

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, February 18, 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**

Councilman Wilson present via phone

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

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2020-0131](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Olafemi Mandley for celebrating and preserving the culture of Africa in honor of Black History Month; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, February 18, 2020 to be “**The Taste of Africa Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 58

[2020-0132](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the profound impact of Patricia Wilde’s career not only at The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, but to the world for her magnificent contributions the art of ballet; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 22, 2019 to be “**Patricia Wilde Day**” 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: 59

[2020-0133](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and honors the upcoming 30th anniversary of the date of enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and lauds the efforts of those who worked tirelessly for its passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council encourages the City of Pittsburgh as a whole to celebrate the advancement of freedom and the expansion of opportunity and self-determination made possible by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council pledges on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh and its residents to remain steadfast in its commitment to the furthering of opportunity, independent living, economic self-sufficiency and the full participation of individuals in the City of Pittsburgh who have disabilities.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

Enactment No: 60

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

## **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0117](#)

Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution number 316 of 2018, entitled "Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, providing for the preliminary design and final design, services during construction, and miscellaneous services for traffic signal installation of the South Side Signals Project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$390,213.38." To account for an amendment to the contract that increased the total project cost, but not to exceed \$536,000.00.

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

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[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

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0123](#) Resolution amending resolution 748 of 2019 entitled “a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of taking by eminent domain, of 410 Mathews Avenue in the 30th Ward and to accept a deed for the property; further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs;” to adjust the code account information to the 2020 year.

**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**

[2020-0124](#) Resolution amending resolution 629 of 2019 entitled “a resolution authorizing the purchase of certain property by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of eminent domain, in order to advance City’s proposed permanent closure of the Timberland Bridge;” to provide specific payee information and adjust the code account information to the 2020 year.

**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**

[2020-0125](#) Resolution amending resolution 702 of 2019 entitled “a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of taking by eminent domain, of 35 and 33 Semicir Street in the 26th Ward and to accept a deed for the properties; further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs;” by adjusting the code account information to the 2020 year.

**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**

[2020-0126](#) 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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[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 Requested)***

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[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.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

### **COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[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.

**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**

[2020-0114](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 12, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0067](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Precise Discovery, LLC, 429 Fourth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$3,814.40) for professional services in connection with billboard litigation.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

[2020-0115](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for February 12, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0088](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816, effective December 18, 2015, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program”, by increasing the federal funding allocation for BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE by \$73,886.40.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0089](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 386, effective June 19, 2019, entitled “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 South Side Park Phase I Design at a cost not to exceed Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Ninety Six Dollars (338,096.00),” by increasing the total allocation to \$400,000.00.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

## COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2020-0116](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for February 12, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0086](#) 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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0087](#) 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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS



**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mrs. Kail-Smith**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**