

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

***Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Gilman, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith***

Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

A. ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith
Absent 1 - Mr. Gilman

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

[2016-0119](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the life and passing of Marcus L. White Jr., and does hereby declare **Friday, February 19th, 2016** to be "***Marcus Lamont White Jr. Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2016-0120](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize , commend and congratulate nationally known, acclaimed and purely Pittsburgh **Rob Rogers** for his award winning work and receipt of the National Press Foundation's **Berryman Award** on February 11, 2016; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 16, 2016, to be "***ROB ROGERS DAY***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2016-0121](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that February 15 - March 15, 2016 be declared Women of Color HERStory Month® in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2016-0122](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend LaShawn Reed for the completion of her first novel and for her commitment to the young women in the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 16, 2016, to be "***LaShawn Reed Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

[2016-0109](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 25th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh Designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 23-F, Lots 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 60B and Block 23-B, Lots 216, 227, 227A, 227B, 228, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234, 234A, and 235, under the Residential Land Reserve Fund - Perrysville Avenue, 5, 6, Lane Way, 1643, 1645, 1641 Perrysville Avenue, 1639 and 1635 Perrysville Avenue - (Council District No. 6).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2016-0110](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 125-M, Lots 326 and 328 (Council District No. 9 - Commercial Development - 7001 and 7005 Hamilton Avenue)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2016-0111](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 174-P, Lots 15-1, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, 51, 52, 56, 59 and Block 175-B, Lot 32 (Council District No.9 - Site Assemblage for Residential Development - Richland 508, 573, 567, Richland Street, 7425, 7409, 7407, 7505 Tioga Street, 564, 568, 572, 571, 565, 563, 561 Panke Avenue and 562 and 570 Dunfermline Street).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2016-0112](#) Resolution approving execution of a Deed by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the City of Pittsburgh for the sale of Block 45-S, Lots 1 and 266, Block 45-L, Lots 11, 13, 14 and Block 46-N, Lot 106, in the 25th & 26th Wards of the City of Pittsburgh, Irwin Avenue, 2429, 2423, 2421 N. Charles Street and 558 Ridgewood Street - Council District No. 6 (Greenway).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2016-0113](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 174-P, Lots 47 and 48 (Council District No.9 - Greenspace - 7415 and 7417 Tioga Street).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2016-0115](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor EMCOR Services Scalise Industries, in an amount not to exceed twenty four thousand four hundred and ninety five dollars and twenty eight cents, for the payment of repairs to the Schenley Ice Skating Rink chiller system; and providing for the payment thereof in an amount not to exceed (\$24,495.28).

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2016-0116](#) Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to City Council to rename Cliffside Park, located in the 5th Ward of Pittsburgh, as “August Wilson Park”.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2016-0117](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Rothman Gordon, P.C. to provide professional legal representation to the City in the real estate tax assessment case of Omni Pittsburgh Corporation v. The Board of Property Assessments Appeals and Review (case docket no. BV-13-006771) at a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2016-0118](#) Resolution providing for a three-party Transportation Alternatives Program federal aid reimbursement agreement or agreements by and among the City of Pittsburgh, the (MUNICIPALITY), the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the “SEA”) and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, (DEPARTMENT) in connection with the implementation of the Lower Hill Infrastructure Project, Element II-C, Intersection and Sidewalk Improvements on Centre Avenue.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2016-0106](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 10, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2016-0012](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$10,000.00), in favor of DeAndre Brown, c/o Joel Sansone, Esq., Three Gateway Center, 401 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in Full and Final Settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed at 2:14-cv-00506.

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0036](#) Resolution providing for a Warrant in the total sum of Two Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$2,058.65) to AKF Reporters, Inc., 436 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for transcription services, charging same to 11101.53.53513.108000.2016.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0037](#) Resolution providing for a Warrant in the total sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Six Dollars and Ten Cents (\$3,306.10) to William J. Miller, Jr., Esq., 106 Rampart Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658 for arbitration services and charging same to 11101.53.53513.108000.2016.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0041](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into a lease agreement or agreements with Murray American Transportation, Inc. in order that it may utilize along the Ohio River near the West End Bridge designated as Block and Lot 7-P-200, for the purposes of mooring and unloading boats, barges, and other watercraft.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0058](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of Six Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$6,000.00), in favor of Elissa Lang, Swenson & Perer, One Oxford Center, Suite 2501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, releasing and discharging the City of Pittsburgh from direct liability in any and all claims in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania filed at AR 13-005658.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0075](#) An Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking, by creating Chapter 546 - Parking Enhancement District.

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

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

[2016-0079](#) Resolution calling on the Director of Finance to draft all necessary policies and procedures in order to create an equitable property assessment appeal process to maintain the fairness and productivity of the tax base and to give residents assurance that they are being taxed fairly on property values.

SPONSORS: MR. GILMAN

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 1 - Mr. Lavelle

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

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

[2016-0107](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 10, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2016-0074](#) Resolution authorizing the Department of City Planning to enter into contract or contracts, or agreement or agreements, in order to complete an independent traffic study regarding the reconnection of Foster Street. Cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

SPONSORS: MS. GROSS

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2016-0108](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for February 10, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2016-0087](#) Resolution amending Resolution # 499 of 2015 which provided for the sale of property at 1235 Clairhaven Street in the 28th Ward, by substituting School District of Pittsburgh for Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh. All other provisions remain unchanged.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Gilman

I. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Council President Kraus called for a Cablecast Post Agenda relative to Gender and Sexual Orientation Based Violence.

K. EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MR. GILMAN

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. ADJOURNMENT

P LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER