

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

[2021-1288](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Eagle Scout Dante Green for his outstanding achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, March 14, 2021 to be ***“Eagle Scout Dante Greene Day”*** 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: 152

[2021-1289](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Eagle Scout Samuel James Senkowicz for his outstanding achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, March 14, 2021 to be ***“Eagle Scout Samuel James Senkowicz Day”*** 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: 153

[2021-1290](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Pittsburgh thanks and commends Rob Conroy for his work and dedication to the cause of enacting local and national sensible gun legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby declares Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 to be “**Rob Conroy Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 154

[2021-1291](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby address the United States Congress and the Pennsylvania General Assembly; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call for immediate action to raise the minimum wage to \$15.

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

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

Enactment No: 155

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1267](#)

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 through December 31, 2021.

Attachments: [2021-1267 Cover Ltr Mayor Letter Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance 12-31-21](#)
[Summary 2021-1267](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1268](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 647 of 2020, effective December 23, 2020, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2021 Capital Budget and the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2021 through 2026 Capital Improvement Program”, by increasing BRIDGE UPGRADES by \$190,000.

Attachments: [2021-1268 Cover Ltr 2021 Bridge Upgrades Legislation Letter 030221](#)
[Summary 2021-1268](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1269](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Hermitage Street be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [2021-1269 Cover Ltr Hermitage Street \(concrete\) Overlay Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1269](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1270](#) Resolution providing for a reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the construction phase of the 30th Street Bridge construction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$1,600,000.00) dollars; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars.

Attachments: [2021-1270 Cover Ltr 30th Street RA Legislation Letter signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1270](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1271](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City, to enter into a Lease Agreement with Beaver Avenue Associates, LLC, to provide a leased space at 1301 Beaver Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, for the purposes of housing the Facilities Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, for the total cost not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six-Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$266,616.00), including utilities, over a two-year period with an option for two one-year extensions if necessary at the same lease rate.

Attachments: [2021-1271 Cover Ltr Directors Letter - Lease Agreement Public Works Facilities Maintenance](#)
[Summary 2021-1271](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works**COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:**

[2021-1272](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for proposed land development located at 3209 & 3211 Dobson Street at the parcels numbered 26-E-40 & 26-E-41, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Attachments: [2021-1272 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Cover Letter - 3209, 3211 Dobson St](#)
[2021-1272 161939-Component 3](#)
[2021-1272 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 3209, 3211 Dobson St](#)
[Summary 2021-1272](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1273](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Catherine Terrace at 618/620/622/624 Elmore St & 621/623/625/627 Perry St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Attachments: [2021-1273 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Cover Letter - Catherine Terrace](#)
[2021-1273 Compiled Law Submission 2020 02 11](#)
[2021-1273 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - Catherine Terrace \(3\)](#)
[Summary 2021-1273](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1274](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 5007 Lytle Street, 15th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15207.

Attachments: [2021-1274 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Cover Letter 5007 Lytle St](#)
[2021-1274 5007 Lytle St - SFPM - CoP Resolution Docs](#)
[2021-1274 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 5007 Lytle St \(2\)](#)
[Summary 2021-1274](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1275](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement with the Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, to provide training on the Fair Housing Act to staff of the City of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and/or Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, and to private landlords operating in Pittsburgh; and, to provide quarterly presentations and technical assistance on the Fair Housing Act to staff of the City of Pittsburgh, Urban Redevelopment Authority, and/or Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$259,000.00).

Attachments: [2021-1275 Cover Ltr CDBG Fair Housing Training Letter 030121](#)

[Summary 2021-1275](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2021-1279](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s) and/or Contract(s) with NEOGOV for the upgrade and continual maintenance of software for HR workforce management, applicant tracking, and Civil Service testing, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$88,698.41.

Attachments: [2021-1279 Cover Ltr Neogov LTR Council Resolution 1.2021](#)

[2021-1279 Neogov InSight TMS Validation Form 2021](#)

[2021-1279 Waiver letter - NeoGov](#)

[2021-1279 WCP21-011 NeoGov](#)

[Summary 2021-1279](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1276](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) in favor of Will El & Todd J. Hollis, c/o Todd J. Hollis, Esquire, as final settlement of all claims, costs, and fees related to this Plaintiff only in the police related action filed at 2:15-cv-00834 in the US District Court which has been pending in multiple stages of litigation since 2015.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2021-1276 Cover Ltr Will El Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1276](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1277](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Joann Ducouer and her attorney, Bernard C. Caputo, Esquire, in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$12,500.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at GD 14-010902 in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2021-1277 Cover Ltr Ducouer Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1277](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1278](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Chris Boyle Law Enforcement Consulting, LLC, 1759 Fort Washington Avenue, Ambler, PA for professional consulting services in connection with litigation in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2021-1278 Cover Ltr CBC Council ltr](#)

[Summary 2021-1278](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1280](#) Resolution appointing Councilman Reverend Ricky V. Burgess as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Councilman Reverend Burgess will serve in one of two seats reserved for members of Pittsburgh City Council whose districts contain a predominant number of racial minorities.

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

Enactment No: 156

[2021-1281](#) Resolution appointing Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Councilman Lavelle will serve in one of two seats reserved for members of Pittsburgh City Council whose districts contain a predominant number of racial minorities.

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

Enactment No: 157

[2021-1282](#) Resolution appointing Councilman DeWitt Walton as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Councilman Walton will serve in a seat reserved for a member of Allegheny County Council whose district contains a significant number of City residents who are racial minorities.

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

Enactment No: 158

[2021-1283](#) Resolution appointing State Representative Jake Wheatley as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Representative Wheatley will serve in a seat reserved for a Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

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

Enactment No: 159

[2021-1284](#) Resolution appointing Jam Hammond as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Director Hammond will serve in a seat reserved for the Executive Director of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations.

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

Enactment No: 160

[2021-1285](#) Resolution appointing Majestic Lane as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Mr. Lane will serve in a seat reserved for the Chief Equity Officer of the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Enactment No: 161

[2021-1286](#) Resolution appointing Jarah Doose as a Member of the Commission on Racial Equity. Ms. Doose will serve in a seat reserved for a representative of the office of the member of the United States House of Representatives whose district contains the largest proportion of the City as measured by population. Ms. Doose will represent United States Congressman Mike Doyle.

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

Enactment No: 162

[2021-1287](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation for Edward Ulrich, 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**

[2021-1264](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for March 3, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1220](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Victor Stanley Inc. for litter can monitoring software and hardware components by increasing the total allocation to \$380,145.00

Attachments: [2021-1220 Cover Ltr Victor Stanley Legislation - signed \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1220](#)

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: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Abstain: 0

[2021-1221](#) Resolution granting unto 2614 SMALLMAN ASSOCIATES LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install light fixtures an entry canopy, exterior façade cladding, and a set of existing stairs at 211 26th Street in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1221 Cover Ltr council](#)

[2021-1221 211 26th Street encroachment application and letters](#)

[Summary 2021-1221](#)

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

[2021-1222](#) Resolution granting unto GALA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, (2) projecting signs, a shed style awning, and (2) existing light fixtures, at 2112 Penn Ave in the 2nd Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1222 Cover Ltr council](#)

[2021-1222 2112 Penn Ave Encroachment application and letters signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1222](#)

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

[2021-1223](#) Resolution granting unto PEDANTIC LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing concrete block planter, at 110 South Atlantic Ave, in the 8th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1223 Cover Ltr council](#)

[2021-1223 110 South Atlantic Avenue Encroachment Permit Application](#)
[Summary 2021-1223](#)

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

[2021-1224](#) Resolution granting unto 610 WOOD ST PARTNERS LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a projecting blade sign, at 610 Wood Street in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1224 Cover Ltr council](#)

[2021-1224 610 Wood Street app and letters for signature](#)

[Summary 2021-1224](#)

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

[2021-1225](#) Resolution providing for an supplemental reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the CBD Signals project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Ninety Four Thousand (\$2,494,000.00) dollars; reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) dollars, a Zero (\$0) increase from the previous agreement.

Attachments: [2021-1225 Cover Ltr CBD Signals RA Supplement Legislation](#)

[Letter signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1225](#)

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

[2021-1226](#) Resolution amending Resolution 107 of 2019, entitled “Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, providing for the planning, design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, operations, and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the production of the Complete Streets Design Guidelines and associated projects” to increase the total not to exceed to \$488,971.00 for payment of work performed by Utile, Inc. (#53063).

Attachments: [2021-1226 Cover Ltr Utile Complete Streets AmendmentLetter,](#)
[Letterhead](#)
[Summary 2021-1226](#)

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

[2021-1265](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for March 3, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1230](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 840 of 2019, effective December 23, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2020 Capital Budget and the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2020 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program”, by restoring WAR MEMORIALS to WAR MEMORIALS AND PUBLIC ART.

Attachments: [2021-1230 Cover Ltr 2020 Public Art Letter 021521](#)
[Summary 2021-1230](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2021-1266](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for March 3, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1227](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 3250 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Attachments: [2021-1227 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter - 3250 Liberty Avenue](#)
[2021-1227 Brewer's Block Comp. 4A](#)
[2021-1227 -City Planning Module Combined](#)
[2021-1227 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council for Brewers Block](#)
[Summary 2021-1227](#)

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

[2021-1228](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the 3213-3215 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Attachments: [2021-1228 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter \(3213 -3215 Penn Ave\)](#)
[2021-1228 2021-02-10 SFPM 3213-3215 Penn Avenue](#)
[2021-1228 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 3213-3215 Penn Ave](#)
[Summary 2021-1228](#)

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

[2021-1229](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Gupta - Butler St project, Lots 80-L-3 & 80-L-4, Pittsburgh, PA 15201.

Attachments: [2021-1229 Cover Ltr Sewer Module Resolution Cover Letter - Gupta Properties - Butler St Project](#)
[2021-1229 210209 - 19-1241 - Gupta - Butler St - Planning Module Compiled](#)
[2021-1229 Gupta Butler St. SFPM Component 4A](#)
[2021-1229 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - Gupta Properties, LLC - Butler St. Project Summary 2021-1229](#)

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