

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 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****PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0229](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contracts with service providers for professional services in connection with the 2020 City Cuts lawn care program, and providing for payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0230](#) Resolution granting unto WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new rain garden on Lot 125-A-98, with trench drains on the inlet and outlet sides of the garden, located at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Frankstown Avenue, in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0231](#) Resolution granting unto DAISY WILSON ARTIST COMMUNITY, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new set of stairs and stoop to the front of the existing building, at 1727 Bedford Avenue, in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0232](#) Resolution granting unto MMEJM PROPERTIES, LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new round sign, on an existing elevator shaft, at 2401 Smallman Street, in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0233](#) Resolution granting unto CHASE BANK, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an awning to be placed above the ATM machine, at 1030 5th Avenue, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0234](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Flexible, LLC for professional on-site child care services for a sum not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-One Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$131,625.00) over three years and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0235](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program”, by increasing various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities For Persons with AIDS, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

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

[2020-0236](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Ewalt House, located at 186 Home Street (80-P-222), in the Lawrenceville Neighborhood, in the 9th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2020-0237](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Mowry-Addison House, located at 5134 Carnegie Street (80-G-239), in the Lawrenceville Neighborhood, in the 10th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0224](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0202](#) Resolution, further amending resolution 797 of 2017, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget" as amended by resolution 876 of 2019, in order to correct the account number for the URA's Microfinance Program.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS

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

[2020-0225](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0157](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 830 of 2018 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility & Infrastructure, on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement or agreements to complete engineering design for a new multimodal connection of Hazelwood, Greenfield, and Four Mile Run with Oakland - which will support green infrastructure, ensure safe travel, increase travel options between these neighborhoods, protect local neighborhoods, and increase connectivity consistent with the concept design developed through the 2018 public process, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed \$1,346,644.10” to provide for a specific payee and authorize an increase to the project cost to afford for additional design services within the scope of work not to exceed a total cost of ~~\$1,416,540.43~~ \$1,635,681.50, an increase of ~~\$69,896.33~~ \$289,037.40.

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

[2020-0190](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the West Penn Playground Reconstruction Project. The grant proposal includes an ask of \$75,000 with a local match of \$75,000 to come out of the 2020 City of Pittsburgh Operating Budget (11101.450000.56.56401.2020) in the form of in-kind work. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) 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

[2020-0191](#) Resolution granting unto BIG RIVER DEVELOPMENT, LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 2305 Smallman Street, in the 2nd Ward, 7th 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: 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 BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2020-0226](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for March 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0194](#) Resolution amending Resolution Number 56 of 2018, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Agreement with The United Way of Southwestern PA for services relating to the Career Transition Project (21 and Able), and providing for the payment of the costs thereof", by increasing the authorized amount by One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) and by extending the term two years.

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

[2020-0227](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for March 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0196](#) Resolution amending Resolution 613 of 2017 authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with CORE Business Technologies for software, equipment and services related to the installation of payment processing and cashiering system for the Department of Finance to include an additional option year and providing for the payment of the cost thereof not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$390,552.17) for years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 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

[2020-0197](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Questica, Inc. for professional services. This is a contract renewal via sole source for annual subscription fees related to a budgeting and performance management system. Questica will continue to improve the City's budgeting and financial planning processes, increase staff productivity, enhance analytical capabilities, and provide more stakeholders with additional information about the costs and performance of city services. Cost not to exceed \$412,500.00 over five years.

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

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 DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0228](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for March 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0019](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the "District 15 Beta Development" at 1465 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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

[2020-0193](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 106 of 2019, effective February 14, 2019, entitled "Resolution amending Resolution No. 191, effective March 19, 2018, entitled 'Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the administration of certain projects and programs, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$3,286,320.00' by including an additional Economic Development & Housing (H.E.L.P. Initiative) line item for an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 and the total cost thereof by the same amount not to exceed \$3,340,320.00," by including an additional Economic Development & Housing (Microfinance Program) line item for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 and the total cost thereof by the same amount not to exceed \$3,590,320.00. (Council Districts: All).

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghil, 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