

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 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 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**

[2020-0401](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the Lemont Restaurant for its continued success; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, June 6, 2020 to be “**LeMont Restaurant 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: 250

[2020-0402](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby mourn the loss of a past colleague and friend who died peacefully on Sunday, May 31, 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Monday, June 8, 2020 to be “**Tonya Payne 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: 251

[2020-0408](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Mr. Bob Allen on his retirement and thank him for his many years of service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 9, 2020 to be “**Mr. Bob Allen 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: 252

[2020-0409](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Brenda Waters for her retirement and many years at KDKA and commend her for her selfless service to the community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, June 9, 2020 to be “**Brenda Waters 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: 253

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2020-0404](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Two--Fiscal, Article V-Special Funds, to add a new Chapter, Chapter 237 - “STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND”, to prioritize the prevention of violence and crime within communities and to create a budgetary obligation for the Fund.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0405](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One -- Administrative, Article III - Organization, Chapter 116: Department of Public Safety, to add a new subsection, § 116.02A - "Duty to Intervene", by requiring sworn and unsworn police employees and officers to stop or attempt to stop another employee or officer from applying inappropriate force or knowingly depriving any person of any constitutionally or statutorily-guaranteed right.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0406](#) Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One, Administrative, Article One, General Provisions, Chapter 103, Official Standards, by adding a new subsection, 103.06 - Prohibition on Acquisition of Military Equipment or Weaponry.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0410](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller to transfer a total of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from Police Salaries (Police Recruit Allowance) to the STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND, within the 2020 Operating Budget.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0394](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements with the United States Army Corp of Engineers for purposes of cooperation toward certain remediation work to flood control devices along Saw Mill Run; including authorization to expend fund at an amount not to exceed three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000.00) toward said project.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0395](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Pashek + MTR, for professional landscape architectural services for Arsenal Park Phase I Design, by increasing the total allocation to \$544,174.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0396](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Temporary Right of Entry and License Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the URA for the purpose of improvements to the playground in Larimer park in the Larimer neighborhood.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0397](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 560 of 2019, effective September 1, 2019, entitled “Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$4,558,960.00 (Council Districts: All),” by including additional Emergency Small Business Support, Housing Stabilization Program, and URA Project Delivery deliverables pertaining to small business development, tenant assistance, homeowner assistance, and URA personnel, raising the total cost thereof to the amount not to exceed \$11,905,823.00 (Council Districts: All).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0403](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Executive Director of the Citizen Police Review Board to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Densus Group to provide Citizens Police Review Board with a third-party assessment of, and effective plan to address, police citizen engagement and use of force as it is currently deployed and providing for payment of the cost thereof in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0407](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller to transfer a total of \$25,000 as indicated from and to the following accounts within the 2020 Operating Budget.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0398](#)

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 June 16th; 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.**

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0399](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 875 of 2019 providing for an Agreement(s) and Contract(s) with ~~Openbox Design, LLC~~ **E. Holdings, Inc** to assist the City plan and develop a Community Visioning Study with the Department of City Planning and the East Hills and Lincoln Lemington-Belmar communities and provide for the payment at a cost thereof, not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

A motion was made to Suspend the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made that this matter be Motion to Reconsider. The motion carried.

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

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 THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0400](#)

Now Therefore, I WILLIAM PEDUTO, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh and laws of the City of Pittsburgh, hereby direct all of the following:

1. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on June 5, 2020 and subject to applicable law including, but not limited to, rights granted under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the executive orders of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is the policy of the City of Pittsburgh to encourage postponement and cancellation of all community or public gatherings in excess of 250 people. Organizers of events are advised to consult guidelines of the CDC, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Allegheny County Health Department before planning any event.
2. This Order rescinds Executive Orders 2020-001 and 2020-002.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded in writing by the Mayor.

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

[2020-0391](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0366](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into Access Agreements with Collective Efforts, LLC, for two City-owned sites located at 700 Herron Avenue and 3300 Webster Avenue to conduct a Phase II Environmental Assessment and further authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Finance to enter into any necessary agreement or agreements with North Side Industrial Development Company to document the terms of its use of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant funds to cover the costs of these assessments.

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

[2020-0367](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 (“Acceptance of Gifts to City”) of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to accept a donation from the Tree of Life Congregation of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to be deposited into the Public Safety Support Trust Fund.

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

[2020-0369](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a Request for Proposal in search of qualifying organizations to complete a performance audit of contracts between non-profit organizations and the City of Pittsburgh

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0392](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0358](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for ongoing wetland monitoring and reporting in Nine Mile Run, Frick Park in the amount of \$29,000.00 through 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

[2020-0359](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance by the City of Pittsburgh of the dedication of certain property in the Smallman Street project in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh for public highway purposes, and further accepting any grading, paving, lighting, curbing, traffic signals, street trees and public utilities located therein and fixing the width and position of the roadway and sidewalk thereof.

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

[2020-0360](#) Resolution vacating a certain portion of Smallman Street, situate in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, 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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0393](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 1, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0382](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Family Mediation Center of Western Pennsylvania, to provide mediation between tenants and landlords and training to community members to prevent evictions in the City of Pittsburgh. Training for community members will help establish a peer mediation program to prevent issues between landlords and their tenants early on, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2020-0398](#) 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 June 16th; 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

Council President Kail-Smith called for a Cablecast Public Hearing and Post Agenda relative to policing in the City of Pittsburgh.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER