

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 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****PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0286](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a an amendment or amendments to the Full Requirements Service Agreement with Direct Energy Business LLC for the continued supply of electricity to the City's buildings and facilities in connection with City's aggregated purchase of electricity with other members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0287](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission to rehabilitate the windows of the Oliver Bath House. The grant proposal includes a request of \$100,000.00 with a local match of \$100,000.00 to be provided in the 2021 City of Pittsburgh Capital Budget (4550100121.50000.00). In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0288](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund for the Jefferson Recreation and Technical Center, New Building. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0289](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund to construct the the Robert E Williams Memorial Park, New Park Building. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0290](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC)'s Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund, for the Brighton Heights Healthy Active Living Center, Building Renovation. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0291](#) Resolution granting unto DOUG BERNSTEIN, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a 2' aerial overhang, on a proposed new construction house, at 4837 Blackberry Way, in the 9th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0292](#) Resolution granting unto FORREST T. PASSERIN, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 1627 Penn Avenue, in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0299](#)

Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into contracts or cooperation agreements with Grounded Strategies, for the purposes of implementing a CityFarms pilot project, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER
COGHILL

Councilwoman Strassburger voted No to Waive Rule 8.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0300](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” by transferring a total of \$45,000 to the CityFarms capital project.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER
COGHILL

Councilwoman Strassburger voted No to Waive Rule 8.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0293](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) in favor of Michelle and Paul Corey and their attorney, Ainsman Levine, LLC, 310 Grant St., Ste. 1500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2300, 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.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0298](#)

Resolution authorizing and directing the Directors of the Departments of Finance and City Planning to establish incentives that encourage and empower residents to create and maintain urban gardens and urban agriculture sites.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0283](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 15, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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

[2020-0266](#) 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).

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

[2020-0278](#) Resolution amending Resolution 813 of 2019 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC to serve as Bond Counsel for the purpose of rendering any and all necessary opinions with respect to the Bonds and preparing such additional documents as may be necessary. Total costs shall not exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$112,500.00) over a three year period (2020, 2021, 2022).

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

[2020-0279](#) Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of Non-Electoral Debt through the issuance of a series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Sixty One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$161,250,000.00).

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

[2020-0284](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 15, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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).

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

[2020-0285](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 15, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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).

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

[2020-0258](#)

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).

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

[2020-0259](#)

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).

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

[2020-0260](#)

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).

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

[2020-0261](#)

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).

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

[2020-0262](#)

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).

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