

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

FORTIETH COUNCIL

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M.

Harris, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Theresa Kail-Smith

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Harris present via phone.

Present 6 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 2 - Rev. Burgess, and Mr. Lavelle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2018-0015](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Ryan William Wanek for his outstanding achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 13, 2017, to be "***Ryan Wanek 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.

[2018-0016](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Joseph Gramz, III for his outstanding achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare November 1, 2017, to be "***Joseph Gramz, III 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2018-0004](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in favor of Victoria Rainey and Frischman & Rizza, P.C., fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged personal injuries as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 14-008419.

(Executive Session requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0005](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$62,500.00) in favor of Lois Carson and her attorneys Cercone, Erlaine, & Associates, 564 Forbes Avenue, 1100 Manor Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged personal injuries as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 14-019641.

(Executive Session requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0006](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of warrants in the total sum of \$40,000.00, payable as follows: Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$890.00) in favor of Treasurer, City of Pittsburgh; Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$17,500.00) in favor of ACLU-PA; Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$7,500.00) in favor of Teresa Brown; Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$6,908.00) in favor of Monica Jackson; and Seven Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars and 00/100 (\$7,202.00) in favor of Anthony Grace, in full and final settlement of USDC #2:15-cv-01235.

(Executive Session requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0007](#)

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 Stephon Tuitt of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) in total value consisting of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and a horse, “Spirit,” valued at Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to assist the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police with re-establishing the mounted unit.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0008](#)

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 Henry and Frances Hissrich of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to assist the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police with re-establishing the mounted unit.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2018-0009](#)

Resolution granting unto Lisa Javornick, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a handicap ramp at 4724 Plummer Street in the 10th Ward, Council District 7 of the City of Pittsburgh, USA.

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

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2018-0010](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 632 of 2017, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Purvis Systems for installation of a new fire station alerting system and related support services,” by correcting the item number.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2018-0011](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 603, effective September 22, 2015, entitled “Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreement, or use of existing Agreements, and providing for the repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with City Signal Upgrades; including Construction Services; providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof not to exceed \$1,299,750.00” to change the funding source listed in Section No. 1.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2018-0012](#) Resolution appointing Margaret Lanier as the Director of Finance of the Department of Finance of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2018-0013](#) Resolution appointing Paul Leger as a member of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, for a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Mr. Leger will fill the seat vacated by Michael Weber.

Councilwoman Kail-Smith Abstained.

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

[2018-0014](#) Communication from David Onorato, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority, submitting the Position and Salary Report as of January 1, 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. Burgess and Mr. Lavelle.

Councilwoman Harris present via phone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER