

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 9, 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

## MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO'S 2021 BUDGET ADDRESS

## PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0892](#) 125th Anniversary Proclamation for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE, COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 569

[2020-0893](#) **WHEREAS**, Dan McKeever is a Vietnam Veteran who served as Bosun's Mate aboard the USS Charles R. Ware from 1966-1969, taking part in Operation Sea Dragon off the coast of North Vietnam in 1967; and,

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 570

[2020-0894](#) **WHEREAS**, More than 160 million Americans fulfilled their constitutionally protected civic duty of casting their vote for the 46th President of the United States and for their local elected representatives during the general election held on Nov 3rd of 2020; and,

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 571

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0872](#) Resolution providing for a reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Swindell Bridge project construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand (\$770,000.00) dollars; reimbursable at ninety five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

[2020-0873](#) Resolution granting unto HIGH SIX ASSOCIATES LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install (2) new projecting signs, at 146 6th Street, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0874](#) 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 thirty days (30) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until December 10th, 2020; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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

**The motion carried.**

[2020-0875](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into an agreement or agreements with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in order to conduct a Work Smart training program as part of a pay equity initiative designed to reduce the gender pay gap in Pittsburgh and further providing for the expenditures under the terms of said agreements at a cost not to exceed THIRTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS (\$39,959).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0876](#) Resolution amending resolution 635 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) between the City of Pittsburgh and the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) in order to receive training and develop a racial equity toolkit, in order to extend the contract for an additional year and add technical assistance for building and implementing a Racial Equity Toolkit and developing an equity lens for each Department's budgeting process at a total cost not to exceed SIXTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (\$61,235), subject to appropriation.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0877](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into an agreement or agreements with Nth Party in order to collect and provide disaggregated data related to a pay equity initiative designed to reduce the gender pay gap in Pittsburgh and further providing for the expenditures under the terms of said agreements at a cost not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0878](#) Resolution making appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of the City of Pittsburgh and for meeting the debt charges thereof for the Fiscal Year, beginning January 1, 2021.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0879](#) Resolution fixing the number of officers and employees of the City of Pittsburgh for the 2021 fiscal year, and the rate of compensation thereof, and setting maximum levels for designated positions.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0880](#) Resolution adopting and approving the 2021 Capital Budget and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2021 through 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0881](#) Resolution providing for the letting of contracts and for the use of existing contracts for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment for City Departments, and the maintenance, repair, rental and/or leasing, rehabilitation, renovation, inspection or servicing of City buildings and facilities, and for any miscellaneous services in and for any City Departments, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0882](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to participate in applicable cooperative purchasing agreements for goods, materials, equipment, supplies, services, professional services, or construction, as authorized by the Commonwealth Procurement Code and the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0883](#) Resolution authorizing City Council to approve intra-departmental transfers throughout the 2021 Fiscal Year

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0884](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemption, Section 263.01: Levy and Rate on Lands and Buildings, by fixing the rate of taxation for 2021.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0885](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 263: Real Property Tax and Exemptions, Section 263.02: Payment Options, Discount and Delinquency Penalty, so as to set the payment, discount, and delinquent dates for the 2021 fiscal year.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0886](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 245: Earned Income Tax, Section 245.03: Declaration and Payment of Tax, at subsection (d) so as to fix the rate of interest on delinquent Earned Income Tax for the year 2021.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0887](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code at Title Two: Fiscal, Article VII: Business Related Taxes, Chapter 246: Home Rule Tax, Section 246.03: Declaration and Payment of Tax, at subsection (d) so as to fix the rate of interest on delinquent Home Rule Tax for the year 2021.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0888](#) Resolution authorizing the fee schedule for 2021 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0889](#) Resolution authorizing all City departments, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, to enter into facilities usage agreements for the purpose of permitting groups and individuals to rent City-owned facilities for recreational and community-focused activities during the 2021 calendar year. The City shall not charge more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per rental agreement.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

## **COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[2020-0890](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program,” by increasing Community Development Block Grant line items by \$3,112,342.00 to reflect the allocation of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development**

[2020-0891](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,216,133.00 and 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,140,292.00.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0867](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0823](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in favor of Souroth Chatterji, c/o The Law Offices of Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, as final settlement related to the action filed at 2:18-cv-00199-CB in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.

*(Executive Session held 10/29/20)*

**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

[2020-0842](#) 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).

**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

[2020-0843](#) 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.

**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

[2020-0846](#) 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

**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**

[2020-0868](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for November 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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



[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

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

**No:** 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Gross

**Abstain:** 0

## **COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

[2020-0869](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for November 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

**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**

[2020-0870](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for November 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0684](#) Resolution approving a new Institutional Master Plan under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article II, Chapter 905, Section 905.03.D and Article VII, Chapter 922, Section 922.12.G for West Penn Hospital “Institutional Master Plan” dated August 17, 2020 on property zoned EMI, Educational/Medical Institution District, 8th Ward, Council District No.7.

**(Public Hearing held 10/28/20)**

**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

## **COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

[2020-0871](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for November 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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).

**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

[2020-0836](#) 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).

**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

[2020-0837](#) 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).

**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

[2020-0874](#)

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 thirty days (30) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until December 10th, 2020; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

**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

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**