

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 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

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

- Present** 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
- Absent** 1 - Council Member Coghill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0353](#) **WHEREAS**, Albert Burnelis will be honored by friends and relatives on August 22, 2020 in celebration of his 100th birthday on May 21, 2020; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 218

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0342](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Community Conservation Partnerships Program to provide funding to update the City's Urban Forest Master Plan. The grant proposal includes an ask of up to \$35,000 with a local match of up to \$35,000 to come out of the 2021 City of Pittsburgh Shade Tree Trust Fund. (4000285300.53901.00). In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0343](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to receive a grant from the Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Grant in the form of 60 Clear Stream special event recycling collection frames with signage frames, 60 cases of 100 bags/case, and 3-transport/storage carts, with a cash value of TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE (\$10,285.00) DOLLARS.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0344](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Stoebner Way from Larimer Avenue southeasterly an average distance of 123.47 feet, in the 12th Ward, 9th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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:

[2020-0345](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Fair Housing Partnership, to provide comprehensive fair housing training to all relevant staff members of the City of Pittsburgh, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, the Urban Redevelopment Authority, and private housing providers. Training will include understanding affirmatively furthering fair housing, reasonable accommodation and modifications, and general fair housing laws, in an amount not to exceed Sixty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$64,750.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0346](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and/or the Director of the Department of Finance and/or the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to execute as necessary, Instruments for the Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants in favor of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (“ALCOSAN”) to permit the installation of green infrastructure projects on designated vacant lots, park sites, and rights-of-way, as funded by ALCOSAN Grow Grants awarded to the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”); and further authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure and/or the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into any other necessary Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh, PWSA, and/or ALCOSAN necessary to implement the Grow Grant projects for the benefit of the public.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0347](#) 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 26th; 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.

Enactment No: 225

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0348](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to receive grant funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services to assist in the City's Emergency Medical Services' efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus and further providing an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND SIXTY SIX CENTS (\$138,162.66) for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0349](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 493 of 2019, which had previously amended Resolution No. 133 of 2018, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a three-year professional services agreement or agreements with Johnson Controls for security camera integration and support services, by transferring funds from equipment & supplies to professional services.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0350](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into an agreement with Cohen Law Group and CTC Technology & Energy for the renegotiation of the City's Cable Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Verizon, and certain additional telecommunications consulting services; and further providing final payment to SmartWorks Partners for work provided under an agreement authorized by Resolutions 741 and 748 of 2018.

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0351](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 90 of 2020 informing City Council of the reappointment of Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Urban Redevelopment by changing the term expiration date to December 2, 2024 in order to comply with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Act, Section 6.

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

Enactment No: 219

[2020-0352](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting an acting pay approval Patrick Cornell per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0340](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 13, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 222

[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).

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 223

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

SPONSOR /S: 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: 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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 224

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0341](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 13, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 220

[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.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 221

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2020-0347](#)

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 26th; 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: 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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Enactment No: 225

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. Coghill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER