

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 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 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger
Absent 1 - Mr. O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2018-1010](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate his retirement and commend Larry Jones for his years of dedication and invaluable service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 23, 2018, to be "***Larry Jones' 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.

[2018-1011](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the importance of improving access to clean air and clean water for all and commend the work of Women for a Healthy Environment and other partners to achieving that critical mission; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Council for the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of October to be "Children's Health Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-1012](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby **declare Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018** to be **Manchester Academic Charter School Day** to celebrate the **20th Anniversary of Manchester Academic Charter School** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2018-1013](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh is thankful for the work of the Robinsons and their years of dedication to the people of the City, does hereby **declare Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018** to be **Reverend & Gram Robinson 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.

[2018-1014](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Arletta Scott Williams** for her leadership and commitment to the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority and congratulates her for twenty years of dedicated service to ALCOSAN; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, October 25, 2018, to be **“Arletta Scott Williams 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.

[2018-1015](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Judy Robinson** for her commitment and dedication to NA'AMAT and the Jewish Community and congratulates her on being honored at the **Annual Spiritual Adoption / Scholarship Fundraising Dinner** from NA'AMAT USA Pittsburgh Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, November 8, 2018, to be **“Judy Robinson 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

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2018-1001](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$3,023.56, in favor of Tierra Travis, 29 Rudolph Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 for damage to her parked vehicle on Pritchard Street from a City of Pittsburgh Public Works salt truck on January 8, 2018.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1002](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Cohen & Grigsby, P.C, P.O. Box 641014, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-1014, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No Cents (\$7,500.00) for professional services in connection with employment matters. *(Executive Session held 11/7/18)*

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1008](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from R1A-H, Residential Single-Unit Attached, High Density District to LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial District, certain property roughly bounded by Larimer Avenue, Maxwell Way, Stoebner Way and Meadow Street; all in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 12th Ward. *(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)*

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

[2018-1009](#) Resolution transferring five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from City Council to the City Clerk's Office.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

- [2018-1003](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.01.D, Planned Development Districts, and Article IV, Section 909.01.Q, SP-10, Almono, by replacing the text in-kind with a new SP-10, Hazelwood Green Specially Planned District.
(Public Hearing scheduled for 12/11/18)

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

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

- [2018-1004](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 110 of 2017, entitled “Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Hamilton, Esq. of Thomas, Thomas and Hafer, to provide legal representation as the Solicitor of the Commission on Human Relations in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).” by increasing the authorized amount in 2018 by Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to continue ongoing legal support services for one additional year with an option to renew for an additional two years.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

- [2018-1005](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 652 of 2018, authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements with St. Moritz Security Services, Inc. for security guard services, in order to add a not-to-exceed compensation amount as required by City Code §161.01A. Compensation under said Agreement(s) shall be in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and no cents (\$2,280,000), with annual not-to-exceed amounts as set forth below for each respective budget year subject to the availability of funds and annual Council appropriations, at rates in compliance with and subject to any applicable requirements, including but not limited to collective bargaining commitments and the City of Pittsburgh Service Worker Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2018-0983](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to execute a quit claim deed or deeds, and any other necessary or appropriate documents, agreements, and instruments conveying AS IS all of the City's right, title and interest, if any, in designated City-owned properties to the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh ("URA") for consideration of \$1.00 each, contingent upon the Mayor and Director of the Department of Finance first entering into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the URA setting forth the rights and obligations of the City and the URA relating to these initial conveyances and further setting forth the rights and obligations of the City and the URA relating to the subsequent disposition of these properties to third parties.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2018-1006](#) Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a Public Hearing before City Council relative to ensuring the role of the Equal Opportunity Review Commission (EORC) is being adhered to, and to invite Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE) certified contractors where they can present to the EORC their experiences in working with the City and developers around MWDBE opportunities. The Petition is valid in accordance with the Home Rule Charter.

(Public Hearing held 11/13/18)

Read and referred to the Committee on Hearings

[2018-1007](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Fiscal Audit of the Department of Parks and Recreation Special Summer Food Service Program Trust Fund (SSFSPF), dated September 26, 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

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

[2018-0996](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 17, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0898](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with DeForest Koscelnik Yokitis & Berardinelli, Koppers Building, 30th Floor, 436 Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police matter in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00).
(Executive Session held 10/11/18)

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0899](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) in favor of Rachel Eleleth and her attorney, G. Clinton Kelley, 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. 12-020567.
(Executive Session held 10/11/18)

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0965](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A: A: 131 Meadow

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0994](#) Resolution amending Resolution #282 of 2016, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Service Agreement(s) with Maher Duessel, which provides independent auditing services for the city, by extending the term of the contract by one year.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

Aye: 6 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2018-0997](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 17, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0956](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Gun Violence Reduction Initiative to increase the timeliness of investigative leads to law enforcement via ballistic imaging technology and add Operation Ceasefire outreach workers and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Rev. Burgess

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2018-0998](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for October 17, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0957](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Garbage Collection Agreement and an accompanying Equipment Lease with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh pertaining to the City's provision of collection and disposal services in exchange for the lease of certain refuse collection equipment from the Authority.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0959](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, providing for the design and replacement of the 28th St Bridge; and 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 \$750,000.00.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0960](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Green Light - Go Grant for Central business district signal improvements and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (\$3,560,565.00) 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. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0961](#) Resolution granting unto Mid-Town Towers Associates, Two Center Plaza, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02108, their successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, three (3) metal grates on the sidewalk area on Seventh Street for 643 Liberty Avenue in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0962](#) Resolution granting unto Murwest LLC, 11 Cleveland Circle, Skillman, New Jersey, 08558, their successors and assigns, an encroachment to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a canopy, planting area, private lateral and sidewalk slabs on the right-of-way of 3420-3422 Forbes Avenue, Coltart Avenue and Iroquois Way, per approved DOMI construction drawings, in the 4th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2018-0999](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 17, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0954](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of SHRM in the amount of \$11,091.00. It is mandatory for Employers to display the Federal, State and local Labor Law posters for all employees. The Employment Law posters have been updated. With Director Manuel's SHRM membership, we received a significant discount below the RFQ.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

[2018-0955](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Franklin Covey in the amount of \$8,667.00. The Department of Human Resources and Civil Service Talent Development Team will utilize the Franklin Covey All Access Pass resource to teach leadership development, coaching and mentoring, productivity and presentation skills.

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

Aye: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2018-1000](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for October 17, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0963](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Acting Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into an Agreement with Verizon Enterprise Solutions for the purpose of providing the city with Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) communications services over a five year term.

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

Aye: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. O'Connor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER