

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

THIRTY-NINTH 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***

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 1 - Rev. Burgess

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-1931](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **The Incline** for its efforts to make local journalism in Pittsburgh relevant and vibrant and congratulates **The Incline** on the occasion of its 1st Anniversary and for its remarkable vision and success during its inaugural year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, September 27, 2017, to be ***“THE INCLINE DAY”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1932](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize The Parkinson Foundation of Western Pennsylvania for building awareness, raising funds, and supporting patients and families throughout the Pittsburgh region; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 30, 2017 to be ***“The Parkinson Foundation of Western Pennsylvania Step Forward Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN, MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1933](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors Fat Head's Saloon for 25 years of serving the South Side community and as a staple of the Pittsburgh beer community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 26, 2017 to be “**Fat Head's Saloon Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1934](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 26th 2017 to be “**Diaper Need Awareness Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1935](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor **Alethea Wieland** for her contributions to the scientific community, as well as contributions to the scientific community, and of women in Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 to be “**Women In Bio Day of P.O.W.E.R.**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1936](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the life and career of Mr. Thomas J. Usher; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, September 22, 2017 to be “**Thomas J. Usher Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1937](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the **Second Baptist Church of McKees Rocks** for its important role in the community, recognizes Rev. Tim Murray for his extraordinary leadership and congratulates Second Baptist Church for reaching its 100th Anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, September 24, 2017, to be ***“Second Baptist Church 100th Anniversary Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1938](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors Pittsburgh Phillips Elementary School for its commitment to promoting a healthy living and learning environment; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, September 22, 2017 to be ***“Phillips Elementary School Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

[2017-1919](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Waterfront Place Townhomes in the 2nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

[2017-1920](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Four: Public Places and Properties, Article XI Parks and Playgrounds, Chapter 473: Use Regulations, Section 473.05 Behavior by prohibiting the uncasing, possession, and use of firearms capable of discharging or propelling a projectile in City parks and playgrounds.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation.

[2017-1930](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article IX Measurements and Definitions, Chapter 926 Definitions by clarifying the definition of an Adult Cabaret.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN

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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2017-1921](#)

Resolution to grant the legally allowable single six (6) month extension to the Riverfront Interim Planning Overlay District as per the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Article III, Overlay Zoning Districts, Chapter 907, Development Overlay Districts, Section 907.02.C: Time Limit. The expiry date of the district referenced in Section 907.02.J, known as IPOD-5, Riverfront (effective 24 May 2016), originally set by code for 24 November 2017, and shall be extended by six months to 24 May 2018.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2017-1922](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of Public Safety and Director of Finance to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into a Lease Agreement or Agreements with The Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources for providing a police substation at the Lantern Building in downtown Pittsburgh over a five-year term beginning September 2017. The City is not obligated to pay rent (other than a nominal base rent of \$1) under said Lease Agreement(s) but shall pay an upfront security deposit of \$5000 along with its separately-metered utility expenses and taxes. Utilities will be paid directly to utility providers from pre-established City accounts set up for this purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services.

[2017-1923](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Purvis Systems for installation of a new fire station alerting system and related support services. Said agreement or agreements shall be in a form approved by the City Solicitor and shall for a term of three years at a total cost not to exceed TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS and FIFTY-ONE CENTS (\$2,297,124.51).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services.

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2017-1924](#)

Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through E: A: 222-226 Wick, B: 253 Wick, C: 161 Greenfield, D: 408 Belonda, E: 19 Woessner

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law.

[2017-1925](#)

Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, which authorized the sale of property in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, due to an incompleteness of sale.
Items A & B: 0 (7013) Susquehanna, B: 217 & 219 Jefferson

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law.

[2017-1926](#)

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 G: A: 169 Meadow, B: 1503 N. Lang, C: 7039 Upland, D: 3201 W. Carson, E: 807 Constance, F: 1614 Eckert, G: 1309 Bellaire

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law.

[2017-1927](#)

Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEM A: A: 1408 Chislett

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law.

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2017-1928](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with Guy Ruff for the provision of an artistic design for the Brownsville/Parkfield Roads intersection in the Carrick neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works.

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2017-1929](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting the City’s Single Audit Report for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Read, Received and Filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2017-1915](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 19, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed.

[2017-1878](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Boomershine Consulting Group, LLC for the provision of actuarial audit services for the City of Pittsburgh’s three pension funds for a sum not to exceed Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty and Zero Dollars (\$38,830.00) and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

[2017-1904](#) Resolution transferring the amount of \$3,000 from City Council Salaries & Wages, Regular, JDE Account Number 101100.51101, subledger D1 to City Clerk, Professional and Technical Services, Administrative Fees, JDE Account Number 101200.53101, subledger CC1.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS

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

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2017-1916](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for September 19, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed.

[2017-1877](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of Public Safety, and Chief of the Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding to support the creation of a Multicultural Liaison Unit (MLU). The unit will organize a series of Know your rights Sessions, Public Safety videos translated into different languages, Community meetings, Immigrant and Refugee Public Safety Academy, all to build a trustworthy and sustainable relationship between Public Safety and the Immigrant and refugee population. And further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2017-1917](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for September 19, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed.

[2017-1879](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works and/or the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter certain necessary agreements to acquire and secure a right-of-way in connection with the proposed McFarren Street Bridge.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2017-1918](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for September 19, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed.

[2017-1875](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Rivers Casino Hotel at 777 Casino Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

[2017-1876](#)

Resolution providing authorization for the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) to enter into an Agreement(s) for the City to provide administrative services associated with the health care plan for the PWSA for an amount not to exceed \$144,000.00 over three years and allowing for an annual benefits true-up to provide for proper funding and payment of monthly premium equivalents amounts to the City from the PWSA and from the City to the PWSA.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Gilman

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - O'Connor Briefing Relative to Amazon

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Rev. Ricky V. Burgess

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER