

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 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***

Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-1423](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 21st, 2017 as “**Alpha Alpha Omega Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. LAVELLE AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1424](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the valuable contributions of the Pittsburgh Chinese School over its 40-year history and does hereby celebrate its commitment to advancing the City’s drive for diversity and inclusion; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 21, 2017 to be “**Pittsburgh Chinese School 40th Anniversary Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. GILMAN, SPONSOR/SMR. O'CONNOR AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1425](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize City Theatre and Director of Education and Accessibility Kristen M. Link for the valuable education programming and creative opportunities provided to young Pittsburghers and celebrate the publication of the first-ever Young Playwrights Anthology; and

BE IT FUTURE RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 23rd, 2017 “**City Theatre Young Playwrights Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. GILMAN AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1426](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and recognize Comcast and its employees for its dedicated service to our communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 22, 2017 to be “***Comcast Cares Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMRS. KAIL-SMITH AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1427](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Mr. Frank Polito on his retirement and appreciate his loyalty to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to be “***Frank Polito Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMRS. KAIL-SMITH AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1428](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize GTECH Strategies for a successful decade of reimagining vacant lots, transforming neighborhoods, and helping to build a more resilient Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 22nd to be “***GTECH Strategies 10th Anniversary Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. GILMAN AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1429](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate **Congregation Beth Shalom** on its 100th year of service to the Conservative Jewish community in Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare 2017 to be “**CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM CENTENNIAL**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. O'CONNOR, SPONSOR/SMR. GILMAN AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1430](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the **Congress of Neighboring Communities** for its commitment to promoting inter-municipal cooperation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 18, 2017 to be “**CONNECT DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. O'CONNOR AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1431](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Louis T. Grande on his 103rd Birthday; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 15, 2017 to be “**Louis T. Grande Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMRS. KAIL-SMITH AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-1432](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and celebrate Judge R. Stanton Wettick Jr, for his commitment to his community and the state of Pennsylvania; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, April 13th 2017 to be “Judge R. Stanton Wettick Jr. Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMR. KRAUS AND SPONSOR/SALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2017-1408](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to existing agreements with Victor Stanley Inc. for litter can monitoring software and hardware components. Cost not to exceed \$274,062.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

[2017-1409](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 403 of 2016 following the submission of additional information regarding the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 40th Street Hotel project located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 40th Street with Eden Way and abutting Almond Way at the rear of the property, Pittsburgh 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2017-1410](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Wadsworth Street Apartment Building at 2520 Wadsworth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2017-1411](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Toole Design Group for the provision of a programmatic assessment of City-owned steps in the public right-of-way for a sum not to exceed Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$99,916.00) for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

[2017-1412](#) Resolution granting unto Think Communications, Inc., their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a handicap ramp with handrail and landing at 2818 Smallman Street in the 9th Ward, Council District 7 of the City of Pittsburgh, USA.

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2017-1413](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with E.B. Jacobs, Inc. for professional consulting services in connection with Police Officer Recruit candidate examination and selection services, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2017-1414](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with NEOGOV for the upgrade of workforce management software for HR management, applicant tracking, and Civil Service testing and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$28,556.75.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2017-1415](#) Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) to Petition the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County to transfer 2,937 square feet of certain parcel of land which will be subdivided from Lot & Block No. 82-B-53, situate in the 10th Ward with frontage along Chislett Street near the intersection of Vetter Street and as further indicated in the legal description below (the “Subject Property”), for a sum starting at Four Thousand Eighty One Dollars (\$4,081), or higher, plus all necessary or appropriate expenses incurred by the City, and / or upon such other terms and conditions as the Court or the City may authorize and/or direct.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2017-1416](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2016, effective January 1, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program,” by reducing STREETScape AND INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION by \$15,000.00 and AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS by \$25,000 and increasing STREET LIGHTS by \$40,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2017-1417](#) Resolution appointing C. Robert Zappala, a City of Pittsburgh resident at 600 Shady Avenue, Unit A, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2017-1418](#) Resolution appointing Dianne Shenk, a City of Pittsburgh resident at 5816 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2017-1419](#) Resolution appointing James Williams, a City of Pittsburgh resident at 320 Ft. Duquesne Boulevard, #16N, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2017-1420](#) Resolution appointing Kelauni Cook, a City of Pittsburgh resident at 2000 Spring Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15210, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2017-1421](#) Resolution appointing Rebecca U. Harris, a City of Pittsburgh resident at Woodland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2017-1422](#) Resolution appointing Zachary Malone, a City of Pittsburgh resident at 117 S. 17th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, to the Steering Committee and Advisory Board on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups, per § 179E.01 (A) of the Pittsburgh City Code.

A motion was made that this matter be Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2017-1402](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1374](#) 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 transferring \$12,500 to Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and \$5,000 to Summer Hill Citizens Council within District 1 Neighborhood Needs.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMRS. HARRIS

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2017-1375](#) Resolution further amending Resolution 549, effective September 21, 2012 entitled "providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof", by transferring \$12,500 to Brighton Heights Citizens Federation and \$5,000 to Summer Hill Citizens Council within District 1 Neighborhood Needs. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$453,712.38.

SPONSORS: SPONSOR/SMRS. HARRIS

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2017-1403](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1368](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 493 of 1995 authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund, to be designated as the Mounted Police Trust Fund (MPTF), for the deposit of monies from various sources, including grants and donations, for the operation by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, of the mounted police program and authorizing the use of monies deposited into said trust fund to cover all eligible expenses as set forth herein for the development and operation of the mounted police program.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2017-1369](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 858 of 2011 that, in conjunction with Resolution No. 857 of 2011 authorizing the transferring of closed trust fund monies back into the General Fund, closed out old and unused Trust Funds so as to not include unused Trust Fund codes in the new Enterprise Resource Planning system, in order to reactivate the Mounted Police Trust Fund #2449 (as originally created by Council Resolution No. 493 of 1995, said fund being left intact by Resolution No. 858 of 2011) for the deposit of monies from various sources, including grants and donations for the operation of the mounted police program, and authorizing the use of monies deposited into said Mounted Police Trust Fund to cover any and all eligible expenses for the re-development and operation of the mounted police program.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2017-1370](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 207, effective April 22, 2016, entitled, “Authorizing the Mayor and the Bureau of Police, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with WhatsaMather Consulting, LLC to provide leadership training and related consulting services, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000,” so as to extend the contract an additional year, and increase the cost from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2017-1404](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1372](#) 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, cost not to exceed \$5,000,000.00.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2017-1405](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1364](#) Ordinance amending Pittsburgh Code, Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices enforced by the Commission on Human Relations to add language clarifying protections against retaliation.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2017-1365](#) Ordinance amending Pittsburgh Code, Title Six: Conduct, Article V: Discrimination, Chapter 659.04 Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices enforced by the Commission on Human Relations to include additional protections.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

[2017-1406](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2016-1087](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from by changing from Urban Industrial (UI) to Local Neighborhood Commercial (LNC) property at 5515 Butler Street identified as Block No. 120-N Lot 15; Block No. 120-J Lot 70; and Block No. 119-S Lot 191 all in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 10th Ward.
(Public Hearing Held, February 28, 2017)

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2017-1407](#) Report of the Committee on Performance and Asset Management for April 10, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1343](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements or amendment to existing Agreements with B-Three Solutions Inc. for the development of an integration service to support the clean and lien process at a cost not to exceed Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Zero Dollars (\$11,200).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER