

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 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

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**[2020-0074](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for its commitment to excellence in spiritual and academic instruction, and congratulate Bishop Canevin High School on its 60th Anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, February 1, 2020 to be “**Catholic Schools Week**” 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: 5

[2020-0075](#)

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 Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 to Sunday, February 9th, 2020 to be **George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin Week** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 6

[2020-0076](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the 2019 Retirees for their dedication and commitment to protecting and serving the people of the City of Pittsburgh and recognizes the Class of 1969 for their 50 years of membership in the FOP; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, February 21, 2020, to be ***“FOP FORT PITT LODGE #1 RETIREES DAY”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 7

[2020-0077](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the cultural and historical significance of the **Lunar New Year**, the Year of the Metal Rat, for the Asian American community in Squirrel Hill and beyond, expresses its deepest respect and congratulates the partners who organized **Lunar New Year** in Pittsburgh, wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 25, 2020 to February 9, 2020, to be ***“LUNAR NEW YEAR”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 8

[2020-0078](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Citiparks** for its creative and resourceful event planning and congratulates the Schenley Park Skating Rink on the **33rd Anniversary of the City of Pittsburgh's/Citiparks Mascot Skate**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 1, 2020, to be ***“MASCOT SKATE DAY”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 9

[2020-0079](#)

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh is concerned with the safety of Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as the cost, quality and reliability of our city and region's infrastructure; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 10

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0063](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement with Henderson Brothers for services relating to the brokerage of a one year excess workers' compensation insurance policy for a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The Contract allows for two one-year renewal options at the same price at the discretion of the city.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0064](#)

Resolution, amending Resolution No. 794 of 2019 entitled "providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) extension with B2GNow, and providing for the payment thereof at a cost not to exceed Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$59,636.00)" to list the correct years for which the contract is valid.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0065](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$8,744.72) 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

[2020-0066](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Pietragallo, Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, 38th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for legal services in connection with employment law-related training, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0068](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, LLC, 525 William Penn Place, 28th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3152 for legal services in connection with an employment related matter, in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0069](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of Fifty-Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$52,400,000).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0070](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into financial and "in-kind" Sponsorship Agreements for the City's Office of Special Events' 2020 Season.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2020-0072](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget" by transferring a total of \$20,000 within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to War Memorials.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0073](#) Resolution further amending Resolution 549 of 2012, entitled "providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof" by transferring \$20,000 within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to War Memorials.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0071](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting Fiscal Audit of the City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Finance - Real Estate Division and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) of Pittsburgh, Tax Abatement and Tax Incremental Financing Program, dated December 30, 2019.

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

[2020-0059](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0006](#) 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 \$150,000.00

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

[2020-0021](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article I: Administration, by adding Chapter 212: Administrative Matters for Taxes and Fees.

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

[2020-0022](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 241: Amusement Tax, Section 241.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Finance and Law. The motion carried.

[2020-0023](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 253: Parking Tax, Section 253.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code.

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

[2020-0024](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 258: Payroll Tax, Section 258.01: Definitions, to update language in the city code.

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

[2020-0025](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Office of Management and Budget to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to purchase a regenerative street sweeper to assist in the ongoing removal of debris from the new bike trail at Hazelwood Green and other permeable surfaces and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND (\$187,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

[2020-0060](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for January 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0008](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Recycling Partnership, Inc. to conduct public outreach surrounding the City's recycling program and to purchase containers for curbside residential recycling collection; and further providing for an agreement or agreements and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

[2020-0009](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Rubicon Street, laid out in the Elizabeth Ebbs Plan of Lots #3647, from Mann Street to its northern terminus, in the 19th Ward, 2nd 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

[2020-0010](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 901, effective January 6, 2011, entitled "Resolution accepting the dedication by Urban Redevelopment authority of Pittsburgh of Parcel No. 1A (Technology Drive) in the Pittsburgh Technology Center Plan of Lots No. 2 in the 4th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public highway and utility purposes, accepting the grading, paving, street lighting, curbing, traffic signals, establishment of grades and fixing the width and position of roadway and sidewalks thereof" by accepting the adjustments to right of way as shown in revised Parcel No. 1A. (Council District 6).

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

[2020-0011](#) Resolution accepting the dedication of a portion of Lytle Street, Beehive Street, and Eliza Street in the SP-10, Hazelwood Green Specially Planned District, in the 4th and 15th Wards, 5th 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

Enactment No: 12

[2020-0012](#)

Resolution approving the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Fallowfield Avenue from Hampshire Avenue to Broadway Avenue be reconstructed as a concrete roadway in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

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

[2020-0013](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to execute relevant agreements with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County to receive grant funding to support Homewood Complete Streets Planning project, in the amount of Eighty-One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$81,000.00) for this stated purpose.

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

[2020-0044](#)

Resolution granting unto GARTLEY GROUP, LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an entrance ramp, at 4736 Liberty Avenue, in the 8th Ward, 7th 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

Enactment No: 13

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2020-0061](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for January 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0027](#) Resolution amending Resolution 663 of 2019, a resolution amending an Agreement or Agreements with eDocs Technologies, LLC (“eDocs”) for licensing services and maintenance and support services, for a 1 year contract extension at an additional cost not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Forty Three cents (\$35,765.43).

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

[2020-0028](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 146 of 2019, authorizing the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into a Contract or Contracts with Qscend Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) software services necessary for the operations of the City's 311 Response Line by extending the term for one additional year and by increasing the authorized spending amount by Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$56,274.75).

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

[2020-0062](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for January 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0014](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1717 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0015](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 112-134 Burrows Street Land Development project, located at 112-134 Burrows Street of Pittsburgh, PA, 15213.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0016](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Middle Street Triplex, 734, 738 and 742 Middle Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0017](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the properties located at 5305 and 5307 Holmes Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, Allegheny County, at block and lots 80-D-322 & 80-D-323, submitted by Casey L. Slotter.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0018](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the McArdle Residential project, 911 Pretense Way, located at Block 3-L, Lots 218, 220, and 222 of Pittsburgh, PA, 15203.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0020](#) Resolution approving an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority to extend its term of existence to a date that is fifty (50) years from the date of the approval of the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and adding stormwater planning, management, and implementation to the purposes of the Authority.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Coghill

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER