

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 30, 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****PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0481](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Temporary Right of Entry, License, and Transfer Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Rosalia George, owner of 1200 Trevanion Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 for the purpose of partially removing a retaining wall and erecting an earthen wall at the rear and alongside the homeowner's property and in Frick Park.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0482](#) Resolution granting unto 1505 E CARSON STREET,LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 1505 E. Carson Street, in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0484](#) Ordinance amending Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article II: Telecommunications, Chapter 427: Telecommunications Systems in the Right-of-Way, Sections 427.03 Definitions and 427.11 Consideration For ROW Use Agreement; to provide for updated definitions and fee structures for wireless small cell facilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0485](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to grant a temporary construction easement to 2013 PA Brushton, LLC to perform land stabilizing work.

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0483](#) Resolution approving a fee schedule presented by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure for use in the City's permitting and agreements involving small cell facilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0486](#) 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 seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until July 7th; 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.**

[2020-0487](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative; Article III, Organization; Chapter 116, Department of Public Safety; by adding a new Section, Section 116.14, Chokehold Prohibition.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services**COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:**

[2020-0488](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety, on the behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$248,476.00) that will be used to establish, coordinate and fund activities to prevent, combat and reduce auto theft.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services**COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2020-0489](#) Resolution amending Resolution #570 of 2019 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a maintenance agreement with OPEX Corporation for maintenance services related to the FalconRED document scanning workstation by exercising the option to extend the term of the agreement for one year at a cost not to exceed Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,540.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

[2020-0494](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution 539 of 2016, as amended, entitled “authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and/or Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements with Granicus, Inc., for software upgrades, server hosting services and annual maintenance of Legistar agenda management and video streaming” in order to extend the contract an additional 12 months, for a total cost of \$247,722.22.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0490](#) Ordinance accepting a new street name, LUCKY LANE in the Sixth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh as per recommendation by the City of Pittsburgh Addressing Committee (CPAC). The following street name was approved by CPAC in May 2020. The name listed in this ordinance shall be made official in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four, Public Places and Property, Chapter 420 Uniform Street Naming and Addressing

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

[2020-0491](#) Ordinance accepting a new street name, SKIBO DRIVE in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh as per recommendation by the City of Pittsburgh Addressing Committee (CPAC). The following street name was approved by CPAC in May 2020. The name listed in this ordinance shall be made official in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four, Public Places and Property, Chapter 420 Uniform Street Naming and Addressing.

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

[2020-0492](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with Community Based Organizations for community and economic development for planning assistance in various neighborhoods in the City and providing operating support for these groups, and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.00.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0454](#) Resolution appointing Andrew Dash as Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0455](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Raqueeb Bey to serve as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2023. Ms. Bey will be serving in a seat previously held by Ms. Molly Stephany whose term had expired.

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

Enactment No: 282

[2020-0456](#) Resolution reappointing Ms. Mary Savage as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2023.

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

Enactment No: 283

[2020-0457](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Diamonte Walker to serve as a Commissioner for the Gender Equity Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Ms. Walker will be filling a seat that had been vacant.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0458](#) Resolution appointing Dr. Sharon Higginbotham to serve as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Dr. Higginbotham will be serving in a seat previously held by Dr. Chelsea Pallatino who had resigned.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0459](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Sarah Kinter to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Kinter will be serving in a seat designated for a representative of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI).

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

Enactment No: 284

[2020-0460](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Erin Tobin to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Tobin will be serving in a seat designated for a resident of Pittsburgh's Northside.

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

Enactment No: 285

[2020-0461](#) Resolution appointing Mr. Jeff Skalican to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Mr. Skalican will be serving in a seat designated for a representative of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI).

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

Enactment No: 286

[2020-0462](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Sarah Shea to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Shea will be serving in one of two seats designated for a representative of the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC).

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

Enactment No: 287

[2020-0463](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Emily Potoczny to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Potoczny will be serving in one of two seats designated for a representative of the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC).

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

Enactment No: 288

[2020-0464](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Leah Lizarondo to serve as a Commissioner for the Commission on Human Relations for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Lizarondo will fill a seat that had been vacant.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0465](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Brittany Beasley to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Beasley will be filling a seat that had been vacant.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0466](#) Resolution appointing Mr. Alberto Benzaquen to serve as a Commissioner for the Commission on Human Relations for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Mr. Benzaquen will fill a seat that had been vacant.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0467](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Betsy Magley to serve as a Commissioner for the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Ms. Magley will fill a seat that had been vacant.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0468](#) Resolution reappointing Mr. James Myers, Jr. as a Commissioner for the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 289

[2020-0469](#) Resolution reappointing Ms. Erin Conley as a Commissioner for the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 290

[2020-0470](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Brazitte Poole to serve as a Member of the Ethics Hearing Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Ms. Poole will fill a seat that had been previously held by Mr. Khalif Ali whose term has expired.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0471](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Rhoda Neft to serve as a Member for the Ethics Hearing Board for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Ms. Neft will fill a seat that had been previously held by Mr. Greg Monaco.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0472](#) Resolution reappointing Ms. Shannah Tharp Gilliam to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) for a term to expire January 1, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 291

[2020-0473](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Tammy Thompson to serve as a Member of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh Board of Directors for a term to expire March 26, 2025. Ms. Thompson will be replacing Ms. Enid Miller whose term has expired.

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

Enactment No: 292

[2020-0474](#) Resolution appointing Mr. Majestic Lane to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire March 26, 2025. Mr. Lane will be replacing Mr. Peter Kaplan whose term has expired.

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

Enactment No: 293

[2020-0475](#) Resolution reappointing Ms. Janet Evans as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire September 30, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 294

[2020-0476](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Liz Fishback to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Parking Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2024. Ms. Fishback will be replacing Ms. Catherine Qureshi whose term has expired.

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

Enactment No: 295

[2020-0477](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Councilperson Erika Strassburger as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

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

Enactment No: 297

[2020-0478](#) Resolution informing City Council of the reappointment of Mr. Scott Bricker as a Commissioner for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Enactment No: 298

[2020-0479](#) Resolution informing City Council of the reappointment of Ms. Mavis Rainey as a Commissioner for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Enactment No: 299

[2020-0480](#) Resolution informing City Council of the reappointment of Dr. Aurora Sharrard as a Commissioner for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

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

Enactment No: 300

[2020-0493](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure for Michael Maloch, 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

[2020-0425](#) Resolution appointing Sarah Kinter as Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 296

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0449](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0407](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller to transfer a total of \$25,000 as indicated from and to the following accounts within the 2020 Operating Budget.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

[2020-0421](#) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement or agreements with Point Park University to allow students, under teacher supervision, to provide creative and strategic services on a volunteer basis to the City on an on-going, project specific basis, such as for marketing for 2020 census outreach.

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

[2020-0422](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Littler Mendelson, PC, P.O. Box 207137, Dallas, TX 75320-7137, in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars and Five Cents (\$10,112.05) for professional legal services regarding an employment matter.

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

[2020-0450](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 24, 2020 with a **NEGATIVE** Recommendation.

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

[2020-0403](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Executive Director of the Citizen Police Review Board to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Densus Group to provide Citizens Police Review Board with a third-party assessment of, and effective plan to address, police citizen engagement and use of force as it is currently deployed and providing for payment of the cost thereof in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

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

Aye: 5 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 4 - Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, and Council Member Wilson

Abstain: 0

[2020-0451](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0424](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with Smith Detection for upgrades to two Sabre 5000 detection devices in an amount not-to-exceed Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$10,280.00).

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0452](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0416](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into temporary construction easements, in lieu of eminent domain, with the owners of certain property in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, known as 318 Arlington Avenue and 320 Arlington Avenue for landslide remediation work related to public roadway purposes.

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

[2020-0417](#) Resolution, vacating a portion of Woolslayer Way, beginning at a point on the northerly right of way line of Woolslayer Way, to its westerly terminus, in the 6th Ward, 7th 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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0453](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0418](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the CMU 5th and Clyde Residence Hall and Campus Hub, 4735 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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

[2020-0419](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the CMU Forbes and Beeler Residence Hall, 5087 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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

[2020-0423](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a five-year professional services agreement or agreements with Cover Your Assets, LLC for a web-based secondary employment scheduling system in an amount not-to-exceed Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$853,925.00).

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Burgess

[2020-0486](#)

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 seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until July 7th; 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.

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

Aye: 8 - 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

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Burgess

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****ADJOURNMENT****LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**