

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 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

Members 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

[2020-0371](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish Mr. McKibben a happy 80th Birthday and wish him many more to come; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Saturday, May 23, 2020 to be “**Paul McKibben 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: 226

[2020-0372](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby welcome the Jasmine Nyree Campus into Sheraden and thank Mr. and Mrs. Porter for providing such beneficial services to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Monday, June 1, 2020 to be “**Jasmine Nyree Campus 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: 227

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0358](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for ongoing wetland monitoring and reporting in Nine Mile Run, Frick Park in the amount of \$29,000.00 through 2022.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0359](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of certain property in the Smallman Street project in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh for public highway purposes, and further accepting any grading, paving, lighting, curbing, traffic signals, street trees and public utilities located therein and fixing the width and position of the roadway and sidewalk thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0360](#) Resolution vacating a certain portion of Smallman Street, situate in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0361](#) Resolution amending Resolution 394 of 2018 to clarify the appropriate Neighborhood Stabilization Program reference.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0362](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Duncan Street Townhomes at 5308-5314 Duncan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0363](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 52nd Street Townhomes at 724 & 728 52nd Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0364](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 39th Street Homes at 204, 206, and 208 39th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0365](#) Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17th, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until June 2nd; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.
(Request to Waive Rules of Council)

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council.
The motion carried.**

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0366](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into Access Agreements with Collective Efforts, LLC, for two City-owned sites located at 700 Herron Avenue and 3300 Webster Avenue to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment and further authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Finance to enter into any necessary agreement or agreements with North Side Industrial Development Company to document the terms of its use of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant funds to cover the costs of these assessments.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0367](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to accept a donation from the Tree of Life Congregation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to be deposited into the Public Safety Support Trust Fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0368](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure or the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into a multi-year licensing agreement with Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. for the purposes of a pole inventory and audit - specifically for the purposes of streetlight and telecommunication attachment inventory in year one of the agreement, and for inventory of other telecommunication assets in subsequent years of the agreement - and providing the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$768,346.75).

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0369](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a Request for Proposal in search of qualifying organizations to complete a performance audit of contracts between non-profit organizations and the City of Pittsburgh

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0370](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service for Adam Kolko, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0354](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 20, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0335](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a professional services agreement or agreements or a retainer agreement or agreements with the law firm of Motley Rice LLC as special legal counsel to: 1) determine the economic impact that prescription opioids have had on the City of Pittsburgh and its residents and 2) based on such evidence, to investigate and, if appropriate, to commence and prosecute litigation against manufacturers, distributors, insurance companies and/or prescribers of prescription opiates for damages to the City of Pittsburgh arising out of marketing, manufacturing, distribution and/or prescribing of opiates.

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

[2020-0336](#) Resolution amending Resolution #183 of 2020, entitled “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) by replacing the entirety of Resolution 183 with new language, in order to conform to state and federal laws.

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

[2020-0339](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” by transferring a total of \$70,669.69 from multiple projects within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to District 1 DPW Projects.

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

[2020-0355](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 20, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0329](#)

Resolution granting unto SUMMIT HOSPITALITY 139 LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 947 Penn Avenue, in the 2nd Ward, 6th 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

[2020-0330](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 316 of 2018, previously amended by Resolution number 78 of 2020, originally 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.", which was amended by Resolution 78 of 2020 to authorize a new total project cost up to but not to exceed \$536,000.00 to be further amended with this Resolution to account for an increase in federal funding where costs associated with the Southside Signals project have been converted from 80 percent federal and 20 percent local split to 100 percent federally reimbursable. The total project cost remains the same, not to exceed \$536,000.00.

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

[2020-0331](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program”, by increasing 18TH STREET SIGNAL UPDATES (TIP) by \$39,000.55 to reflect the project now being 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Administration.

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

[2020-0337](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and James Simon, for the creation and installation of public art at Townsend Park located at 803 Ernie Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, at a cost not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

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

[2020-0344](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Stoebner Way from Larimer Avenue southeasterly an average distance of 123.47 feet, in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2020-0356](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for May 20, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0350](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into an agreement with Cohen Law Group and CTC Technology & Energy for the renegotiation of the City's Cable Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Verizon, and certain additional telecommunications consulting services; and further providing final payment to SmartWorks Partners for work provided under an agreement authorized by Resolutions 741 and 748 of 2018.

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 DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0357](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for May 20, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0332](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny and Partner4Work for the shared operation and administration of the 2020 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

[2020-0333](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern PA for administrative services related to the 2020 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed \$227,374.26.

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