

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 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 6 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

Absent 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2018-1172](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 4, 2018, to be “***Shawn Robinson Day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 831

[2018-1173](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the players, coaches and families of the **14th Ward Youth Baseball Association** on this exciting and important trip to Cuba to represent Pittsburgh and promote sportsmanship and the love of baseball; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 19-23, 2018, to be “***14th WARD YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION DAYS***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 832

[2018-1174](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby denounces the federal government’s proposal to erase transgender, non-binary, gender expansive and genderqueer individuals from existence, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council calls on Congress to ensure equal protection under the law for all individuals, including the basic need to acknowledge and respect people of all gender identities, and denounces the Trump Administration’s attacks on the rights and humanity of transgender people.

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

Enactment No: 833

[2018-1175](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Belle Vocci as a civic and/or service organization within the context of the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance Act, as amended.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2018-1163](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title I: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, by amending Section 161.34 (b)(5) Project Labor Agreement Review and Recommendation Process; Section 161.34 (c)(1) Procedures for Use of Project Labor Agreements; and Section 161.34 (c)(2) Procedures for Use of Project Labor Agreements by replacing Chief Financial Officer with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2018-1164](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Wall to Wall Studios, Inc. for branding services to research, validate, create, and adopt across the City of Pittsburgh government the essential images and words that identify the City of Pittsburgh and its departments in a consistent manner to the public.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2018-1165](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 270, effective May 19, 2017 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief and Director of City Planning to enter into a grant agreement with the City Energy Project, a program of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Institute for Market Transformation to receive funding to support (1) energy consultant advisor (2) Participation in the City Energy Project and (3) the development of a city-wide energy efficiency policy and programs.”

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

[2018-1166](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 165, approved March 22, 2002, "providing for the implementation of a Residential Sticker Parking Program in the East Allegheny community pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549" so as to amend the streets and remove addresses included in Area "F".

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

[2018-1167](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning to accept funds from TRYING TOGETHER in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) provided as a gift towards artist’s fee for design, fabrication and installation of a Public Art project in the recently renovated Elizabeth Park with address at Gloster St. (Block & Lot 56-K-68); and

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

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2018-1168](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 3 Crossings 2.0 at 2800 Railroad Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2018-1169](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 441 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2018-1170](#) Communication from Jennifer Olzinger, Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Margaret Lanier, Director of the Department of Finance submitting the City of Pittsburgh Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending September 30, 2018.

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

[2018-1171](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 130 of 2018 effective March 16, 2018 by updating the continued designation of an Oakland Business Improvement District.

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 Finance and Law

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2018-1160](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 28, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-1023](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) in favor of Donna R. Sciulli and her attorneys, Samuel L. Mack and Luxenberg, Garbett, Kelly & George, 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 A.R. 17-004348.
(Executive Session held 11/27/18)

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

[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 held 11/27/18)

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

[2018-1134](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,069.75) in favor of Precise Discovery, LLC for legal consulting services rendered regarding a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at S.A. 13-003256.

(Executive Session held 11/27/18)

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

[2018-1136](#) 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 Mast-Jägermeister US of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to support the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2018-1161](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for November 28, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-1141](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Colwell Street and portions of Our Way in the 3rd 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: 6 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

[2018-1153](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a six-month Professional Services Agreement with Buchart Horn Architects at a cost not-to-exceed Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$15,221), for the purposes of Historic Architect consultation services.

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2018-1162](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for November 28, 2018 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2018-1137](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to document local cooperation and the authority's agreement to make payments in lieu of taxes for the Kelly Hamilton Homes housing development.

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

Aye: 5 - Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Rev. Burgess

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

[2018-1139](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into an Agreement with the Department of the Army / U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to provide funding for assessment and mapping of river bank and shoreline within the City of Pittsburgh, not to exceed Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) through December 31, 2019.

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. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Strassburger

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mrs. Harris, Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Strassburger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER