

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 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

Council Members present via phone : Rev. Burgess, Mr. Coghill, Ms. Gross, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Strassburger & Mr. Wilson

Present 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0219](#)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Council of The City of Pittsburgh calls on the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office, The Pennsylvania Courts, all landlords and leasing agents, West Penn Electric, Duquesne Light, Columbia Gas, Peoples Gas, and Pennsylvania American Water, to enact moratoriums on evictions, residential foreclosures, tax liens on residential properties, and utility shut-offs in response to the COVID-19 global health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Council of The City of Pittsburgh reminds employers that the requirements of the Paid Sick Leave Act, effective March 15th, 2020, are mandatory for all employers.

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

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

Enactment No: 123

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0214](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title Seven: Business Licensing Chapter 719: Vendors and Peddlers, by amending the existing language of Section 719.10 to add sites Approved by the Sidewalk and Vending Committee to the List of Sites Approved by Council.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0215](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Office of Management and Budget to renew the Non-Exclusive License Agreement with the Federal General Services Administration for the Veterans Affairs Highland Drive Campus at 7180 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 for limited use and to conduct due diligence pursuant to the application approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Justice to acquire the property for law enforcement and emergency management purposes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0213](#) Ordinance amending the City Code at Title One: Administrative, Article VII: Procedures, Chapter 161: Contracts, in order to increase the Councilmanic amount from three thousand dollars to five thousand dollars.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0216](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A & B: A: 11 Dick, B: 13 Dick

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0217](#) 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 K: A: 1210 Westmoreland, B: 7301 Monticello, C: 228 Kramer, D: 2922 Banksville, E: 1005 Morrison, F: 1701 Brighton, G: 1705 Brighton, H: 0 Marquis, I: 1519 Brighton, J: 1529 Brighton, K: 69 Watson.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0220](#) Resolution providing for a renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh on March 13, 2020, in accordance with the City of Pittsburgh Code §113.03 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §§7101 et seq., to provide the City of Pittsburgh with an appropriate timeframe for response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council.

The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried.

[2020-0221](#)

Resolution providing for ratification by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, of a Declaration of Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh on March 13, 2020, in accordance with City of Pittsburgh Code §113.03 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §§7101 et seq., in response to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of COVID-19.

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried.

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0218](#)

Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title Ten: Building, Chapter 1004: International Property Maintenance Code Adoption, by adopting the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code (“IPMC”) and with the amendments thereto specified in Section 1004.02 of the City Code, as well as making certain amendments to the existing language of Section 1004.02 of the City Code.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0222](#)

Now Therefore, I WILLIAM PEDUTO, by the virtue of the authority vested in my by the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh and laws of the City of Pittsburgh, hereby direct all of the following:

1. Effective as of 9 a.m., Monday March 16th, 2020, there shall be no community gatherings in excess of 250 people.
2. The City will explore the opportunity to seek continuances for the enforcement of City Code citations before magisterial district justices in furtherance of our civic responsibility and to comply with the spirit of Governor Tom Wolf’s recommendations regarding social distancing to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded in writing by the Mayor.

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

[2020-0223](#)

Now Therefore, I WILLIAM PEDUTO, by the virtue of the authority vested in my by the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh and laws of the City of Pittsburgh, hereby direct all of the following:

1. Effective as of 9:00 a.m., Monday March 16, 2020, there shall be no community or public gatherings in excess of 50 people and this amends my earlier Order that discouraged gatherings in excess of 250 people.
2. The City will request continuances of hearings before magisterial district justices for the enforcement of City Code citations issued by the Department of Permits, Licenses & Inspections, the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, and the Department of Public Works in furtherance of our compliance with the spirit of Governor Tom Wolf's recommendations regarding social distancing to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.
3. The remainder of Executive Order No. 2020-01 shall remain in effect until rescinded.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded in writing by the Mayor.

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

[2020-0208](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 11, 2020 with Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 3 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kail-Smith

Abstain: 0

[2020-0162](#)

The Mayor is hereby authorized to issue and the City Controller to countersign three (3) warrants in the total sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) which shall be allocated and paid as follows: Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,250), subject to required withholdings, made payable to Ermand Buccina, 1415 Oakglen St., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15204, in full satisfaction of all claims including but not limited to claims for any alleged lost compensation. An IRS Form W-2 will be issued to Mr. Buccina according to statute; and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) will be made payable to Ermand Buccina, 1415 Oakglen St., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15204, in full satisfaction of all other claims. An IRS Form I 099, with Box 3 marked as "other income," will be issued according to statute; and Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,750) to Mr. Buccina's legal counsel, Wienand & Bagin, First & Market Building, 100 First Avenue, Suite 101, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, as final settlement related to the action filed with the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations.

(Executive Session Held 3/10/2020)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0163](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$4,455.60) to AA Court Reporters, 428 Boulevard of the Allies, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for Fire Arbitration transcription services.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0164](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Pittsburgh Collision & Reconstruction Services, LLC, 10 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15214 in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents (\$7,400.58) for professional services in connection with a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0165](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 948, effective January 1, 2004, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2004 Capital Budget and approving the 2004 through 2009 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing Fancourt Street Bridge by \$7,000 and transferring those funds to the Uptown Mobility Network & Parking Management Plan.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0166](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2012, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing Electronic Daily Activity Sheet by \$20,000 and In-Car Camera System by \$13,424.71 and transferring those funds to the Uptown Mobility Network & Parking Management Plan.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0167](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing Signage by \$19,575.29 and transferring those funds to the Uptown Mobility Network & Parking Management Plan.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0168](#) Resolution amending the Rules of Council, Rule XI: Invoices, to increase the Departmental Invoice maximum from three thousand dollars to five thousand dollars.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0195](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program”, by reducing SMALLMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION by \$473,374.38 and increasing COMPLETE STREETS by \$473,374.38.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0199](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program,” by amending City Council CDBG Unspecified Local Option line items, reducing SAVE A LIFE TODAY PITTSBURGH by \$8,000.00, and increasing BIRMINGHAM FOUNDATION AND SAVE A LIFE TODAY PITTSBURGH by \$8,000.00, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements for operation/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0209](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 11, 2020 with Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0158](#) Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for public roadway purposes certain property in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by Michael Gene Elden, and known as 320 Arlington Avenue, authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0159](#) Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for public roadway purposes certain property in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by 2826 Edwards Way and Associates, LLC, and known as 322-324 Arlington Avenue, authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2020-0181](#) Resolution authorizing the Department of Mobility & Infrastructure to enter into a contract or contracts with The Kittelson Team to conduct a Parking & Transportation Demand Management study for the Uptown neighborhood, in a cost not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0210](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 11, 2020 with Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-2249](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from CP, Commercial Planned Unit Development, to UNC, Urban Neighborhood Commercial two parcels and a portion of two parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 7th Ward; and changing from LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial, to UNC, Urban Neighborhood Commercial six parcels and a portion of two parcels in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 7th Ward.

(Public Hearing held 12/17/19)

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE
ON URBAN RECREATION**

[2020-0211](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for March 11, 2020 with Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0156](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Digital Harbor Foundation to expand Rec2Tech programming into Jefferson Recreation Center and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

[2020-0212](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for March 11, 2020 with Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0203](#) Resolution amending Resolution 730 of 2019, effective November 6, 2019, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Innovation & Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to revise the not-to-exceed funding amount and to clarify the leasing process.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER