

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL

Theresa Kail-Smith, President of Council

***Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Anthony Coghill, Deborah L. Gross, Bruce A. Kraus,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Erika Strassburger, Bobby Wilson***

Brenda F. Pree, City Clerk - Kim Clark-Baskin, Assistant City Clerk

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Lavelle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0149](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February to be “***Career and Technical Education Month***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 61

[2020-0150](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Pittsburgh Allderdice High School** for its consistent and unwavering emphasis on academics, rigor and diversity in education and congratulates the students who have achieved National Merit Scholar designations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to be “***ALLDERDICE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR DAY***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 62

[2020-0151](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the hard work and commitment shown by the **Allderdice Girls Volleyball Team** and commends the trust and dedication shown by the Coaches and congratulates them on winning the City League Championship for the 6th consecutive year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 25, 2020 to be “***ALLDERDICE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP DAY***” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 63

[2020-0152](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh makes known its opposition to any modernization effort that seeks to also weaken or diminish the efficacy and intent of the Community Reinvestment Act, including OCC-2018-0008-1515, the rule change proposed by the OCC and FDIC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council encourages community development institutions, neighborhood groups, and other concerned organizations to help ensure that accountable, strengthening, and impactful investments remain the central focus of the Community Reinvestment Act by submitting their public comments to the federal government before April 8, 2020, the date that reflects the recently-announced 30-day extension to the comment period.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR, COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

Enactment No: 64

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0139](#) Resolution amending Resolution 510 of 2019 entitled “A Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreement, providing for the planning, design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, operations, and / or the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies in connection with the production of the Oakland Transportation Study and associated projects;” to provide for a specific payee and authorize entering into a contract for the Oakland Transportation Study.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0140](#) Resolution amending Resolution 336 of 2019 entitled “A Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreement, providing for the planning, design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, operations, and / or the purchase of materials, equipment, and supplies in connection with the production of the Hill District Mobility Network and Parking Management Plan and associated projects;” to provide for a specific payee and authorize entering into a contract for the Hill District Transportation Study.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0141](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 2926 Smallman Street Land Development project, located at 2920 & 2930 Smallman Street of Pittsburgh, PA, 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0145](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 36 of 2019, amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 6: Conduct, Article III: Dogs, cats and other animals, by repealing Chapter 639: Crocodilians and Venomous Snakes in its entirety and adding a new Chapter 639: Crocodilian Species and Red-Eared Sliders, prohibiting the keeping, sale, exchange, adoption, exchange or transfer of such animals in the city of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0146](#) Ordinance supplementing Ordinance No. 36 of 2015 relative to the Pittsburgh City Code at Title 6: Conduct, Article III: Dogs, Cats and Other Animals, Chapter 636: Wild Animals, Section 636.06: prohibiting the capture and harm of any wild birds, to prohibit the sale of native or indigenous birds, to eliminate any permit or license allowing individuals to trap wild birds and to completely prohibit trapping wild birds other than by a properly qualified and trained employee of the Pittsburgh Bureau Of Animal Care and Control when the wild bird is injured, resides within a building, or poses an imminent risk of property damage or physical harm.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0142](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Compass Natural Gas Partners LP for the lease of a compressed natural gas fueling system, and provision of fuel for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$378,000.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0143](#) Resolution amending Resolution 837 of 2017 entitled “Authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund to be designated as the Schenley Park Rink Trust Fund, for the purpose of depositing funds and expenditure of funds for any and all related expenses” to authorize the ~~Department of Public Works~~ Department of Parks and Recreation to utilize the trust fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0144](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, into an Agreement or Agreements with Bucks County Community College for Hazardous Materials Safety Officer training and certification services at a sum not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0147](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Preservation Agreement with the New Hazlett Theater.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0148](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure for Katy Sawyer and on behalf of the Department Public Works for Donald Mudrick, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0134](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 19, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0107](#) Resolution amending Resolution #94 of 2019 providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$6,857.02) in favor of Diane and Ronald J. Bawkey c/o Robert Pierce & Associates, P.C., 2500 Gulf Tower, 707 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, a warrant in the sum of Nine Hundred Eighteen and 08/100 Dollars (\$918.08) in favor of the City of Pittsburgh, Treasurer, and a warrant in the total sum of Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 90/100 (\$724.90) in favor of Jordan Tax Service, as final settlement related to the action filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, by changing the issuance to read as follows: the issuance of a warrant in the total amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$8,500.00) payable to Diane and Ronald J. Bawkey c/o Robert Pierce & Associates, P.C., 2500 Gulf Tower, 707 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, as final settlement related to the action filed in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 75

[2020-0108](#)

Resolution for issuance of a warrant in the amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,490.00) in favor of Tri Rivers Consulting Services related to expert medical testimony of James L. Cosgrove, M.D. for use at trial in re the matter of Willa Mae Mathews v. City of Pittsburgh, et al, filed at A.R. 16-001700.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 76

[2020-0123](#)

Resolution amending resolution 748 of 2019 entitled "a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of taking by eminent domain, of 410 Mathews Avenue in the 30th Ward and to accept a deed for the property; further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs;" to adjust the code account information to the 2020 year.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 79

[2020-0124](#) Resolution amending resolution 629 of 2019 entitled “a resolution authorizing the purchase of certain property by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of eminent domain, in order to advance City’s proposed permanent closure of the Timberland Bridge;” to provide specific payee information and adjust the code account information to the 2020 year.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 80

[2020-0125](#) Resolution amending resolution 702 of 2019 entitled “a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to execute an Agreement of Sale and all related documents necessary to effect the purchase by the City of Pittsburgh, in lieu of taking by eminent domain, of 35 and 33 Semicir Street in the 26th Ward and to accept a deed for the properties; further authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purchase, closing, and other associated auxiliary costs;” by adjusting the code account information to the 2020 year.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 81

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0135](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for February 19, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0103](#) Resolution granting unto MATT BARNETT, DAY3DESIGN, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a storm water runoff mitigation raingarden at 915 Liberty Ave in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 71

[2020-0117](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution number 316 of 2018, entitled "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 preliminary design and final design, services during construction, and miscellaneous services for traffic signal installation of the South Side Signals Project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$390,213.38." To account for an amendment to the contract that increased the total project cost, but not to exceed \$536,000.00.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 78

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2020-0136](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for February 19, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0105](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of effect (formerly Comcast) in the amount of \$6,878.25 for digital advertising services in connection with the city-wide recruiting plan, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 73

[2020-0106](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of SHRM in the amount of \$16,500.00 for Pennsylvania and Federal Labor Law Posters, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 74

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0137](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 19, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0110](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh to accept a remittance from Point Park University in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. This remittance will fund the design and fabrication of historic district signage not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 77

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0138](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for February 19, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0035](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of liquor license, License No.R-18262, from Bell-Pug, Inc., 3985 William Penn Highway, PA 15146 to the Applicant, Know 950 Penn, LLC, for the premises located at 950 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, known as "Know 950 Penn, LLC", pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Public Hearing held 2/18/2020)

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 65

[2020-0104](#) Resolution authorizing the approval of the 2020 Housing Opportunity Fund Annual Allocation Plan. (Council Districts All).

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

Enactment No: 72

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER