



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROLL CALL

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

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0838](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, Two PPG Place, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-5402 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$11,668.90).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0839](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC 300 Kanawha Boulevard, East, P.O. Box 273, Charleston, WV 25321-0273 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$6,985.17).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0840](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Thomas Thomas & Hafer, LLP, 525 William Penn Place, 37th Floor, Suite 3750, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$5,448.22).
(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0841](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tremba, Kinney, Greiner & Kerr, LLC, 302 West Otterman Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Forty Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$9,044.80).
(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0859](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Farrell Reisinger & Comber LLC, 436 7th Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Thirty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$20,030.40).
(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0860](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ira and Mary Ann Ritter c/o, of their attorney, D. Scott Lautner, Esquire, 68 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, in the amount of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 18-002921 by Plaintiffs.
(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[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).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

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

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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.

(Hold for the Tax, budget, and citizen participation hearing scheduled for 12/14/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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.

(Hold for the Tax, budget, and citizen participation hearing scheduled for 12/14/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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.

(Hold for the Tax, budget, and citizen participation hearing scheduled for 12/14/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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.

(Hold for the Tax, budget, and citizen participation hearing scheduled for 12/14/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Finance and Law , due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the November 18th 2020 Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL

Analogue Imaging – renew warranty for book scanner 3,500.00

Barker, William – reimb/food for Garbage Olympics (Dist. 5) 69.19

Burny, Mohammed – reimb/Zoom & toner (Dist. 1) 72.20

Municipal Code – update to the Code 440.00

MAYOR’S OFFICE

Merenstein, Herschel – Leadership Pittsburgh tuition reimbursement 500.00

I&P

Precision Laser & Instrument – accessories for Trimble backpack 211.50

Expedient Data Centers – data center power source 1,858.14

FINANCE

K-7 Parking Company – commercial parking lease 155.00

George M Hall Co – plywood for 3 taxing bodies properties 2,650.00

LAW

Department of Court Records – filings, copying at Prothonotary’s office 321.75

Mackler, Lorraine – continuing legal education reimbursement 85.00

HUMAN RESOURCES

**Athony Stough/CIVEASE – advertisements to Vets and events for City jobs
5,000.00**

PLI

Eldaher, Nizar – reimbursement for state certification 103.63

Underwood, Roger – reimbursement for state certification 103.63

Hughes, Coleman – reimbursement for state certification 103.63

Brocius, William – reimbursement for state certification 120.00

Anderson, Isaac – reimbursement for state certification 219.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Murray, Raymond – reimbursement for FAA drone recertification 160.00

EMS

Pfund Superior Sales Co – drive cam recorders 1,900.00

Munhall Area Prehospital – supplemental EMS coverage, Steeler game 746.48

POLICE

**Western Partners – relocating thermostats in rented headquarters building
2,860.00**

OMI

Net Transcripts Inc – transcription of case interviews 423.87

PUBLIC WORKS

Dream Pools & Spas – chemicals for Mellon Square fountain 962.00

PA Dept of Labor & Industry – various inspections and certifications 522.28

PARKS & RECREATION

Rockymore, Danielle – refund of rental fee due to Covid facility closures 45.00

Greenfield Community Association – sponsorship for virtual 5k footrace 1,066.99

Run Around the Square – sponsorship to community for virtual 5k 1,066.99

Smith Glover, Deborah – refund of rental fee due to Covid facility closure 110.00

**Sonitrol Security Systems – monitoring services at Mellon Park tennis bubble
525.00**

**Sonitrol Security Systems – monitoring services at Schenley Park skating rink
218.75**

Sonitrol Security Systems – monitoring services at Biddle building 150.00

DOMI

Jackson Harriet – reimbursement for Staples purchase 61.12

**Traffic Planning & Design Inc – professional services for Active Street response
5,000.00**

NACTO – membership for staff member 1,000.00

Praxair Distribution Inc – propane canister rental 191.76

Pennsylvania One Call System – PA One call service 2,833.64

**Universal Scaffold Systems – temporary loading docks along Smallman St
2,382.70**

CPRB

Associated Investors Inc – monthly cleaning service 525.00

Nigel Parry – website maintenance, CPRBpgh.org 1,869.02

United State Treasury – wage garnishment of Nigel Parry 318.48

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

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

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P-Cards

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0145](#)

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 36 of 2019, amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 6: Conduct, Article III: Dogs, cats and other animals, by repealing Chapter 639: Crocodilians and Venomous Snakes in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 639: Crocodilian Species and Red-Eared Sliders, prohibiting the keeping, sale, exchange, adoption, exchange or transfer of such animals in the city of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Safety Services, due back by 1/13/2021. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Works , due back by 1/13/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2020-0774](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Gallagher-Kieffer House, located at 234 Ditheridge Street (27-H-115), in North Oakland, in the 4th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0775](#)

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Herron Hill Pumping Station, located at 4501 Centre Avenue (27-D-35), in North Oakland, in the 5th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2020-0776](#)

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as St. John Vianney Church, located at 225 Allen Street (14-F-209), in Allentown, in the 18th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 3 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Lavelle, and Council Member Kail-Smith

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[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.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR

DEFERRED PAPERS

[2020-0635](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1501 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, due back by 12/16/2020. The motion carried.