

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 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

[2020-0847](#)

WHEREAS lead, the metal (Pb), is a neurotoxin that enters the body through contact with lead- containing paint, dust, soil and drinking water; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 538

[2020-0848](#)

WHEREAS, Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month was first celebrated in 1989 when it was proclaimed by both Congress and President George H. W. Bush to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 539

[2020-0849](#)

WHEREAS, *Sciulli's Pizza*, located at 3404 Fifth Avenue, celebrated, its 40th Anniversary this year amid the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 540

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0834](#) Resolution granting unto WALNUT STREET PROPERTIES, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new projecting sign, at 5505 Walnut Street, in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0835](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 10th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 50-G, Lots 60, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 69, and 70, located on the north side of Rosetta Street west of North Pacific, and Block 50-K, Lots 172 and 173, located on the south side of Broad Street between North Millvale Avenue and North Winebiddle Street (Council District No. 9).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0836](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 27-B, Lots 200 and 352, located on the south side of Anaheim Street, east of Camp Street, and at 821 Shawnee Street (Council District No. 6).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0837](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 124-K, Lots 123 and 124, located on the west side of Joseph Street between Regis Way and Thompson Street, and on the east side of Rapidan Way between Regis Way and Thompson Street, respectively (Council District No. 9).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0844](#) Resolution authorizing the Citizen Police Review Board to enter into an Agreement(s) or Contract(s) with The Densus Group, for professional services to assist the Independent Citizen Police Review Board in its review of community/police interactions during protests in Pittsburgh for the period May 30, 2020 through June 1, 2020. Said Agreement(s) or Contract(s) shall not exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for 2020; subject to the annual allocation by City Council.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0838](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, Two PPG Place, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-5402 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$11,668.90).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0839](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC 300 Kanawha Boulevard, East, P.O. Box 273, Charleston, WV 25321-0273 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$6,985.17).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0840](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Thomas Thomas & Hafer, LLP, 525 William Penn Place, 37th Floor, Suite 3750, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$5,448.22).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0841](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tremba, Kinney, Greiner & Kerr, LLC, 302 West Otterman Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Forty Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$9,044.80).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0842](#) Resolution amending Resolution 737 of 2019 which authorized the Director of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with City Source Associates for grounds keeping and land maintenance services for properties owned by the Three Taxing Bodies, by exercising the right to renew for one year at an additional cost of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0843](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to accept a donation from the Ford Motor Company of 492,480 Ford Face Masks valued at TWO HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$201,916.80) to be distributed to City Employees.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0846](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title I: Administrative, Article XI: Human Resources, Chapter 197: Code of Conduct, § 197.07: Offering, Soliciting, or Accepting Gifts to define procedures for the presentation of gifts to public officials by foreign or domestic dignitaries.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0845](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Commission on Human Relations for James Hammond, 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

[2020-0830](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 21, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0715](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) in favor of Deborah Trzeciak, c/o Thomas J. McClain, Esquire, Dugan & Associates, 4 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 as final settlement related to the action filed in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania and charging same to 11101.108000.58.58105.2020.

(Executive Session Held)

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

[2020-0795](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of quitclaim deeds conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the City-owned property located in the 1st Ward of the City at 661 1st Avenue and 700 2nd Avenue designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 2-P Lot 110 and Block 2-P Lot 120 respectively, to the Urban Redevelopment Authority 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

[2020-0796](#) Resolution amending Resolution 557 of 2016 to remove certain properties, designated as lot and blocks 2-P-110 and 2-P-120, from the transaction and cooperation agreement authorized therein.

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

[2020-0797](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ogg, Murphy & Perkosky, 245 Fort Pitt Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15222, as attorneys for their client Willa Mae Mathews in the amount of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a litigation filed at A.R. 16-001700 in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas against 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

[2020-0798](#) 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 reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - CITY FACILITIES by \$260,000.00 and increasing REMEDIATION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$260,000.00.

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

[2020-0799](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through G: A: 5 Vincent, B: 329 Industry, C: 334 East Warrington, D: 807 Crucible, E: 0 Lovelace, F: 0 Oxfield, G: 223 Alice

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

[2020-0800](#)

Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through C: A: 126 Meadow, B: 0 Kilbourne, C: 1017 Marena.

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

[2020-0810](#)

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~~ **\$17,889.98** of War Memorials capital funding from District 1 Neighborhood Needs to City Planning.

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 COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0831](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 21, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0801](#) Resolution amending Resolution 654 of 2017, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an amended professional services agreement or agreements with Humane Animal Rescue for professional services in connection with the detention, care and/or euthanasia of domesticated animals in order to extend the term until December 31, 2021 and add \$300,000 in compensation, as the City plans to soon develop an RFP for the forthcoming procurement of said services beyond 2021.

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

[2020-0802](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania for the provision of medical direction services at an overall cost not to exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30). Said agreement(s) shall commence on January 1, 2021 for a term of three years and expire on December 31, 2023.

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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0832](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 21, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0646](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The John P. Robin Civic Building, located at 200 Ross Street (2-J-164-2), in downtown, in the 1st Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 10/14/20)

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: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Abstain: 0

[2020-0682](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as The Hanauer-Rosenberg House, located at 417 Lockhart Street (8-D-149), in Deutschtown, in the 23rd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 10/14/20)

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

[2020-0683](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as The Spring Hill School, located at 1351 Damas Street (47-L-300), in Spring Hill, in the 24th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 10/14/20)

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

[2020-0803](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program,” so as to identify specific projects in City Council Districts 1, 4, 8, and the Mayor’s Office and authorize a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents 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 DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0833](#)

Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for October 21, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0709](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 38th Street Maisons de Ville Townhomes project, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

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 - Councilman O'Connor called for a Cablecast Post Agenda relative to the Mayor's Public Safety and Policing Task Force.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER