

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 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

All member 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

[2020-0280](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the contributions and achievements of its graduate and professional students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 6 through April 10, 2020 as “Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 163

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0271](#)

Resolution authorizing The Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) to provide funding for the acquisition of a stretch of rail line located between 24th - 33rd Streets in the Strip District from CSX Transportation through the railbanking process. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. This grant will be used in conjunction with capital funds to execute contracts. In the event that the city is awarded the grant, the total project cost is not to exceed ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) dollars.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0272](#) Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for federal assistance with the U.S. Department of Transportation for up to \$25,000,000 in FY 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grants program for critical infrastructure stabilization at locations throughout Mt. Washington.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0273](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”) to facilitate certain repairs to the cartway of 10th Street between Penn Avenue and Liberty Avenue.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0281](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Finance to create a pilot program that identifies Publicly-Owned parcels for which Deed Restrictions shall be made and used to foster Urban Agriculture

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER
KAIL-SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0274](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$84,000.00) to Robert A. Creo, 3934 Foster St., #B531, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 for arbitration services rendered in connection with Act 111 Interest Arbitration.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0275](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Curtin & Heefner, LLP, 2005 S. Easton Road, Suite 100, Doylestown, PA 18901, in an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$16,282.32) for professional legal services and expert advice regarding Source of Income litigation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0276](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gleason & Associates PC, P.O. Box 644816, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-4816 in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,535.00) for professional services in connection with a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0277](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12,317.50) 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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0278](#) Resolution amending Resolution 813 of 2019 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC to serve as Bond Counsel for the purpose of rendering any and all necessary opinions with respect to the Bonds and preparing such additional documents as may be necessary. Total costs shall not exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$112,500.00) over a three year period (2020, 2021, 2022).

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

[2020-0279](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Sixty One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$161,250,000.00).

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0268](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 8, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0245](#) Resolution providing for a non-monetary settlement in favor of Bryan Campbell, Esquire, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged monies owed to him for professional services provided to City of Pittsburgh professional police officers/FOP Members who were named as parties to lawsuits filed in state or federal court as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 19-007775.

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

[2020-0246](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) in favor of Douglas Anderson, Administrator, and his attorneys, Joyce & Bittner, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged personal injuries as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 14-015587 (consolidated).

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

[2020-0269](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 8, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0242](#) Resolution granting unto BRENDAN NOONE, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install 2 slim AC condenser units in a planter box, screened with cedar fencing, on the side of building, at 1247 Palo Alto Street, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2020-0243](#) Resolution providing for an agreement with Alfred Benesch and Company for Preliminary and Final Design, Services During Construction and Miscellaneous Services for the Swinburne Bridge replacement project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$830,572.47.

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

[2020-0244](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to place a Deed Restriction upon Paulson Park and Wightman Park, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) which provided funds for the Paulson Park and Wightman Park Redevelopment.

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

[2020-0250](#) Resolution requiring the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to create and promulgate, or update existing, operating procedures, permits, forms, rules, and regulations related to vehicle or transportation operations not already underway or otherwise sanctioned by existing Ordinance or regulations over, above, in, within, on, or under the right-of-way within ~~an area zoned as “P” or “Parks District,” as established by Chapter 905: Special Purpose Districts by the City of Pittsburgh Zoning Code~~ a City of Pittsburgh park.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

[2020-0256](#) Resolution amending Resolution 749 of 2019, entitled “Resolution amending Resolution 655 of 2018, entitled ‘Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements, allowing for compensation paid to PennDot of the local costs associated with the East Carson St. Supplemental Improvement Project being undertaken by PennDot, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed \$690,737.35,’ by providing for certain contributions to be made by the City through separate legislative appropriations in a subsequent year in an amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty-six thousand one-hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$886,162.99),” in order to authorize expenditure and appropriation of the aforementioned amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty-six thousand one-hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$886,162.99).

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

[2020-0270](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for April 8, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0247](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) and/or the Department of Innovation and Performance (I&P) on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement with Populus, in order to receive access to their visualization platform suite, which will further the City's ability to deliver mobility services to residents.

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

[2020-0282](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the United States Congress to maximize the use of their powers and authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic to the benefit of working and vulnerable Pennsylvanians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council recognizes that housing is a human right and calls for the swift institution of policies and resources that protect renters from financial ruin or loss of housing during this emergency, as well as for the offering of resources to mortgage-holders for similar purposes.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

Enactment No: 164

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER