

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith
Absent 1 - Mr. O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2017-2042](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 24th, 2017 as **“Food 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.

Enactment No: 647

[2017-2043](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Richard Parsakian for his decades of service, advocacy, and volunteerism for the Shadyside neighborhood, the city of Pittsburgh, and the LGBTQIA+ and arts communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declared October 23rd, 2017 to be **“Richard Parsakian 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.

Enactment No: 648

[2017-2044](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 24th, 2017 to be **“Kate Florence Day”** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 649

[2017-2045](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Standing Firm for providing practical steps for employers to take action and for creating a powerful movement in Southwestern PA to establish work cultures that support victims and are intolerant of abusers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 24, 2017, to be “***Standing Firm Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Enactment No: 650

[2017-2046](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pittsburgh City Council does hereby support SB 22 and HB 722 which would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all those elected officials and party leaders in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh to publicly announce their support of SB 22 and HB 722 and to commit to work towards the passage of these legislative efforts.

SPONSOR /S: MS. RUDIAK, MR. GILMAN AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 651

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2017-2041](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Ten - Building, by adding a new Chapter, Chapter 1005: Federally Subsidized Multifamily Rental Properties.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

Enactment No: 42

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

[2017-2025](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Northview Heights-Midrise Apartment project which consists of the construction of 87 apartment units at 525 Mount Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA. The site abuts both Mount Pleasant Road/Penfort Road and Sunset Avenue/Lamar Street.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Enactment No: 695

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2017-2026](#) Resolution granting unto Dina Snider, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an ADA compliant ramp at 420 Boulevard of the Allies in the 1st Ward, Council District 6 of the City of Pittsburgh, USA.

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

Enactment No: 697

[2017-2027](#) Resolution granting unto Dark Side Properties, 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 5600 Harrison Street in the 10th Ward, Council District 7 of the City of Pittsburgh, USA.

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

Enactment No: 698

[2017-2028](#) Resolution adopting the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan, which identifies targets and strategies for greenhouse gas emissions for the City of Pittsburgh. The purpose of the plan is to serve as an advisory plan for future land use, transportation and development planning.
(Public Hearing Held 11-29-17)

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2017-2029](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Personnel and Civil Service Commission to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, d/b/a UPMC LifeSolutions, for the provision of mental health and counseling services for firefighters and their household members for a sum not to exceed Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Two Dollars (\$23,302.00) and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

Enactment No: 699

[2017-2039](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget" by transferring \$40,500 of Neighborhood Needs funding within District 1 Neighborhood Needs for surveillance cameras in Brighton Heights, Brightwood, East Allegheny, Observatory Hill, Spring Hill, and Troy Hill.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 682

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

Enactment No: 682

[2017-2040](#) 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 \$40,500 of Neighborhood Needs funding within District 1 Neighborhood Needs for surveillance cameras in Brighton Heights, Brightwood, East Allegheny, Observatory Hill, Spring Hill, and Troy Hill. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$453,712.38.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 683

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

Enactment No: 683

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2017-2030](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Controller to return an overpayment of grant funds for the payment of police officers for Community Oriented Policing Services to the Department of Justice.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

Enactment No: 707

[2017-2031](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon, Inc. ("P3R") 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 FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose as it relates to the grant funding for the project.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

Enactment No: 700

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2017-2032](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program," by accepting the transfer of second and third quarter 2016 gaming revenue from the Pittsburgh Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority and authorizing expenditures from FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 701

[2017-2033](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS by \$200,000.00 and increasing HILL HOUSE by \$200,000.00.

(Briefing Held 11-8-17)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 725

[2017-2034](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management & Budget to enter into a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements with the Hill House Association in connection with the rehabilitation of the Blakey Program Center for a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) for the payment of the costs thereof.

(Briefing Held 11-8-17)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 726

[2017-2035](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the amount of Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$32,500.00) to MAYA Design Inc. for costs incurred for both the SmartPGH and the Resilient City projects.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 693

[2017-2036](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Carl's Tree Service - Landscaping in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$33,700.00) for tree trimming and pruning services that are required for the maintenance and upkeep of various properties owned by the Three Taxing Bodies.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 694

[2017-2037](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cliff Jobe Consulting LLC, 204 Kennan Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$12,827.00) for consultation services in connection with trial appearance and related expenses for USDC #2:16-cv-01364.

(Executive Session Held 11-8-17)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Enactment No: 717

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2017-2038](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a License and Maintenance Agreement with the Community Alliance of Spring Garden-East Deutschtown (CASGED) for the purpose of maintaining the landscaping installed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) at the trail head between Route 28 and Troy Hill Road.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

Enactment No: 702

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

[2017-2019](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1981](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through J: A: 2034 Ley, B: 1416 Loraine, C: 1414 Loraine, D: 1412 Loraine, E: 2201 Perrysville, F: 2145 Perrysville, G: 2205 Perrysville, H: 2221 Perrysville, I: 2217 Perrysville, ~~J: 3963 Oakdale~~

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 656

[2017-1982](#)

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 K: A: 270 Lombard, B: 5114 Dearborn, C: 708 Collins, D: 162 Carver, E: 300 Fram, F: 7119 Upland, G: 7121 Upland, H: 320 Renova, ~~I: 1206 Boyle~~, J: 4042 Vinceton, ~~K: 0 Dickson~~

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Finance and Law . The motion carried.

Enactment No: 681

[2017-1983](#)

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 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT by \$2,200,000.00 and increasing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS by \$1,100,000.00 and increasing CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION by \$1,100,000.00

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 657

[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

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 659

[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

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 660

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2017-2020](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1979](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 456 of 2016, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a professional services agreement or agreements with the Animal Rescue League for professional services in connection with the detention, care and/or euthanasia of domesticated animals, by changing the name from the Animal Rescue League to Humane Animal Rescue to reflect the name change that resulted from the merger of the Animal Rescue League and the Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania.

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 654

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2017-2021](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1984](#) 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 Carnahan Road/Wenzell Avenue reconstruction project, cost not to exceed \$495,000.00.

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 658

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2017-2022](#)

Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 653

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 653

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2017-2023](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1980](#) Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to City Council to rename the trail names of Phillips Park, located in the City of Pittsburgh, to Mothers Club, Dillys Grove, Vaudeville, Carousel, Mystic Chute and Yale Connector Trails.

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 655

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2017-2024](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for October 18, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-1975](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 13 of 2017, effective January 23, 2017, as amended by Resolution 198, effective April 25, 2017, entitled Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement or agreements with the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of vehicles, heavy equipment and vehicle accessories for use by City of Pittsburgh Departments and Authorities by increasing the Capital Equipment Acquisition line item by \$1,100,000.00, from \$1,112,131.00 to \$2,212,131.00.

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 652

[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

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, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Enactment No: 661

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - MR. O'CONNOR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER