

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Monday, May 19, 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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2014-0475](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and thank Fr. Joseph E. Swierczynski Day for his tireless dedication the people of Pittsburgh, which he actively lives out through his varied efforts as a Polish Hill resident and faithful shepherd to the people of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 20th 2014 "Fr. Joseph E. Swierczynski Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DEBORAH L. GROSS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0476](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize both Shirley Gleditsch and the staff and supporters of the East End Community Thrift Store for their lasting contributions to the local, regional, and global community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim May 22, 2014, as "Shirley Gleditsch Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DAN GILMAN

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

Bill No.

[2014-0477](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim May 20, 2014 Fragrance-Free Day in the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates Women for a Healthy Environment's focus on educating the public about safety of personal care products.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK

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

Bill No.

[2014-0478](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the dedication and commitment of the Emergency Medical Teams to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares May 18 through May 24 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of

Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE

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

Bill No.

[2014-0479](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech for their work to improve the quality of life for the youth of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim May 19, 2014, as “Depaul School for Hearing and Speech Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DAN GILMAN

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

Bill No.

[2014-0480](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and honor Veterans who have served in any capacity to protect the rights of the citizens of the United States of America and recognize the American Legion Langley Post 496 and the VFW Post 5111 for their contribution to Veterans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, May 26, 2014, to be the “Day of Remembrance” in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA KAIL-SMITH

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0450](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1100 Smallman Street Apartments.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0451](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Genesis Project- Black Box Theater @ Duquesne University.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0473](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Co-Director of the Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Preston Green to provide consulting and mediation services to the Public Schools Task Force, expenditures not to exceed Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One,
[2014-0474](#) Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161, Contracts, Section 161.22
Debarment From Bidding On And Participating In City Contracts.

SPONSOR(S): DAN GILMAN

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 794 approved December 27, 2012, providing for
[2014-0456](#) the implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) Area “BB”, in
the Bloomfield/Friendship communities (Council Districts #7 and #9) to expand the
district to include additional streets pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 332 approved May 7, 2013, providing for the
[2014-0457](#) implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) Area “M”, in the
South Oakland community (Council District #3) to expand the district to include
additional addresses pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution #796, effective January 1, 2014, Resolution
[2014-0458](#) providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of
Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant
in connection with the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program;
providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing
for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of
credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank
account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 796 of 2013, as amended, entitled
[2014-0459](#) “Resolution adopting and approving the 2014 Capital Budget and the 2014
Community Development Block Grant Program by increasing the “Other” funding
sources by \$201,488 to reflect increases to federal funding .

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community
[2014-0460](#) organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of
equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities; and for
administrative/operational costs, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or
rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities of various departmental programs/projects for
the benefit of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed
\$940,000.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0461](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities; and for administrative/operational costs, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities of various departmental programs/projects for the benefit of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed \$540,000.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0462](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Agreements or Contracts, with a Consultant or Consultants, or Vendor or Vendors, for the purpose of conducting planning and management studies, and related activities in support of such studies including the purchase of data and data analysis equipment at a cost not to exceed \$115,000.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0463](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with consultant(s) and Vendor(s) to assist the City in improving its Citizen Participation Process and provide for payment at a cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0464](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Community Based Organizations for community and economic development 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 exceed \$700,000.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0465](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreement(s) and to provide administrative/operating expenses, including but not limited to, rehabilitation, maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities, furnishings, homeless prevention and essential services and other miscellaneous expenses associated the Emergency Solutions Grant funds, at a cost not to exceed \$1,083,614.00

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0466](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation to provide administration and operating expenses, housing and housing related supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, at a total cost not to exceed \$723,773.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0467](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Urban League of Pittsburgh, for the implementation/administration of the Housing Counseling Program, and related costs, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No.
[2014-0468](#)

Resolution providing for an agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Consultant(s) and Vendor(s), or for use of existing Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Consultant(s) and Vendor(s), for the purpose of preparing a "Cultural Heritage Plan" and related

activities in support of such plan at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Contractor(s) and/or vendors for operational expenses, and to provide programs or services provided by the City requested by members of the disability community at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

[2014-0469](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Consultant(s) and Vendor(s) to assist the City in its Comprehensive Planning process and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, not to exceed \$145,000.00

[2014-0470](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Agreements or Contracts, with a Consultant or Consultants, or Vendor or Vendors, for the planning and development of improved community streetscapes, and related activities in support of such activities at a cost not to exceed \$125,000.00

[2014-0471](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Agreements or Contracts, with a Consultant or Consultants, or Vendor or Vendors, for the planning and development of signage in the public realm as it relates to network planning, placement, design, way-finding, and neighborhood identity branding. Projects funded in this line item may include but not be limited to planning, design, construction and/or installation of parks and greenway signage; Historic District signage; neighborhood gateway signage; signage inventories; visual resource assessments; sign decommissioning and other neighborhood place-making enhancements and activities in support of such enhancements at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00

[2014-0472](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Burns White, LLP, Four Northshore Center, 106 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents, (\$5,452.36), said amount representing payment for expert consulting services related to Beech Construction v. City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Case Number GD13-007626.

[2014-0452](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by transferring the amount of \$175,000 from the City Signal Upgrades BOND line item and creating the "CBD (Central Business District) Signal Upgrades " line item.

[2014-0453](#)

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

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

Bill No.

[2014-0454](#)

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 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by transferring \$600,000.00 in BOND funds from the "Wenzell Avenue and Carnahan Road" line item and transferring \$125,050.00 in BOND funds from the "City Signal Update" line item and creating the "CBD (Central Business District) Signal Upgrades" line item in the amount of \$725,050.00 BOND.

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

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

Bill No.

[2014-0455](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or the use of existing Contracts, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the investigation, design, and construction of CBD (Central Business District) Signal Upgrades throughout the City; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$4,500,250.00.

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

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0444](#)

Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING CONFIRMATION:

Bill No.

[2014-0445](#)

Resolution appointing Paul Leger as Director of the Department of Finance of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Bill No.

[2014-0446](#)

Resolution appointing Raymond Gastil 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.

Bill No. Resolution appointing James Griffin as Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Pittsburgh.
[2014-0447](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution appointing Deborah Walker as Manager of the Office of Municipal Investigations of the City of Pittsburgh.
[2014-0448](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution appointing Paul Leger as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire on February 27, 2017. Mr. Leger will fill the seat vacated by Debbie Lestitian.
[2014-0449](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 14, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
[2014-0441](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution granting to The Community Alliance of Spring Garden-East Deutschtown (CASGED), a non-profit corporation, a license to plant and maintain landscaped plantings so that CASGED may maintain a landscaped garden and plantings beginning at the Sarah Heinz Pedestrian Bridge and extending 2,100 feet north along Route 28, in the Twenty Third Ward (23rd) Ward, Council District 1 of the City of Pittsburgh.
[2014-0371](#)

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No.

[2014-0442](#)

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 14, 2014
with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the
[2014-0267](#) Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as Naser's Tavern, located at 4025-4029 Butler Street, block and lot number 49-F-9, in the 9th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Consultant(s) and
[2014-0413](#) Vendor(s), or for use of existing Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with Consultant(s) and Vendor(s), for the purpose of communication and outreach needs related to bicycle and pedestrian safety and multi-modal infrastructure at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for May 14, 2014 with an
[2014-0443](#) Affirmatiave Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage
[2014-0373](#) Facilities Plan for Whole Foods Building Expansion at 5880 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh 15206.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER