

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 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**

All member 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**

[2020-0306](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in the City of Pittsburgh to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law in the pursuit of expanding opportunities and improving the quality of life for all; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April 2020, as "Fair Housing Month," in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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

Enactment No: 184

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:**

[2020-0307](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six Conduct, Article V Discrimination, Chapter 659 Unlawful Practices, Section §659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices and Section §659.04 Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices to prohibit housing and public accommodation discrimination based on perceived or actual citizenship or immigration status and perceived or actual preferred language.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

**CO-SPONSOR /S:** Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Kraus and Council Member Burgess

**Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources**

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[2020-0304](#) Resolution providing for the establishment of a Lease Agreement with the Allegheny County Conservation District for six (6) City-owned parcels as the site of a demonstration project for cost-effective urban brownfields remediation. The study will be of no cost to the City.

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

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

[2020-0305](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of City Planning to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the master planning process of Fowler Park. The grant proposal includes an ask of up to \$40,000 with a local match of up to \$40,000 to come out of the 2021 City of Pittsburgh Capital Budget - JDE # 1109500121.50000.00. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND (\$80,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

**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

[2020-0301](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0274](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$84,000.00) to Robert A. Creo, 3934 Foster St., #B531, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 for arbitration services rendered in connection with Act 111 Interest Arbitration.

**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

[2020-0275](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Curtin & Heefner, LLP, 2005 S. Easton Road, Suite 100, Doylestown, PA 18901, in an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$16,282.32) for professional legal services and expert advice regarding Source of Income litigation.

**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

[2020-0276](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gleason & Associates PC, P.O. Box 644816, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-4816 in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,535.00) for professional services in connection with a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

**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

[2020-0277](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12,317.50) 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.

**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

[2020-0302](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0271](#) Resolution authorizing The Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) to provide funding for the acquisition of a stretch of rail line located between 24th - 33rd Streets in the Strip District from CSX Transportation through the railbanking process. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. This grant will be used in conjunction with capital funds to execute contracts. In the event that the city is awarded the grant, the total project cost is not to exceed ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) dollars.

**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

[2020-0272](#) Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for federal assistance with the U.S. Department of Transportation for up to \$25,000,000 in FY 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grants program funds for critical infrastructure stabilization at locations throughout Mt. Washington. **The BUILD grant application includes a required local match of twenty percent, the source of which is to be identified in subsequent legislation.**

**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

[2020-0286](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a an amendment or amendments to the Full Requirements Service Agreement with Direct Energy Business LLC for the continued supply of electricity to the City's buildings and facilities in connection with City's aggregated purchase of electricity with other members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium.

**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

[2020-0300](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget" by transferring a total of \$45,000 to the CityFarms capital project.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**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**

[2020-0303](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 22, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0273](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”) to facilitate certain repairs to the cartway of 10th Street between Penn Avenue and Liberty Avenue.

**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

[2020-0299](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement or Professional Services Agreements with Grounded Strategies for the purposes of implementing a CityFarms pilot project, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

**A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs. The motion carried.**

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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