

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 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

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 REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0326](#) Resolution establishing the Greater Pittsburgh Covid-19 Racial Equity Task Force.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0311](#) Resolution providing for use of an Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., Controllers contract #51851, in order to assist the City with Traffic Support Services, and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, not to exceed \$31,656.71.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0312](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to apply for a grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's (RAAC) Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund in the amount of \$443,659.00 to provide funding for Shadyside Streetscape Improvements, and if awarded, enter into a grant agreement with RAAC. The grant application includes local matching funds in the amount of \$192,000.00. In the event this grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed Six Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine (\$635,659.00) dollars for this stated purpose, chargeable and payable from City of Pittsburgh capital accounts **6074011519.50000.00** and **6074011420.50000.00**, and a grant account to be established upon award.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0313](#) 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 seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 12th; in 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.

[2020-0314](#) 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 increasing various Community Development Block Grant program line items to reflect the allocation of CDBG-COVID 19 funding and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements on behalf of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0315](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Hawke McKeon & Sniscak, LLP, 100 North Tenth Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 for legal services in connection with PUC matters, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0316](#) Resolution appointing Tausha Saunders as a Member of the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Ms. Saunders will be serving the remainder of the term for a seat held by Mr. Harry Johnson who had resigned.

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

Enactment No: 194

[2020-0317](#) Resolution appointing JaLissa D. Coffee, M.Ed. to serve as a Member of the Gender Equity Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2023. Ms. Coffee will fill a seat that had been vacant.

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

Enactment No: 195

[2020-0318](#) Resolution appointing Aftyn Giles to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 196

[2020-0319](#)

Resolution appointing Anna Archer to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 197

[2020-0320](#)

Resolution appointing Alicia Carberry to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 198

[2020-0321](#)

Resolution appointing Christopher Mitchell to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 199

[2020-0322](#)

Resolution appointing Erika Young to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 200

[2020-0323](#)

Resolution appointing Kelly Wacker to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 201

[2020-0324](#)

Resolution appointing NaTisha Washington to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 202

[2020-0325](#)

Resolution appointing Myrna Newman to serve as a Member of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire May 31st, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 203

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

[2020-0308](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0309](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0288](#)

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.

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

[2020-0289](#)

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.

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

[2020-0290](#)

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.

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

[2020-0291](#)

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.

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

[2020-0292](#)

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.

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

[2020-0310](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 29, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2019-2418](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial, to P, Parks, property with frontage on East Carson St., S 12th St., and Roland Way, identified as Block 3-H, Lot 15 in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System, 17th Ward.

(Public Hearing held 4/22/2020)

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

[2020-0281](#) Resolution directing the Directors of the Departments of Finance and City Planning to create a pilot program and identify sites citywide that can be used to foster urban agriculture.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS, COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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

[2020-0298](#) 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 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

[2020-0304](#) Resolution providing for the establishment of a Lease Agreement with the Allegheny County Conservation District for six (6) City-owned parcels as the site of a demonstration project for cost-effective urban brownfields remediation. The study will be of no cost to the City.

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

[2020-0313](#) 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 seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 12th; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER