

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 31, 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 REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0252](#)

Resolution consenting to an amendment to the eTRID Planning Study and authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to take necessary actions to seek necessary consent for and, if obtained, to undertake an amended Planning Study as a prerequisite to considering an amendment to the current East Liberty Transit Revitalization Investment District Boundary.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0242](#)

Resolution granting unto BRENDAN NOONE, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install 2 slim AC condenser units in a planter box, screened with cedar fencing, on the side of building, at 1247 Palo Alto Street, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0243](#)

Resolution providing for an agreement with Alfred Benesch and Company for Preliminary and Final Design, Services During Construction and Miscellaneous Services for the Swinburne Bridge replacement project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$830,572.47.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0244](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to place a Deed Restriction upon Paulson Park and Wightman Park, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) which provided funds for the Paulson Park and Wightman Park Redevelopment.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0245](#) Resolution providing for a non-monetary settlement in favor of Bryan Campbell, Esquire, fully releasing the City from all claims and liability for alleged monies owed to him for professional services provided to City of Pittsburgh professional police officers/FOP Members who were named as parties to lawsuits filed in state or federal court as described in a lawsuit filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 19-007775.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0246](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500.00) in favor of Douglas Anderson, Administrator, and his attorneys, Joyce & Bittner, 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 G.D. 14-015587 (consolidated).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0249](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX: Property Taxes, Chapter 265: Exemptions for Residential Improvements, Sections 265.04 and 265.09, and Chapter 267: Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements, Sections 267.03 and 267.07 to change the effective date to June 30, 2020.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member 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

[2020-0250](#)

Resolution requiring the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to create and promulgate, or update existing, operating procedures, permits, forms, rules, and regulations related to vehicle or transportation operations not already underway or otherwise sanctioned by existing Ordinance or regulations over, above, in, within, on, or under the right-of-way within an area zoned as “P” or “Parks District,” as established by Chapter 905: Special Purpose Districts by the City of Pittsburgh Zoning Code.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0251](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of Finance to, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, take appropriate and necessary actions to negotiate and secure lines of credit for the purpose of maintaining and supporting continuous operations during and immediately after the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Strassburger and 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 Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0247](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) and/or the Department of Innovation and Performance (I&P) on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement with Populus, in order to receive access to their visualization platform suite, which will further the City's ability to deliver mobility services to residents.

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

- [2020-0248](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Nine - Zoning, Chapter 915 -Environmental Performance Standards, subsection 915.06, Sustainable Development for Publicly Financed Buildings, by deleting certain language and adding a new subsection 915.08 titled “Sustainable Development for City Owned Facilities”
(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

- [2020-0238](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

- [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

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

- [2020-0216](#) 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

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

[2020-0217](#) 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.

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

[2020-0239](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0215](#) 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.

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

[2020-0240](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for March 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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 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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0241](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 24, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

Amendment Sponsored by Councilman Wilson and Co-Sponsored by Council President Kail-Smith

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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