

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 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

[2020-0667](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and thank the partnership between Fogo de Chão Restaurant and the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh for providing services to insecure families during the COVID19 pandemic.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 434

[2020-0668](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, The Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls upon its representatives and citizens to take the person first pledge and commit to reducing the stigmatization of individuals with a substance use disorder.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 435

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0656](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Studio Zewde, for the professional landscape architectural services for Homewood Park Infrastructure Upgrades at a cost not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thirty Thousand and Fourteen Dollars (\$1,630,014.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0657](#) Resolution granting unto ROBERT J LEWIS, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign to the front of the existing building, at 1344 Fifth Avenue, in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0658](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for A Safe Place to Stay project which will involve interior and exterior renovations to the existing eight-story building located at 326 Third Avenue into office space on floors one through six and a rooming house on floors seven and eight for A Safe Place to Stay program. The building address is 326 Third Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the 1st Ward.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0659](#) Resolution amending Resolution 401 of 2017 which authorizes the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with CHR Catering Company Inc. for the purposes of providing the City of Pittsburgh with beverage and snack food vending services through vending machines.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0660](#) Resolution amending Resolution 642 of 2017 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with RT Lawrence Corporation for the provision of a remittance processing system.

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

[2020-0661](#) Resolution amending Resolution 738 of 2019 which provided for a professional services agreement or agreements with NCR Corporation, to provide city-wide credit, debit, and e-check payment services for the collection of various program and permitting fees for the City of Pittsburgh by exercising the option to extend the term of the Agreement for one year at no additional cost and updating the name of the vendor.

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0662](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) in support of the Food Matters Regional Initiative. The study will be no cost to the City.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0663](#) Resolution appointing Mr. Chaz Kellem to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations for a term to expire August 30, 2024. Mr. Kellem will be serving in a seat held by Ms. BJ Samson, who has resigned.

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

[2020-0664](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of Finance for Brandon Jones, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

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

[2020-0665](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of Public Works for Paul Abel, Keith McCarthy, John Minard, 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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0654](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for August 26, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0628](#) Resolution granting unto The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 612 Smithfield Street, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, 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

Enactment No: 437

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0655](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for August 26, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

Enactment No: 436

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER