

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 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 Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

Absent 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2020-0780](#)

WHEREAS, the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association was founded in 1998 by resident volunteers to address community matters of Pittsburgh's South Side Slopes neighborhood, which spans the sprawling southern hillside along the Monongahela River. It is where neighbors treasure their sixty-eight sets of public stairs, the wilds of South Side Park, and the panoramic views of Pittsburgh's skyline and beyond; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 484

[2020-0781](#)

WHEREAS, the **Original Oyster House**, the oldest and most iconic Bar and Restaurant in Pittsburgh, is designated as an Historic Landmark by the Pittsburgh History and Landmark Foundation and has only been owned by five families in its 150 year history; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 485

[2020-0782](#)

WHEREAS, Dr. Rahmon Hart is the current Director of Community Relations at Rivers Casino where one of his many roles is to implement and oversee diversity and community engagement initiatives; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 486

[2020-0783](#) **WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention week is October 4 - October 10, 2020 with the National theme “Serve Up fire Safety in the Kitchen!” to educate the public on simple actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 487

[2020-0784](#) **WHEREAS**, in 1968, President Lyndon Johnson began the observance of Hispanic Heritage Week, which was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 488

[2020-0785](#) **WHEREAS**, the 25th Annual Fineview Step Challenge, hosted by the Fineview Citizens Council (FCC), will take place on Saturday, October 10; and

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 489

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2020-0763](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education or another vendor chosen through the City bid process for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2020-2021 Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Eight Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00).

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2020-0764](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the United States Tennis Association to provide supplies to reopen the Mellon Tennis bubble which is currently closed to the public due to the COVID 19 Pandemic and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) dollars for this state purpose.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2020-0765](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Rachael O. Afolabi in an amount not to exceed ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS, for the payment of services for the introduction of Technology, Training, Development and Delivery Services rendered to the youth of the City at some of the CitiParks Recreation Centers; and providing for the payment thereof.

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2020-0777](#) Ordinance, amending Ordinance 22 of 2020, entitled “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 and adding new language to Sections 229 and 230 and adding a new Section, 231, expanding the powers of the Independent Citizen Police Review Board to allow the Board to require police officers to participate in investigations, conducting performance audits of the Police Bureau and preventing the removal of Board members except for just cause and with City Council approval” to remove the requirement to mail to every registered elector in the City.

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2020-0766](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Federal Department of Homeland Security to install diesel exhaust apparatus in multiple Emergency Medical Service’s stations and further providing an agreement and expenditures not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$591,625.75) for this state purpose. Supplemental funds from the City of Pittsburgh’s 2021 Capital budget are required in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS (\$446,457.96) for this stated purpose for a total project cost of ONE MILLION THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-ONE CENTS (\$1,038,083.71).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0767](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 5803 Centre Avenue Residential/Retail Development.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0768](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Carnegie Mellon University Scaife Hall, 4805 Frew Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0779](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of liquor license, License No.R-12796, from Affolder Enterprises, Inc., c/o Susan Affolder, 8026 Edwood Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 to the Applicant, Cabaret LLC, for the premises located at 7926 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, known as "Cabaret, LLC", pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2020-0769](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Six Conduct, Article V Discrimination, Chapter 659 Unlawful Practices, Sections 659.02 Unlawful Employment Practices, 659.03 Unlawful Housing Practices, and 659.04 Unlawful Public Accommodations Practices to prohibit employment, housing, and public accommodation discrimination based on hairstyle and protective and cultural hair textures and hairstyles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0770](#) 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 thirty-six days (36) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until November 10th, 2020; 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.

[2020-0771](#) Resolution amending resolution 880 of 2019, which authorized the fee schedule for 2020 pursuant to Chapter 170 of the City Code, in order to update the fees associated with the Schenley Park Ice Rink for the remainder of 2020.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0772](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$392,000.00) in favor of DH, a minor, by and through her natural guardian CRH, c/o The Law Offices of Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, as final settlement related to the action filed at 2:18-cv-01258-NJR in the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0773](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into three Sponsorship Agreements for the Richard S. Caliguiri Great Race.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0778](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Darlington Court be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0774](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Gallagher-Kieffer House, located at 234 Ditheridge Street (27-H-115), in North Oakland, in the 4th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2020-0775](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as The Herron Hill Pumping Station, located at 4501 Centre Avenue (27-D-35), in North Oakland, in the 5th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

[2020-0776](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as St. John Vianney Church, located at 225 Allen Street (14-F-209), in Allentown, in the 18th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2020-0758](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for September 30, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0733](#) Resolution amending Resolution 838 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and Chief Equity Officer to execute relevant agreements with Neighborhood Allies to implement the creation of Financial Empowerment Centers within the City of Pittsburgh, by adding four additional years and increasing funding to offer the service through 2023 at a cost not-to-exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000).

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0734](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into an agreement or agreements with the Allegheny County Bar Association to provide legal advertising to the City of Pittsburgh for performing state mandated advertising of Treasurer's Sales.

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2020-0759](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for September 30, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0735](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 246 of 2020, which had previously amended Resolution No. 493 of 2019 and Resolution No. 133 of 2018, authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a third amended professional services agreement or agreements with Johnson Controls for continued security camera integration and support services at a cost of \$587,400, extending such agreement(s) for one year, and increasing the overall agreement compensation to \$5,690,002.

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0760](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for September 30, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0730](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Mulberry Way be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0731](#) Resolution granting unto The Brashear Association, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a new subsurface water meter vault for new domestic and fire service, at 314 Brownsville Road, in the 30th Ward, 3rd 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 Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

[2020-0736](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 549 of 2019 “authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Works to enter into an Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (hereinafter referred to as “PDP”) for services rendered by Clean Team ambassadors within the South Side PED” by extending the contract for a term of two years at an annual cost not-to-exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2020-0761](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for September 30, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0732](#) Resolution providing for a Professional Service Agreement with Big Picture Lab, LLC for video production services in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). Of the total cost, Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) will come from the HUD Trust Fund and Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) will come from the Commission's Community Development Block Grant funding.

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0762](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for September 30, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0645](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain site known as The Shrine of the Blessed Mother, located off Wakefield Street (29-B-215, 29-B-216, 29-C-23, 29-C-21, 29-C-20, 29-C-19, 29-C-18, 29-C-17, 29-C-16, 29-C-15), in South Oakland, in the 4th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

(Public Hearing held 9/23/20)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Burgess

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2020-0770](#)

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 thirty-six days (36) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until November 10th, 2020; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

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 Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kail-Smith

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mrs. Kail-Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER