

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 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 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2019-1477](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recall the selfless military service, battle courage and personal sacrifice of Andrew Joseph Kukuruda, who answered the call to duty during the Vietnam War; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, March 14, 2019 to be “**Andrew Joseph Kukuruda 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: 164

[2019-1478](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC on their 20th Anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 to be “**Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC 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: 165

[2019-1479](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish community, hereby declare the days of March 10 - 17, 2019 to be ***ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK*** 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: 166

[2019-1480](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, the 16th of March 2019, to be "**Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Swing into Spring Arts Scholarship Fashion Show and Luncheon Day**" 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: 167

[2019-1481](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its admiration and dedication that the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter** has shown toward a future free of MS; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 10-16, 2019, to be "**MS AWARENESS WEEK**" 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: 168

[2019-1482](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby urge the Pennsylvania General Assembly and State Senate to grant more local control for the operation of the right-of-way, the installation of roadway features that are safer for all users, and the implementation of policies that discourage dangerous driving and decrease the risk of bodily injuries and death of pedestrians, bicyclists, individuals with limited mobility, and other vulnerable users; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Will of Council shall be sent to the Allegheny County delegation of the Pennsylvania State House and Senate, the chairs and minority chairs of the State House and Senate Transportation Committees, Governor Tom Wolf, and Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation Leslie Richards.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: Mrs. Kail-Smith, Mr. Coghill, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Kraus, Mrs. Harris and Ms. Gross

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

Enactment No: 169

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2019-1468](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Timothy Arnold, 713 8th Street, Pitcairn PA 15140 in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,400.00) in full and final settlement of a police-related matter.
(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1469](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Fox Rothschild LLP, 2000 Market St., 20th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 in the amount not to exceed One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$110,000.00) for professional consulting and legal services in relation to False Claims Act litigation.

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1470](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Jane Desimone, Esquire, P.O. Box 8261, Pittsburgh, PA 15218, in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$4,223.17) for arbitration services rendered in connection with Grievance 17-01 labor matters and charging same to 11101.108000.53.53513.2019.
(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1471](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Robert A. Creo, 3934 Foster Street, Suite B531, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for arbitration services rendered in connection with two labor matters and charging same to 11101.108000.53.53513.2019.
(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1472](#) 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 Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$156,420.00) to be deposited into the Public Safety Support Trust Fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2019-1473](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Finance to submit a Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries for the renovation of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2019-1474](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with NEOGOV for the upgrade and continual maintenance of software for HR workforce management, applicant tracking, and Civil Service testing, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$ 81,096.77.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2019-1476](#) Resolution accepting the dedication of a portion of Blair Street and Hazelwood Avenue in the SP-10, Hazelwood Green Specially Planned District in the 4th and 15th Wards, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2019-1475](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, to set forth City financial obligations and responsibilities with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") for the inclusion of certain City components in PennDOT's West Carson Street signal upgrade project at a City cost not to exceed nine thousand and fifty dollars (\$9,050.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

[2019-1464](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for March 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1425](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy ("PPC") in connection with the 2018-2019 "Naturally Northside" project. PPC has been awarded a grant from the Buhl Foundation and shall reimburse the City for its expenses in connection with City Park Rangers who will be staffing the Naturally Northside project activities. Said agreement shall not exceed ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$11,520.00).

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

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2019-1465](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1405](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer by the City of Pittsburgh to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) of certain public right-of-way, slope easement and temporary construction easement rights on certain property of the 22nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh to secure the Right-of-Way for the West Ohio Street Bridge construction project.

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

Aye: 5 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Abstain: 3 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, and Mrs. Harris

[2019-1445](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and/or the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into all necessary Agreements to acquire and secure a right-of-way and temporary construction easements, as-needed, to advance certain remediation work in or around Streets Run.

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

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2019-1466](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for March 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1426](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six Conduct, Article V Discrimination, Chapter 659 Unlawful Practices, Section §659.02 Unlawful Employment Practices by adding language to prohibit employment discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions and events.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: All Members

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

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2019-1467](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 6, 2019 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-1453](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 103, effective February 14, 2019, Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories: as to transfer funds within City Council from: “District 1” (-\$19,700.00 - \$24,700.00) to “Bridge Committee” (+\$10,000.00), “Allen Place Community Services” (+\$3,500.00), “Brightwood Civic Group” (+\$5,000.00), Artist Image Resources (+\$1,200.00), and Doors Open Pittsburgh (+\$5,000.00) and “Beechview Manor” (-\$5,000.00) to “Beechview Manor/Housing Management Services (+\$5,000.00)”.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND MR. COGHILL

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

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2019-1454](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 102 effective February 14, 2019 providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities; and for administrative/operational costs, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities of various departmental programs/projects for the benefit of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed \$735,000.00: as to transfer funds within the City Council as follows: “District 1” (-\$19,700.00 - \$24,700.00) to “Bridge Committee” (+\$10,000.00), “Allen Place Community Services” (+\$3,500.00), “Brightwood Civic Group” (+\$5,000.00), Artist Image Resources (+\$1,200.00), and Doors Open Pittsburgh (+\$5,000.00) and “Beechview Manor” (-\$5,000.00) to “Beechview Manor/Housing Management Services” (+\$5,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND MR. COGHILL

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

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilwoman Kail-Smith called for a cablecast Post Agenda relative to domestic violence.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER