

# City of Pittsburgh

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



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, May 12, 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

[2020-0338](#)

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the 25 individual students of the 2020 graduating class of Community Day School for their qualities and achievements that make all of them so special and congratulates them as they receive their diplomas from CDS and head to high school; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 22, 2020, to be "***COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 DAY***" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 215

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

## COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0329](#)

Resolution granting unto SUMMIT HOSPITALITY 139 LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 947 Penn Avenue, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

[2020-0330](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 316 of 2018, previously amended by Resolution number 78 of 2020, originally entitled “Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, providing for the preliminary design and final design, services during construction, and miscellaneous services for traffic signal installation of the South Side Signals Project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed \$390,213.38.”, which was amended by Resolution 78 of 2020 to authorize a new total project cost up to but not to exceed \$536,000.00 to be further amended with this Resolution to account for an increase in federal funding where costs associated with the Southside Signals project have been converted from 80 percent federal and 20 percent local split to 100 percent federally reimbursable. The total project cost remains the same, not to exceed \$536,000.00.

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

[2020-0331](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program”, by increasing 18TH STREET SIGNAL UPDATES (TIP) by \$39,000.55 to reflect the project now being 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Administration.

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

[2020-0337](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Department of City Planning, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and James Simon, for the creation and installation of public art at Townsend Park located at 803 Ernie Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, at a cost not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

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

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

[2020-0332](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the County of Allegheny and Partner4Work for the shared operation and administration of the 2020 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

[2020-0333](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an agreement with Goodwill of Southwestern PA for administrative services related to the 2020 Learn and Earn Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed \$227,374.26.

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

**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

[2020-0334](#) 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 19th; 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.**

[2020-0335](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a professional services agreement or agreements or a retainer agreement or agreements with the law firm of Motley Rice LLC as special legal counsel to: 1) determine the economic impact that prescription opioids have had on the City of Pittsburgh and its residents and 2) based on such evidence, to investigate and, if appropriate, to commence and prosecute litigation against manufacturers, distributors, insurance companies and/or prescribers of prescription opiates for damages to the City of Pittsburgh arising out of marketing, manufacturing, distribution and/or prescribing of opiates.

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

[2020-0336](#) **Resolution amending Resolution #183 of 2020, entitled “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) by replacing the entirety of Resolution 183 with new language, in order to conform to state and federal laws.**

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

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:**

[2020-0339](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget” by transferring a total of \$70,669.69 from multiple projects within District 1 Neighborhood Needs to District 1 DPW Projects.

**SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES**

[2020-0327](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for May 6, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0307](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six Conduct, Article V Discrimination, Chapter 659 Unlawful Practices, Section §659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices and Section §659.04 Unlawful Public Accommodation Practices to prohibit housing and public accommodation discrimination based on perceived or actual citizenship or immigration status and perceived or actual preferred language.

**SPONSOR /S:** COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

**CO-SPONSOR /S:** Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Burgess and 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

**COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

[2020-0328](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 6, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0305](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of City Planning to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding for the master planning process of Fowler Park. The grant proposal includes an ask of up to \$40,000 with a local match of up to \$40,000 to come out of the 2021 City of Pittsburgh Capital Budget - JDE # 1109500121.50000.00. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND (\$80,000.00) 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

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## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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**Abstain:** 0

## EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## ADJOURNMENT

## LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER