

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-EIGHTH 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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2014-0165](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby join with a host of colleagues, friends and family of Sylvia Robinson to commend, recognize and congratulate her for 36 years of a job well done. The City of Pittsburgh is a better and more livable city because of her outstanding career here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, March 7, 2014, to be "SYLVIA ROBINSON DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0166](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 4th Joe Bonadio Family Day in the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates the contributions of Joe and the Bonadio family to our city's history, joy, and pride.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0167](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Cribs for Kids for their success in reducing the incidence of infant sleep-related deaths through their awareness campaigns and outreach, and Mary and District Attorney Steven Zappala, Jr. for hosting the 9th Annual Allegheny Health Network Celebrate & Share Women of Achievement Awards to honor the achievements of 26 women from the Pittsburgh area whose work embodies the spirit of Women's History Month; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, March 6, 2014, to be "CELEBRATE AND SHARE WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage
[2014-0153](#) Facilities Plan for Black and Gold Properties located at 38, 40 42 & 44 South 27th
Street and 2644, 2648 and 2652 Larkins Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage
[2014-0154](#) Facilities Plan for Print Shop Deluxe Apartments, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements
[2014-0155](#) with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain
work in connection with the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant
Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$3,200,000.
(Council Districts: All).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements
[2014-0156](#) with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the administration of
certain projects and programs, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to
exceed \$1,325,000. (Council Districts: All).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban
[2014-0157](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh designating URA as the City's agent for
administration of the 2014-2015 HOME Investments Partnership Program. (Council
Districts: All)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an
[2014-0158](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program grant of up to \$1,500,000 for the 31st Street Studios project.
(Council District 7)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban
[2014-0159](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a
Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,500,000 for the 31st
Street Studios project. (Council District 7)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an
[2014-0160](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program grant of up to \$1,500,000 for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes

project. (Council District 5)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0161](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,500,000 for the Center for Sustainable Landscapes project. (Council District 5)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0162](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$2,500,000 for the East Liberty Transit Center Transit Oriented Development project. (Council District 8)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0163](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$2,500,000 for the East Liberty Transit Center Transit Oriented Development project. (Council District 8)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0152](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a Trail License Agreement with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority and Friends of the Riverfront, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of a new public trail segment to be added to the Three Rivers Heritage Trail System.

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0164](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mary Beth Doheny as City Clerk of the City of Pittsburgh for a three year term. This appointment shall become effective as of the date of the Oath of Office administered on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No.

[2014-0150](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 24, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2014-0083](#)

Resolution amend Resolution 599 of 2013 entitled “authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of \$3,871.83, in favor of Edgar C. Lee, 356 Renova Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207, releasing and discharging the City of Pittsburgh from direct liability in any and all claims in the civil action filed at MJ-05236-CV-000077-2013 in the Magisterial District Court 05-2-36, and arising from an alleged incident on March 25, 2013 in the City of Pittsburgh; so as to add payable to the City Treasurer and Jordon Tax.

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

Bill No.

[2014-0106](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00), in favor of Judith A. Contos, 1936 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, 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 13-003171, and arising from the overgrowth of roots from a City-owned tree and described more fully in plaintiff's complaint in civil action.

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

Bill No.

[2014-0108](#)

Resolution authorizing City Council to approve intra-departmental transfers throughout the 2014 Fiscal Year

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND DARLENE M. HARRIS

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

Bill No. [2014-0110](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 480 of 2013, entitled "Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by adding \$150,000 to the Community Design Center to conduct a study to re-purpose three closed public schools in Council District 2," by reallocating the funds to the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA KAIL-SMITH

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

Bill No. [2014-0111](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 149 of 2012 entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the City Council Neighborhood Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof" by reclassifying the funds for Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition from 'S.H. Post Office Parklet' to 'S.H. Welcome Sign.' Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$198,980.27.

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

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

Bill No. [2014-0151](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 26, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2014-0109](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 596 of 2013, entitled "Resolution providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) or for use of existing Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with the Community Design Center to conduct a study to re-purpose three closed public schools in Council District 2 at a cost no to exceed \$150,000.00," by

authorizing an agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA KAIL-SMITH

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

Bill No. [2014-0112](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program" by reclassifying the funds for Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition from 'S.H. Post Office Parklet' to 'S.H. Welcome Sign.'

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mr. Gilman

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. [2014-0168](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsburgh City Council endorses the efforts of the Pittsburgh-area non-tenure-track faculty, to form unions and enjoins all institutions of higher education in the Pittsburgh area to remove all impediments, legal and otherwise, to forming a productive collective bargaining relationship with any union selected by the majority of the non-tenure-track faculty in a bargaining unit and to bargain with the said union in good faith.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MR. BURGESS, MR. GILMAN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER