

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 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****PUBLIC COMMENTS****PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2020-0916](#) Resolution granting unto RCH PITTSBURGH LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install (2) new entrance canopies, at 3234 Liberty Avenue, in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2020-0916 Cover Ltr -council](#)

[2020-0916-3234 LIBERTY AVE COMPLETE APPLICATION](#)

[Summary 2020-0916](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2020-0917](#) 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 10th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 50-E, Lot 21, Block 50-F, Lots 101 and 130, and Block 50-K, Lots 89 and 94, located at 424 N. Mathilda Street, 4938 and 5120 Rosetta Street, and 4921 and 5001 Broad Street, respectively (Council District No. 9).

Attachments: [2020-0917 Cover Ltr -BCG Letter 111720.docx](#)

[Summary 2020-0917](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0918](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and 2P110-Cares, Inc. or a related entity to be formed, for the sale of Lot 1 in the Project Cares Consolidation Plan, currently being a portion of Block 2-P, Lot 110, all of Block 2-P, Lot 120, and a to-be-vacated stretch of old First Avenue adjoining such parcels to the south, in the 1st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2020-0918 Cover Ltr -Project Cares Letter 111720.docx](#)

[Summary 2020-0918](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0919](#) 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 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 175-H, Lot 49 located at 7907 Susquehanna Street (Council District No. 9).

Attachments: [2020-0919 Cover Ltr -7907 Susquehanna Letter 111720.docx](#)

[Summary 2020-0919](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2020-0920](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with Sister Cities Association of Pittsburgh, as a single-source provider, to manage the City of Pittsburgh's relationships and programming with its Sister Cities and develop new partnerships with cities throughout the world at a cost not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000).

Attachments: [2020-0920 Cover Ltr -SCAP Mayor Letter](#)

[Summary 2020-0920](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2020-0921](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sales. ITEMS A through C: A: 0 Faust, B: 0 Province, C: 926 Morrison.

Attachments: [2020-0921 Cover Ltr -Council Letter Auction](#)

[2020-0921 -Auction_November_2020](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2020-0922](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program. ITEMS A through G: A: 855 Inwood, B: 1123 Morrison, C: 540 McClintock, D: 629 Chautauqua, E: 1620 Marquis, F: 2037 Brightridge, G: 0 Brightridge.

Attachments: [2020-0922 Cover Ltr -Council Letter Sideyard](#)

[2020-0922-Sideyard_November_2020](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2020-0923](#) Resolution authorizing the City's Department of Public Safety to purchase an HP Plotter T2600PS printer at a cost not to exceed Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$12,394).

Attachments: [2020-0923 Cover Ltr-201117 - AmCom Plotter - Council](#)

[2020-0923-City of Pittsburgh HP Plotter T2600PS Quote
10.15.20](#)

[2020-0923-WCP20-029 AMCOM](#)

[Summary 2020-0923](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0924](#) Resolution authorizing the City's Department of Public Safety to enter into relevant agreements to purchase document management software from Power DMS, Inc. on an as-needed basis at set negotiated prices to be determined over a term of three years.

Attachments: [2020-0924 Cover Ltr -PowerDMS -Council Letter \(002\)](#)

[2020-0924-Renewal Quote](#)

[2020-0924-WCP20-031 Power DMS](#)

[Summary 2020-0924](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2020-0925](#) Resolution further amending Resolution number 795 of 2015, as amended, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Public Works, Office of Management and Budget, Finance, and Parks and Recreation to enter into a Lease Agreement with C R JRS CHIP, Inc. d/b/a The First Tee of Pittsburgh at the Bob O'Connor Golf Course at Schenley Park” in order to add an additional \$362,531 of funding to the lease authorization.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Attachments: [Summary 2020-0925](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2020-0926](#) Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article IV, Chapter 910, Section 910.01.D.1 to Meyer, Unkovic & Scott on behalf of 429 FORBES - KPP II FORBES AVENUE LLC, for the transfer of Development Rights involving 87 dwelling units from 201 Stanwix Street (Block and Lot 1-G-75), “GT-D” Golden Triangle Subdistrict D, to 429 Forbes Avenue (Block and Lot 2-E-155) , zoned “GT-B” Golden Triangle Subdistrict B, 1st Ward, Council District No. 6.

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

Attachments: [2020-0926 Cover Ltr -City Council Cover Letter 429 Forbes Ave TDR](#)
[2020-0926-ZDR-2020-05367 CUA for TDR at 429 Forbes staff report](#)
[Summary 2020-0926](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2020-0927](#) An Ordinance providing for special conditions for the operation and use of Paid Sick under the Paid Sick Days Act during and due to the crisis presented by COVID-19 through inclusion in the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances of Chapter 626A: Temporary Emergency COVID-19 Paid Sick Conditions.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

[2020-0913](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0838](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, Two PPG Place, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-5402 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$11,668.90).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0838 Cover Ltr-Dickie McCamey Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2020-0838](#)

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

[2020-0839](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC 300 Kanawha Boulevard, East, P.O. Box 273, Charleston, WV 25321-0273 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$6,985.17).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0839 Cover Ltr-Spilman Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2020-0839](#)

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

[2020-0840](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Thomas Thomas & Hafer, LLP, 525 William Penn Place, 37th Floor, Suite 3750, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Twenty Two Cents (\$5,448.22).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0840 Cover Ltr-Thomas Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2020-0840](#)

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

[2020-0841](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Tremba, Kinney, Greiner & Kerr, LLC, 302 West Otterman Street, Greensburg, PA 15601 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Forty Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$9,044.80).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0841 Cover Ltr-Tremba Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2020-0841](#)

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

[2020-0859](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Farrell Reisinger & Comber LLC, 436 7th Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 for professional legal services in connection with a police litigation matter at 2:18-cv-01567-CB for an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Thirty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$20,030.40).

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0859 Cover Ltr-Farrell Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2020-0859](#)

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

[2020-0860](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ira and Mary Ann Ritter c/o, of their attorney, D. Scott Lautner, Esquire, 68 Old Clairton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, in the amount of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 18-002921 by Plaintiffs.

(Executive Session held 11/16/20)

Attachments: [2020-0860 Cover Ltr-Letter to Council re Ritter settlement](#)

[Summary 2020-0860](#)

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

[2020-0875](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into an agreement or agreements with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in order to conduct a Work Smart training program as part of a pay equity initiative designed to reduce the gender pay gap in Pittsburgh and further providing for the expenditures under the terms of said agreements at a cost not to exceed THIRTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS (\$39,959).

Attachments: [2020-0875- Cover Ltr -AAUW Mayor Letter](#)

[2020-0875 -WCP20-039 AAUW](#)

[Summary 2020-0875](#)

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

[2020-0876](#) Resolution amending resolution 635 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) between the City of Pittsburgh and the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) in order to receive training and develop a racial equity toolkit, in order to extend the contract for an additional year and add technical assistance for building and implementing a Racial Equity Toolkit and developing an equity lens for each Department's budgeting process at a total cost not to exceed SIXTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (\$61,235), subject to appropriation.

Attachments: [2020-0876- Cover Ltr -GARE Mayor Letter](#)

[Summary 2020-0876](#)

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

[2020-0877](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief Equity Officer to enter into an agreement or agreements with Nth Party in order to collect and provide disaggregated data related to a pay equity initiative designed to reduce the gender pay gap in Pittsburgh and further providing for the expenditures under the terms of said agreements at a cost not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

Attachments: [2020-0877- Cover Ltr -Nth Party Mayor Letter](#)

[2020-0877-WCP20-038 Nth Party](#)

[Summary 2020-0877](#)

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

[2020-0889](#) Resolution authorizing all City departments, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, to enter into facilities usage agreements for the purpose of permitting groups and individuals to rent City-owned facilities for recreational and community-focused activities during the 2021 calendar year. The City shall not charge more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per rental agreement.

Attachments: [2020-0889- Cover Ltr -Facilities Use 2021](#)

[Summary 2020-0889](#)

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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2020-0914](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for November 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2020-0872](#) Resolution providing for a reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Swindell Bridge project construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand (\$770,000.00) 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.

Attachments: [2020-0872- Cover Ltr -Swindell PE Letter-Letterhead 6-16-2020 signed](#)
[2020-0872 -114150.Swindell.PE. Exhibit A](#)
[Summary 2020-0872](#)

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

[2020-0873](#) Resolution granting unto HIGH SIX ASSOCIATES LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install (2) new projecting signs, at 146 6th Street, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2020-0873 -Cover Ltr -council](#)
[2020-0873 -146 6th St Encroachment - Memo and Council Letter and Application](#)
[Summary 2020-0873](#)

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 BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2020-0915](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for November 18, 2020 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

Attachments: [2020-0774 Cover Ltr- SIGNED_Gallagher Kieffer Cover Letter](#)

[9.25.20](#)

[Summary 2020-0774](#)

[2020-0774 Gallagher-Kieffer House Council Packet](#)

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

[2020-0775](#) 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.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

Attachments: [2020-0775 Cover Ltr- SIGNED_Herron Hill Cover Letter](#)

[9.25.20\[1\]](#)

[Summary 2020-0775](#)

[2020-0775 Herron Hill Pumping Station Council Packet](#)

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

[2020-0776](#) 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.

(Public Hearing held 11/10/20)

Attachments: [2020-0776 Cover Ltr- SIGNED St John Vianney Cover Letter 9.25.20](#)
[Summary 2020-0776](#)

[2020-0776 St. John Vianney Council Packet](#)

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development. The motion carried.

[2020-0890](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, 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 increasing Community Development Block Grant line items by \$3,112,342.00 to reflect the allocation of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2020-0890- Cover Ltr -2019 Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG-CV3\) Letter 110420 \(2\)](#)

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

[2020-0891](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,216,133.00 and 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,140,292.00.

Attachments: [2020-0891- Cover Ltr -2020 Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG\) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS \(HOPWA\) Letter 110420 \(2\) Summary 2020-0891](#)

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER