

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 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

- 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**

[2020-0690](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby comment the Third Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for its 75th anniversary of the Annual Conference.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 438

[2020-0691](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to hereby commend the Allegheny/Fayette County Labor Council for honoring veterans and serving our communities in various ways; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7, 2020 to be “**Allegheny/Fayette Central Labor Council Weekend**” 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: 439

[2020-0692](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh is proud to honor the members of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 76, for the work they do in empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of September to be “**Disabled American Veterans Month**” 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: 440

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2020-0681](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for North Negley Residences at 327 North Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0675](#) Resolution providing for the filing of applications by the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Human Services for grants in connection with the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN) and providing for the authorization to enter into agreements with various agencies and to pay for expenditures for costs to support, implement and administer the program. Cost not to exceed \$3,828,594

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0676](#) 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 twenty eight days (28) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until October 6th, 2020; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

Waived the Rules of Council

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

[2020-0677](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Cessy Portuguese, c/o her attorneys, Walter J. Nalducci, Esquire and Cutruzzola & Nalducci, 3300 Grant Building, 330 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, in the amount of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of an eminent domain case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 20-001786 by the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0678](#) Resolution authorizing eight (8) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with multiple vendors to provide professional services for Construction Management & Construction Inspection on an on-call basis as required related to the assessment, design, construction, and maintenance of the City's infrastructure, buildings, and lands as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed two million and five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) annually for a two (2) year term with up to two additional one year options, and providing for funding of the costs thereof,

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0679](#) Resolution authorizing nine (9) Open-End Professional Services Agreements with multiple vendors to provide professional services for Construction Management & Construction Inspection on an on-call basis as required related to the assessment, design, construction, and maintenance of the City's infrastructure, buildings, and lands as needed by the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, each Agreement being at an amount not-to-exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) annually for a two (2) year term with up to two additional one-year options, and providing for funding of the costs thereof,

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0680](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the University of Pittsburgh's Small Business Development Center, for training of, consultation with, and promotion of a curriculum aimed at developing skills for small business owners who do not yet do business with the City as part of the City's required deliverables for our Living Cities grant. The total cost shall not exceed \$30,000.00

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0689](#) Resolution amending resolution No. 768 of 2019, authorizing a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh (the “City”) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (the “Authority”) to divert 75% of the incremental parking taxes from the Garage (as defined below), up to a maximum of \$10,000,000.00 to fund affordable housing at the proposed City’s Edge development in the Uptown neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh, by adding language that would also allow for the funding of infrastructure, public-space improvements and a combined 508-space parking structure on site, as well as reducing the amount of proposed affordable housing units from 77 to 63.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0682](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as The Hanauer-Rosenberg House, located at 417 Lockhart Street (8-D-149), in Deutschtown, in the 23rd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2020-0683](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as The Spring Hill School, located at 1351 Damas Street (47-L-300), in Spring Hill, in the 24th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for Public Hearing)

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

[2020-0684](#) Resolution approving a new Institutional Master Plan under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article II, Chapter 905, Section 905.03.D and Article VII, Chapter 922, Section 922.12.G for Allegheny General Hospital “Institutional Master Plan” dated August 17, 2020 on property zoned EMI, Educational/Medical Institution District, 8th Ward, Council District No.7.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0685](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Ms. Leah Northrop as a Member of the City-County Task Force on Disabilities for a term to expire December 31, 2021. Ms. Northrop will be serving a seat held that has been vacant.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0686](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Mr. Mark Schmeler as a Member of the City-County Task Force on Disabilities for a term to expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Schmeler will be serving a seat held that has been vacant.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0687](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Mr. Kai Roberts as a Member of the City-County Task Force on Disabilities for a term to expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Roberts will be serving a seat held that has been vacant.

Read, Received and Filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0669](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0638](#) Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title II: Fiscal; Article I: Administration; Chapter 219: Operating Budget; Section 219.03 Collaborative Budgeting Process.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Gross

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2020-0639](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of a warrant to Cocoapreneur, LLC. for the sponsorship of events related to small business engagement and education.

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

[2020-0640](#)

Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Brenda Richmond, Administratrix of the Estate of Christopher M. Thompkins, c/o J. Kerrington Lewis, Esquire, Lewis, Lewis & Reilly, 1040 Fifth Avenue, 1st Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a litigation filed at No. 2:2018-cv-00319 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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

[2020-0641](#)

Resolution amending Resolution #431 authorizing the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with DeForest, Koscelnik, Yokitis & Berardinelli, Koppers Building, 30th Floor, 436 Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services regarding ethics matters by increasing the total cost Fifteen Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) from Thirty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$30,000.00) to Forty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$45,000.00).

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

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0670](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0642](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Scanlon Fiber Optics LLC in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$29,950.86) for the installation of in-car camera access points for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police.

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

[2020-0643](#) Resolution authorizing the City's Department of Public Safety to purchase hazardous material emergency response equipment from Midland Manufacturing Corp. at a cost not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$13,801.86).

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0671](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0624](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a License and Maintenance Agreement in which the City grants to Walnut Capital a right to plant and maintain landscape improvements upon City property along Bakery Square Boulevard in Mellon Park.

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

[2020-0625](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's Senior Community Center Grant to make improvements at the Hazelwood Healthy Active Living Center and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$65,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 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

[2020-0626](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's Senior Community Center Grant to make improvements at the Sheraden Healthy Active Living Center and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FORTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$45,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 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

[2020-0627](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's Senior Community Center Grant to make improvements at the South Side Market House Active Living Center and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIFTY ONE THOUSAND (\$51,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 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

[2020-0629](#) Resolution granting unto Renewal Inc., their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new exhaust flue that will project into the right of way, at 329 Boulevard of the Allies, in the 1st 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: 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

[2020-0630](#) Resolution granting unto SMITH BROTHERS BOGGS LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, (3) new canopy covered awnings, on an existing building, at 120 Federal Street, in the 22nd Ward, 1st 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: 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

[2020-0631](#) Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Penn Avenue Reconstruction Phase II project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Eight Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$825,000.00) dollars; federally reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars.

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0672](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0644](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to apply for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Blight Remediation Program to study City owned vacant lots in the Homewood Neighborhood. The grant proposal includes an ask of \$25,000.00 with a local match of \$2,500.00 to come out of the City of Pittsburgh's 2020 Operating Budget. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$27,500.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2020-0674](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0621](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Department of Parks and Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Allegheny County, Department of Human Services, for the City's operation of its Senior Community Centers. Said agreement or agreement shall be for a term of one year at no cost to the City with compensation to the City not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND and FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$783,450.00).

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

[2020-0622](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the DHS-OCR-Keys Service Corps in an amount not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS, for the payment of the 2019 AmeriCorp Keys Summer Program which provides funding for hosting 17 youth to participate in the Department of Parks and Recreation Educational Programming Jobs Training for the summer. The AmeriCorp members who participated in this program worked alongside Citiparks staff to support the multi-site summer camps; and providing for the payment thereof.

Passed Finally

[2020-0623](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the National Recreation and Park Association to provide emergency funding relief for costs incurred by the City's Summer Food Program due to the Corona Virus and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

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

Aye: 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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2020-0673](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for September 2, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2020-0633](#) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement or agreements with Allegheny CleanWays to grant a license to Allegheny CleanWays to enter onto certain City-owned parcels in order to perform certain work including assessment and removal of litter and illegal dumping. This agreement will also allow access to certain Department of Public Works division facilities by Allegheny CleanWays for disposal of collected litter and illegal dumping.

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

[2020-0636](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Sweetbriar Houses at 450-454 Sweetbriar Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER