

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 5, 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 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

Absent 1 - Rev. Burgess

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2018-1091](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the Federation of War Veterans Societies, Inc. of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh for their continued dedication and hard work in making each year's Veterans Day parade a success; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, November 10, 2018, to be "***The Federation of War Veterans Societies' 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: 716

[2018-1092](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend St. Paul Baptist Church for 117 years worship, ministry, and service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, November 4, 2018, to be "***St. Paul Baptist Church Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 717

[2018-1093](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Joel Sigal, Justin and Megan Sigal and the Littles Shoes Family** for investing in the Squirrel Community, for their loyalty dedication and commitment to Pittsburgh and for their love of Squirrel Hill and congratulates **Littles Shoes** for being named the 2018 Place Treasure by the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, November 14, 2018 to be **“LITTLES SHOES 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.

Enactment No: 718

[2018-1094](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate White Lily Baptist Church for its 100 years of serving the Pittsburgh community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, October 28, 2018, to be **“White Lily Baptist Church 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: 719

[2018-1095](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Calvary Episcopal Church and their Rector Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen for their tribute to their congregants who served our country during World War I; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call upon residents, businesses, and institutions to carry on the Pittsburgh region's proud history of commemorating and helping the men and women who so bravely fought and continue to fight for our nation.

SPONSOR /S: MRS. STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 720

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

[2018-1079](#) 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 C: A: 830 Herron, B: 2923 Merwyn, C: 601 Chester

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1080](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through C: A: 7007 Bennett, B: 0 Flora, C: 5519 Cox

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1081](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain property, acquired at tax sales, to a City of Pittsburgh based Community Development Corporation, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the community through redevelopment. ITEMS A through H.
A: 5326 Hillcrest, B: 2235 Wilson, C: 2222 Wilson, D: 2220 Wilson, E: 2214 Wilson, F: 2232 Holyoke, G: 300 W. Burgess, H: 1256 Woodland

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1082](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) in favor of Kathleen Kasunick and her attorneys, Elliott and Davis, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged property damages as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 15-021678.
(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2018-1083](#) Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title 9, Zoning, Article IV, Chapter 910, Section 910.01.D.1 to allow PMC/717 Liberty Associates, the transfer of Development Rights from 908 Penn Avenue (Parcel 9-N-94) to 717 Liberty Ave (Parcel 1-D-66), zoned "GT-C" Golden Triangle Subdistrict C, 2nd Ward, Council District No. 6.
(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2018-1084](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to enter into an Agreement in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or less with visual artists, designers, or creative collectives with specialized skills in Public Art and Creative Placemaking for the creation and installation of the second phase of the Art in Parks Program in six neighborhood parks: Mutual Park, Pauline Park, Eleanor Park, Lewis Park, Larimer Park and Catalano Park, at a cost not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars for the program.

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

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2018-1085](#) Resolution providing for the creation of the Public Safety Support Trust Fund and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds.

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

[2018-1086](#) Resolution transferring Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from City Council to the City Clerk's Office

SPONSOR /S: MR. LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2018-1087](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Tree Pittsburgh for the purpose of supporting Tree Pittsburgh's efforts to promote and advance the City of Pittsburgh's Urban Forest Master Plan.

Not introduced by Councilwoman Kail-Smith, Chair of the Committee on Public Works.

[2018-1088](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for Arsenal Park Phase I Design: Linking Park, School and Community to Promote Play, School Connectivity and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$125,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2018-1089](#) Resolution amending Resolution number 592 of 2018, as amended by Resolution number 696 of 2018, entitled "authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for services rendered by Clean Team employees within the South Side PED" so as to extend the agreement to December 31st, 2018.

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2018-1090](#) Resolution authorizing agreements in which the City of Pittsburgh grants a license to the University of Pittsburgh for research and archival use for particular City of Pittsburgh records in its custody

SPONSOR /S: MR. KRAUS

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

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

[2018-1075](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for October 31, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

Aye: 8 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

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

SPONSOR /S: REV. BURGESS

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

Aye: 8 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

[2018-1076](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for October 31, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

**COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES**

[2018-1077](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for October 31, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

Aye: 8 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

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

[2018-1078](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for October 31, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-0790](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from CP, Commercial Planned Unit Development to HC, Highway Commercial, a certain property at 1054 Banksville Avenue, Block Number 16-E, lot number 125; in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System.
(Public Hearing held 10/24/18)

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

Aye: 8 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

[2018-0877](#)

Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title 9, Zoning, Article IV, Chapter 910, Section 910.01.D.1 to allow JCS Capital LLC on behalf of Pittsburgh Spruce Street Properties, property owner, the transfer of Development Rights from 55 11th Street (parcel 9-P-36) to 316/310 4th Avenue (parcel 1-H-330), zoned "GT-A" and "GT-B" Golden Triangle Subdistricts A and B, 1st and 2nd Wards, Council District No. 6.
(Public Hearing held 10/24/18)

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

Aye: 8 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Kail-Smith, and Mrs. Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Rev. Burgess

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Rev. Burgess

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER