her attorneys, Elliott and Davis, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged property damages as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 15-021678.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

[2019-1313](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title One: Administrative, Article XI: Human Resources, Chapter 192: Pensions, at General Provisions, section 192.01 Definitions, and also at Municipal Benefit Plan No. 2, section 192.23 Municipal Benefits, in order to allow interest payments on withdraws from the Municipal Pension plan, and to authorize the calculation of interest.
SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

[2019-1316](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$135,000.00

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2019-1342](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for January 30, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1308](#) Resolution, amending resolution number 231 of 2018, entitled “authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (“HACP”) for the providing of police services at HACP properties over a three-year term” in order to update account numbers

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

[2019-1310](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dolan Consulting Group in the amount of Nine-Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,950.00) for verbal de-escalation training for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2019-1343](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for January 30, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1295](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 701, effective November 2, 2015, to now read as follows:

"Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with PENNDOT under which PENNDOT will make improvements to and transfer Industrial Highway, approximately 1.2 miles of roadway, to the City, and the City will transfer to PENNDOT two current City street segments, those street segments being: 1) Euclid Avenue from Baum Boulevard to Centre Avenue, approximately 347 feet; and 2) Centre Avenue from Euclid Avenue to Highland Avenue, approximately 1,017 feet."

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

[2019-1312](#)

Resolution authorizing the transfer by the City of Pittsburgh to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") certain public right-of-way and temporary construction easement rights on certain property of the 32nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh in cooperation with a PennDOT construction project.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Gross

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Ms. Gross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER