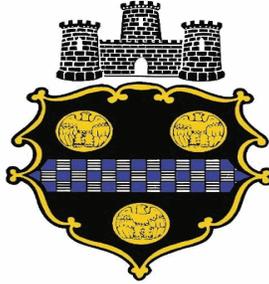


City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 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 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 1 - Ms. Rudiak

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-2009](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend The Pittsburgh City Paper for its 25th annual "Best of Pittsburgh Reader's Poll" and a record-breaking year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 19th, 2017 to be "**Pittsburgh City Paper's Best of Pittsburgh Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2017-2010](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **Bonita Allen** on her election to **Pennsylvania PTA President** and recognizes her unwavering commitment to quality education for all children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Sunday, October 22, 2017**, to be "**Bonita Allen Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2017-2011](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the hard work and sacrifice put into the entertainment industry by DJs and congratulates **TJ Harris and DJ Get Nasty** for creating an event to honor the 250 DJs in the Pittsburgh area with an annual event; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, October 18, 2017, to be ***“DJ Appreciation Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2017-2012](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby convey its best wishes and hearty congratulations to **Helen Shields on the occasion of her 90th Birthday**. We also thank her for her many acts of kindness she's bestowed upon others over the course of her lifetime, making Pittsburgh a much better and happier city in which to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in honor of **Helen's 90th Birthday**, the Council does hereby declare, on the occasion of her grand, surprise birthday party, on **Saturday, October 14th, 2017**, to be ***“Helen Shields Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh! And, furthermore, confers upon her the honorary title of **Pittsburgh Goodwill Ambassador Plenipotentiary**.

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

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

[2017-2013](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the **Highmark Caring Place** for its compassionate mission to help grieving children and adolescents and their families and congratulates them on their 20th Anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, October 25, 2017, to be ***“Highmark Caring Place Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2017-2014](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the **Hovawart Club of North America** on their mission to preserve, protect and steward the ancient German breed of **Hovawart** dogs and congratulates them on their Fall Show to be held in Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 13, 14, and 15, 2017, to be **"HOVAWART DAYS"** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2017-2015](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Patrick Francis Hassett** on a rewarding and remarkable career in which he contributed to the growth and development of the City of Pittsburgh and where he became an invaluable and indispensable asset to its success and congratulates Pat on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, October 14, 2017, the day in which the Greenfield Bridge will be reopened to the public to be **"Patrick Francis Hassett Day"** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

[2017-2016](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will and desire of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh that all members of the United States Senate show their support for banning these unnecessary and destructive accessories through the passage of legislation in the House of Representatives and the "Automatic Gun Fire Prevention Act" in the Senate, and encourage their colleagues in the House and Senate Judiciary Committees to advance these bills for full consideration and passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby commends Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey for his support of this bill.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**[2017-2017](#)

Resolution amending Resolution Number 432 of 2017, entitled, “Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the City of Pittsburgh (“City”), the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (“URA”) and the Pittsburgh Land Bank “PLB” to provide for future shared administrative services and the transfer of property among agencies for governmental, redevelopment, and portfolio management purposes (All Districts).”, by providing for City Council review of the Policies and Procedures of the Pittsburgh Land Bank pursuant to §174A.13(d) of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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

[2017-2018](#)

Resolution authorizing the approval by City Council of the initial policies and procedures of the Pittsburgh Land Bank pursuant to section 174A.13 subsection d of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

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

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:[2017-2005](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 capital budget” so as to close a completed DPW project, and move the remaining funds toward Public Works projects.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

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

[2017-2006](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 365, effective June 13, 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 District 8 Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof”, so as to close a completed DPW project, and move the remaining funds toward Public Works projects. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$134,924.55.

SPONSOR /S: MR. GILMAN

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2017-1997](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to accept funds from the Northside Leadership Conference in the amount of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) provided as a gift in recognition of work previously performed by the City for the conservation, restoration, and maintenance of designated City-owned war memorials and monuments.

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

[2017-1998](#)

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the Accamando Center, located at 2410 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, block and lot numbers 95-N-390, in the 32nd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2017-1999](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from AP, Mixed-Use Planned Unit Development to GPR-C, Grandview Public Realm sub-district C, a certain property on Grandview Avenue, Block Number 6-H, lot number 43; in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System.

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

[2017-2000](#)

Resolution granting unto Howard Caleb Gamble, 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 5120 Penn Avenue in the 10th Ward, Council District six of the City of Pittsburgh, USA.

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2017-1978](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Personnel and Civil Service enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) for the purpose of providing customized applicant preparation training for Public Safety position applicants and services associated with Civil Service exam preparation and training; providing for the payment of the costs thereof not to exceed \$51,450.00 over three years, subject to appropriation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

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

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2017-1995](#)

Resolution authorizing the School District of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 16th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 32-F, Lot 52 for the purpose of reopening the Murray Elementary School located at 800 Rectenwald St.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2017-1996](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 457, effective July 27, 2017, entitled “Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a Transfer Agreement or Agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”), under which PennDOT will make improvements to and transfer to the City of Pittsburgh portions of State Route 4084 from East Street to the West End Bridge, including Allegheny Circle.”

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2017-2001](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to grant to Duquesne Light Company permanent utility easement for the installation, use, operation, maintenance, repair, renewal and for the removal of transformers and related facilities on City property located at 611 Second Avenue, a City of Pittsburgh property designated as Block 2-K-135 in the 1st Ward.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2017-2002](#) Resolution granting unto Trek Development Group, 130 7th Street, Suite 300, Pittsburgh PA 15222, their successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain, own and use at their own cost and expense, an underground transformer vault with steel grating for 731-737 Penn Avenue in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2017-2003](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement with Tree Pittsburgh for the purpose of supporting Tree Pittsburgh’s efforts to promote and advance the City of Pittsburgh’s Urban Forest Master Plan.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2017-2004](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, The Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for the purpose of providing funds for new tree plantings at the Crafton Trolley Trail, West End Overlook Park and new street trees in various neighborhoods throughout the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2017-1990](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 11, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1948](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to accept a donation from BNY Mellon of fully depreciated office cubicle systems and free-standing office furniture totaling an estimated Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000), which shall be used for the purpose of redesigning office spaces of the City’s Department of Public Safety Administration unit and the Bureau of Police Intelligence division.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1951](#) Resolution Authorizing the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh to offer free parking for on-street metered parking spaces and surface-level lots on select days in November 2017 and December 2017.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR AND MR. GILMAN

CO-SPONSOR /S: Mr. Kraus

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2017-1991](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 11, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1946](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Three Rivers Regatta to assist the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police with re-establishing the mounted unit. This resolution further provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose as it relates to the grant funding for the project.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2017-1992](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 11, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1949](#) 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 take all necessary actions to acquire and secure a right-of-way and temporary construction easements, as-needed, for the replacement structure, including the taking of property by eminent domain if necessary, involving the West Ohio Street Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railway Company.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

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

[2017-1993](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 11, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1823](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic District under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structures known as the Winter Homes, located at 2314 and 2316 Brownsville Road, block and lot numbers 95-M-310 and 312, in the 29th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.
(Public Hearing Held, October 4, 2017)

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1944](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of International Code Council, in the amount of \$3,453.59, for books and other training materials for new Inspectors, and providing 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: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1947](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Building and Fire Code Academy, in the amount of \$25,000, for 10 day training seminar Understanding the 2009 International Building Code, and providing 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: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1976](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of City Planning Department to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding to support the development of a South Side Park Master Plan and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

[2017-1977](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into contract and hire consultant, Studio Bryan Hanes, to develop a master plan for South Side Park. The park master plan should be executed for a sum not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$80,000.00).

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

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

[2017-1994](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for October 11, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1943](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with RT Lawrence Corporation for the provision of a remittance processing system. The cost of the remittance processing solution shall not exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$229,856.88).

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Rudiak

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilwoman Kail-Smith called for two Cablecast Post Agendas, Utility Infrastructure in the City and Race Relations in the City of Pittsburgh.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MS. RUDIAK

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER