

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 7, 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 Coghil, 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**

All member present via video conference due to COVID-19 protective guidelines set forth by the federal, state, and local governments

**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**

[2020-0267](#)

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Michael Quinn upon his retirement and commend him for his courage, bravery, loyalty and sense of community during his service with the City of Pittsburgh Fire Bureau; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that** the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, April 1, 2020 to be “**Mr. Michael Quinn Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 154

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0256](#) Resolution amending Resolution 749 of 2019, entitled “Resolution amending Resolution 655 of 2018, entitled ‘Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements, allowing for compensation paid to PennDot of the local costs associated with the East Carson St. Supplemental Improvement Project being undertaken by PennDot, and further providing for payment of the cost not to exceed \$690,737.35,’ by providing for certain contributions to be made by the City through separate legislative appropriations in a subsequent year in an amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty-six thousand one-hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$886,162.99),” in order to authorize expenditure and appropriation of the aforementioned amount not to exceed eight hundred eighty-six thousand one-hundred and sixty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$886,162.99).

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

**Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**

#### **COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0257](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 26th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 45-H, Lot 264, Block 46-A, Lots 310 and 323, Copen Way and Trimble Street (Council District No. 6 - Community Garden).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2020-0258](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 10-K, Lots 48 and 54, Block 10-L, Lots 17, 18, 24, 25, 26A, 26B, 31, 39, 249, 250, 251, 282, 284, 286 and 288, Block 10-N, Lot 340, Block 10-P, Lots 119, 133, 134A, 135, 136, 137, 138, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 217, 223, 224, 225, 227, 231, 234, 236 and 241, Block 10-R, Lots 70, 71A, 72, 73, 75, 75C, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 94, 112, 113, 114, 120, 135, 144, 147, and 150 (Council District No. 6 - mixed use/new construction/rehabilitation commercial/affordable housing).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2020-0259](#) Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Granada Apartments LP, for the sale of Block 10-N, Lots 267, 268, 269, 270, 274, 275, 276, 278, 279, 280, 289 and 290, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 (Mixed Use Development).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2020-0260](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Properties in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 3-N, Lots 154 and 171, Block 3-P, Lots 186, 197, 216, 262, 277 and 281, Block 3-R, Lots 305 and 306, Block 14-A, Lot 292, Block 14-B, Lots 6, 7, 10, 15, 78, 223A and 254 (Council District No. 3 - scattered site affordable housing).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2020-0261](#) Resolution approving an Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Todd Meyer, with respect to the Sale of Block 23-F, Lots 200 and 200A, in the 25th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Redevelopment Area No. 51 - Council District No. 6 (111 Carrington Street and 22 Alpine Avenue - Residential Rehabilitation).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

[2020-0262](#) 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 \$960,280.00. (Council Districts: All).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

#### **COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0263](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Service Agreement with Jeffrey Ruder, Esq. for legal services related to the enforcement of City Code Chapter 659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources**

#### **COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0264](#) Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17th, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for twenty-six (26) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 5th; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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

**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.**

[2020-0265](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of a Warrant to Export Fuel Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,250.00, in full payment for the purchase of used fuel tanks.

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

[2020-0266](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to utilize grant funding previously accepted from Peoples Gas, through Resolution No. 174 of 2017 and Resolution No. 843 of 2015, in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred And Eighty Two Dollars And Two Cents (\$26,582.02) for the Love Your Block Program and further authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into mini-grant reimbursement agreements with qualified nonprofit and community-based organizations to complete block revitalization projects at a cost not to exceed Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$51,582.02).

**Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

### COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0253](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for March 31, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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 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

[2020-0251](#) 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 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**

[2020-0254](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 31, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Burgess, 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:** 1 - Council Member Coghill

**Abstain:** 0

[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.

**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

[2020-0231](#) 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.

**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

[2020-0232](#) 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.

**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

[2020-0233](#) 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.

**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**

[2020-0255](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 31, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

**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**