

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 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

[2020-0427](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 16, 2020 to be ***“William Russell Robinson Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2020-0428](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 16, 2020 to be ***“Reverend Doctor James Henry McLemore Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

[2020-0429](#) ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby claims this victory, and celebrates the lives and right of the LGBTQIA+ community to live their lives unfettered and free of bigotry, hate, and violence and declares June 2020 ***“PRIDE MONTH”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0416](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh to enter into temporary construction easements, in lieu of eminent domain, with the owners of certain property in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, known as 318 Arlington Avenue and 320 Arlington Avenue for landslide remediation work related to public roadway purposes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0417](#) Resolution, vacating a portion of Woolslayer Way, beginning at a point on the northerly right of way line of Woolslayer Way, to its westerly terminus, in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0418](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the CMU 5th and Clyde Residence Hall and Campus Hub, 4735 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0419](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the CMU Forbes and Beeler Residence Hall, 5087 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0420](#) 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 23rd; 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.

[2020-0421](#) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement or agreements with Point Park University to allow students, under teacher supervision, to provide creative and strategic services on a volunteer basis to the City on an on-going, project specific basis, such as for marketing for 2020 census outreach.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0422](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Littler Mendelson, PC, P.O. Box 207137, Dallas, TX 75320-7137, in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars and Five Cents (\$10,112.05) for professional legal services regarding an employment matter.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0423](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a five-year professional services agreement or agreements with Cover Your Assets, LLC for a web-based secondary employment scheduling system in an amount not-to-exceed Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$853,925.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0424](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a professional services agreement or agreements with Smith Detection for upgrades to two Sabre 5000 detection devices in an amount not-to-exceed Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$10,280.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0430](#) 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 gender identity and gender expression.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

CO-SPONSOR /S: Council Member O'Connor and Council Member Kraus

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2020-0431](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement or agreements or adoption of existing government contracts with ePlus Technology, Inc. for commodities and professional services for system critical adjustments, improvements, and upgrades to maintain the City of Pittsburgh's network functionality.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

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:

[2020-0425](#) Resolution appointing Sarah Kinter as Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections of the City of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

[2020-0426](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting the City of Pittsburgh Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending March 31, 2020.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

[2020-0411](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 10, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0384](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Tree of Life Grant to reimburse the City for Public Safety overtime during the Tree of Life Incident and the Rosfeld Trial and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,500,000.00) 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

[2020-0385](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Hillman Family Foundations to support the City's partnership with Operation Better Block to support the ongoing efforts of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and its Group Violence Intervention program and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) 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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0412](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 10, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0379](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Summerlea Street, from the Southwestern corner property line of the Port Authority Tax Parcel No. 84-J-145, and said point of beginning of Pierce Street, in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

[2020-0413](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 10, 2020 with a **NEGATIVE** Recommendation.

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

[2020-0252](#) Resolution consenting to an amendment to the eTRID Planning Study and authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to take necessary actions to seek necessary consent for and, if obtained, to undertake an amended Planning Study as a prerequisite to considering an amendment to the current East Liberty Transit Revitalization Investment District Boundary.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Council Member Coghill abstained.

A motion was made that this matter be Failed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 3 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, and Council Member Kraus

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2020-0414](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for June 10, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0386](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Workiva, Inc. to provide a subscription-based budget publishing software solution for a sum not to exceed \$167,136 over four years and for the payment of the costs 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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0415](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 10, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0380](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for East Jefferson Street Townhouses at 128, 130, 132, and 134 East Jefferson Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212.

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

[2020-0420](#) 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 23rd; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER