

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 28, 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 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**

[2017-2298](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Elaine Effort for her dedication to providing open, honest, and reliable news coverage, celebrates her decades of service to the Pittsburgh community, and wishes her the best during her retirement; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 28, 2017 to be “**Elaine Effort 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.

[2017-2299](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Citiparks** for its creative and resourceful event planning and congratulates the Schenley Park Skating Rink on the **31st Anniversary of the City of Pittsburgh’s/Citiparks Mascot Skate**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, January 6, 2018, to be “**MASCOT SKATE 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE AND LAW**

[2017-2294](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for December 20, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-2266](#) Resolution amending Resolution number 1028 of 1994, entitled “Authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund, to be designated as the Workers' Compensation Commutation Trust Fund (WCCTF), Index Code 254938, for the deposit of monies received from the state of Pennsylvania for favorable decisions received in litigation (Supersedeas) and monies received when the City is successful in a lawsuit against a negligent third party (Subrogation). Expenditures from this trust will consist of payments to individuals for settlement of their workers' compensation claim, surveillance, vocational rehabilitation, outplacement and other miscellaneous services related to Workers' Compensation management as approved by the Director of Finance.” in order to allow transfers from the WCCTF to the Workers Compensation VEBA Account.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR

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

[2017-2267](#) Resolution amending Resolution number 823 of 1989, entitled “Creating a trust fund for the payment of the City of Pittsburgh's Workers' Compensation obligations and providing for the periodic transfer of funds from code accounts presently in existence to the trust fund for the payment of the City's Workers' Compensation obligations” in order to allow transfers from the Workers Compensation Medical Payment Trust Fund to the Workers Compensation VEBA Account.

SPONSOR /S: MR. O'CONNOR

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

[2017-2295](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for December 20, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. 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.
(Post Agenda & Public Hearing Held 12-14-17)

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be Motion to Reconsider. The motion carried.

A motion was made that the Amendment be Withdrawn. The motion carried.

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, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2017-2296](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for December 20, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-2128](#) Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to City Council to name the trail names of Brighton Heights Park, located in the City of Pittsburgh, to Harbison Connector, Coopers Run, and Birkoff Connector Trails.

(Public Hearing Held 12-19-17)

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Urban Recreation . 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 DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2017-2297](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for December 20, 2017 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2017-2285](#) Resolution authorizing Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority to Fund and Implement the Pittsburgh Housing Opportunity Fund.

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

COUNCILWOMAN RUDIAK – CLOSING REMARKS ON THE 2018 BUDGET

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER