

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 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

[2020-0444](#) **WHEREAS**, since 1865, Juneteenth, the celebration of the end of chattel slavery and passage of the 13th Amendment, has been recognized and celebrated in 47 states throughout America; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 272

[2020-0445](#) **WHEREAS**, the City of Pittsburgh strives to meet the highest standards of humane animal care and husbandry and to promote responsible pet ownership through public education and outreach; and

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

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

Enactment No: 273

[2020-0446](#) **WHEREAS**, the global COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a massive public health and economic crisis, the deep impacts of which are intertwined, with our nation's states left to deal with both ends of the crisis on their own in many ways; and

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

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

Enactment No: 274

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2020-0447](#)

Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2020 November General Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Two, Executive, be amended and supplemented by amending the language and adding new language to Sections 229 and 230 to expand the powers of the Independent Citizen Police Review Board to allow the Board to carry out its original mandate to investigate police misconduct and improve police-community relations?"

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0448](#)

Resolution Declaring that Black Lives Matter and Black Communities Matter in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0436](#)

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 four HOMEOWNERS for the purpose of repairing the slope through soil stabilization at the rear of the HOMEOWNERS' property adjacent and in FRICK Park.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0437](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Forte Condominiums, 2637-2641 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0438](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Pittsburgh Distilling Company, 2401 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0439](#) 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 30th; 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.**

[2020-0440](#) An Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code Title One: Administration, Article IX: Boards, Commissions and Authorities by adding Chapter 179G to establish the LGBTQIA+ Commission in order to advocate for equity for the LGBTQIA+ community in Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0441](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the US Department of Justice for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (\$676,895.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0442](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 389 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to existing agreements to purchase Accela Civic Platform and Accela Citizen Access subscription and cloud hosting services so as to extend the contract an additional year until June 30, 2021, and increase the not-to-exceed cost from \$1,269,962.16 to \$1,289,919.29.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0443](#) Communication from Jessie B. Ramey, Ph.D, Chair of the Gender Equity Commission, submitting the Gender Equity Commission recommendations to City Council.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

[2020-0432](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 17, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0395](#) 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.

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

[2020-0396](#) 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.

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 BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2020-0433](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for June 17, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

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

[2020-0434](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for June 17, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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 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

[2020-0435](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 17, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0381](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 1709-1715 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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

[2020-0397](#) 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).

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

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member Lavelle

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER