

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 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** 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

[2020-0722](#)

WHEREAS, The Congress of Neighboring of Communities (**CONNECT**) brings together the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding municipalities to identify common public policy challenges and advocate for collective change on behalf of Allegheny County's urban core; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 457

[2020-0723](#)

WHEREAS, public infrastructure impacts United States residents throughout their daily life and includes roads, railroads, bridges, water supply and treatment, sewage treatment, dams, stormwater collection, and public parks, and;

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 458

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2020-0702](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to hereby name the previously unnamed trail in South Side Park to KEELING COAL TRAIL.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2020-0703](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to hereby name the previously unnamed multimodal trail in Highland Park to CATTAIL TRAIL.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0701](#) Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title IV: Public Places and Property; Article I: Public Right of Way; Chapter 416: Obstructions: Sections 416.20 Approval Process for Sidewalk Café, Including Permits and Fees to further extend the effectiveness of certain temporary expedited measures for the City of Pittsburgh sidewalk café permit application process for an additional 60 days.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0704](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with The Pennsylvania Resources Council for Public Recycling Education, and provision of outreach for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$37,000.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0705](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 504, effective August 1, 2019, entitled “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 Renaissance 3 Architects, for the professional architecture services for Robert E. Williams Community Building - Reconstruction and Design Documents, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$147,807.00),” by increasing the total allocation to \$237,342.45.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0706](#) Resolution providing for an agreement with KCI Technologies for design, engineering and miscellaneous services associated with the 28th Street Bridge construction project; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand (\$900,000.00) dollars.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2020-0707](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Brighton Woods Road be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works[2020-0710](#)

Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the 28th Street Bridge construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$1,220,000.00) dollars; reimbursable at ninety five percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works[2020-0711](#)

Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the multiple phases of the Liberty Avenue Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Six Million, Five Hundred Eighty Five Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Six (\$6,585,556.00) dollars; federally reimbursable at ninety percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works[2020-0717](#)

Resolution amending Resolution # 23 of 2018 “authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Coordination Services and Recycling, Inc. for the purpose of providing electronic waste collection and recycling services for all City residents.” By adding additional funding for budget years 2021 and 2022.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**[2020-0708](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Grandview Avenue Townhomes project, Pittsburgh, PA 15211.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs[2020-0709](#)

Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 38th Street Maisons de Ville Townhomes project, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0712](#) Resolution approving an Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Center That CARES or a related entity to be formed, for the sale of Block 9-S, Lots 253 and 275, and Block 10-N, Lots 165, 168, 169, and 170, in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0713](#) Resolution authorizing acceptance of the dedication of certain properties owned by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in the Liberty Green Park project, located in the 11th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, accepting any grading, paving, lighting, curbing, traffic signals, street trees and public utilities located therein (Council District 9).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0714](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all the City's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following publicly-owned properties in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 124-N, Lots 162, 163, 167-2, and 193, located on the west side of Carver Street between Ashley Street and Paulson Avenue, at the northwest corner of Carver Street and Paulson Avenue, and on the east side of Carver Street between Ashley Street and Paulson Avenue (Council District No. 9).

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0715](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) in favor of Deborah Trzeciak, c/o Thomas J. McClain, Esquire, Dugan & Associates, 4 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 as final settlement related to the action filed in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania and charging same to 11101.108000.58.58105.2020.

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0716](#) 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 Allegheny County Medical Society Foundation of Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$5,640.00) to be deposited into the Public Safety Support Trust Fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2020-0718](#) Resolution amending Resolution #329 of 2020 which authorized the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a maintenance agreement with OPEX Corporation for maintenance services related to the FalconRED document scanning workstation by exercising the option to extend the term of the agreement for one year at a cost not to exceed Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,710.00).

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2020-0719](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program", by reducing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$12,500 and increasing 28TH STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$250,000 to reflect the local, Federal Highway Administration, and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation shares.

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0720](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting a One Thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) donation in the form of two foot operated hand sanitizing stations and ten gallons of hand sanitizer from Axon.

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

[2020-0721](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Public Works for George Gipko, 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

[2020-0615](#) Resolution appointing Ms. Rosamaria Cristello as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 5, 2025. Ms. Cristello will be serving a seat that had been held by Margaret Lanier who has retired.

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

Enactment No: 459

[2020-0616](#) Resolution appointing Ms. BJ Leber as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 1, 2023. Ms. Leber will be serving a seat that had been held by Chaton Turner whose term has expired.

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

Enactment No: 460

[2020-0617](#) Resolution appointing Dr. Audrey Murrell as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2023. Dr. Murrell will be serving a seat that had been vacant.

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

Enactment No: 461

[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 Approved. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 462

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0693](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 9, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0694](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for September 9, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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).

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

[2020-0657](#) 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.

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**

[2020-0695](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for September 9, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0696](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for September 9, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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

[2020-0697](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for September 9, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

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 - Mr. Coghill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER