

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 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, Erika Strassburger

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2018-0362](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Principal Dr. James McCoy** and **Coaches Ellen Guillard and Assistant Coaches Mattie Collins-Wood and Lilly Saitz** for their leadership and commitment to the Lady Dragons Basketball Team and congratulates the **Lady Dragons** on a successful and winning season; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 10, 2018 to be ***“ALLDERDICE LADY DRAGONS BASKETBALL 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.

[2018-0363](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Principal Dr. James McCoy** and **Coaches Buddy Valinsky, Andy Pakler and Jeff Cohen** for their leadership of the Allderdice Boys Basketball Team and congratulates the 2018 Allderdice Boys Basketball Team on their winning season and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 10, 2018 ***“ALLDERDICE DRAGONS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL DAY”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2018-0364](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the week of April 8th to the 14th, 2018, to be ***“National Library Week 2018”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-0365](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 10th, 2018 to be “**PACE 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.

[2018-0366](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, in the City of Pittsburgh to abide by the letter and spirit of the Fair Housing Law in the pursuit of expanding opportunities and improving the quality of life for all; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim April 2018, to be “**Fair Housing Month**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-0367](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **George Martin** for his many years of dedication to the entertainment and happiness of his customers. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh looks forward to future celebrations of **George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin’s** birthdays, and wishes him many more years of happiness doing what he loves to do; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 to be “**George ‘Mr. Entertainment’ Martin Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-0368](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Judge Robert Gallo on receiving the *Judge Robert E. Dauer Award for Judicial Leadership & Excellence Award* for his contributions to our community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 to be “**Judge Robert Gallo Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-0369](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Judge John A. Zottola on receiving the *Judge James R. McGregor Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Community* for his dedication to our community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 to be “**Judge John A. Zottola Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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:

[2018-0358](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) by way of two (2) separate checks, each payable in the amount of \$62,500 to: Desiree Williamson, as Administratrix of the Estate of Henry Walker, deceased, and her attorneys Swensen & Perer and to: Desiree Williamson, as Administratrix of the Estate of Christine Williamson Walker and her attorneys Swensen & Perer, One Oxford Centre, Suite 2501, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 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. 16-002201.

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0359](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 265, Exemptions for Residential Improvements; Section 265.03, Exemption for Improvements, subsection (e); and Section 265.04, Exemption for Residential Construction, subsection (g), to extend the application periods for the exemptions covering residential improvements and new residential construction in areas defined as the Uptown District, the Downtown District and Targeted Growth Zones, which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 9 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-0360](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 267, Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements; Section 267.03, Exemption Schedule; and Section 267.09, Participation by Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Board of Education, to extend the application periods for the exemptions set forth in Section 267.03, subsections (b) and (c), which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 10 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after April 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2018-0334](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City of Pittsburgh Code, Title I (“Administrative”), Article I (“General Provisions”), Chapter 107 (“Permits and Licenses Generally”) with respect to permit/license application procedures and corresponding fees, effective immediately following passage.

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

[2018-0335](#) Ordinance supplementing the City of Pittsburgh Code, Title I0 (“Building”), Chapter 1002 (“Uniform Construction Code Adoption”) by adding a new subchapter 1002.03 (“Fees”), effective January 1, 2019.

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

[2018-0336](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City of Pittsburgh Code, Title Seven (“Business Licensing”), with regard to license application procedures, licensing requirements and corresponding fees, effective October 1, 2018, except for the Fire Suppression Trade License which will be effective January 1, 2019.

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

[2018-0361](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Code, Articles I-IX, to establish a new Riverfront Zoning District, and the provisions thereof, and to remove the Downtown Riverfront District, Riverfront Overlay District, and certain Specially Planned Districts from the Zoning Code as follows:
(NEEDS TO BE HELD FOR A PUBIC HEARING)

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

[2018-0284](#) Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to conduct a summer youth employment program to youth residing in the City of Pittsburgh, summer staff wages, and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2018 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program; and providing for the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the 2018 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Council President Kraus appointed Councilwoman Strassburger as Chair of the Innovation, Performance and Asset Management Committee and to the Carnegie Library Board of Trustees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2018-0353](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 4, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0276](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Jane Desimone, Arbitrator, P.O. Box 8261, Pittsburgh, PA 15218 for arbitration fees and travel expenses for two (2) days of hearings and two (2) day of executive sessions related to the Interest Arbitration - Healthcare Reopener between the City of Pittsburgh and IAFF, Lodge No. 1 in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars and 78/00 (\$4,875.78).

(Executive Session Held 3-28-18)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0277](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl, 525 William Penn Place, 28th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for professional services rendered pertaining to a litigation matter at 2:17-CV-00828, chargeable to and payable from 11101.108000.53.5317.2018.

(Executive Session Held 3-28-18)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0279](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cohen & Grigsby, P.C, P.O. Box 641014, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-1014, in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Six Cents (\$9,366.06) for professional services in connection with immigration matters.

(Executive Session Held 3-28-18)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0302](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with Korn Ferry Hay Group, Inc. to provide actuarial services for the City of Pittsburgh for two years, with an optional two year extension, at a total cost not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2018-0354](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 4, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0307](#) Resolution granting easement through Frick Park to the owners of 584 & 592 Briar Cliff Road for the maintenance of a 6” combined sewer lateral.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0319](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) under the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) to provide funding for Phase 1 Street and Signal Improvements in support of the implementation of the Downtown-East End Bus Rapid Transit Project in collaboration with the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and the County of Allegheny. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000.000) dollars for this stated purpose. The contribution of the City of Pittsburgh is not to exceed FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$4,500,000) dollars over the life of the grant for this purpose.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0321](#) Resolution to create a Slope Remediation Taskforce that will create a strategy to remediate slope failures.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. KAIL-SMITH

CO-SPONSOR /S: Mrs. Harris

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2018-0355](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 4, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0282](#) Resolution providing for a Contract for consulting services with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc. (I/O Solutions) for Firefighter Recruit position written examination pre-test training material, the development, administration and scoring of National Firefighter Selection Inventory (NFSI) written examination, examination analysis and final report and providing for the payment of the costs thereof not to exceed \$30,540.00.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0283](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with NEOGOV for the upgrade and continual maintenance of software for HR workforce management, applicant tracking, and Civil Service testing, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$36,463.75.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0285](#) Resolution amending Resolution 692 of 2015, entitled "Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, Inc. (I/O Solutions) for professional consulting services in connection with Police Lieutenant and Police Sergeant position job analyses; the development, administration, and scoring of new written examinations; and development, assessor selection, administration, and scoring of new oral board examinations; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by increasing the authorized amount by One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$154,000.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0304](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Acting Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Health Advocate, Inc. in connection with the provision of mental health and counseling services for the City of Pittsburgh's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for employees and their family/household members, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof not to exceed One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$118,698.00).

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

[2018-0356](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 4, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0303](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of City Planning to enter into an agreement with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2), should the grant be awarded by DCNR, to provide funding for the Kennard Park Master Planning Project and authorizing the Pittsburgh City Council to include the matching funds in the 2019 Capital budget. The total grant amount requested is SIXTY THOUSAND (\$60,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. Upon award, the City would provide \$60,000 in 2019 Capital Budget Funds for a 1:1 local match.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2018-0357](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 4, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0288](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny and Partner4Work for the shared operation and administration of the 2018 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and 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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0305](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,000,000 for the One Grandview Development - City of Pittsburgh project. (Council District 2)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2018-0306](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,000,000 for the One Grandview Development - City of Pittsburgh project. (Council District 2)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilman Coghill called for a Cablecast Post Agenda relative to the Rapid Bus Transit (BRT).

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER