

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 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 Coghil, 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**

[2021-1388](#)

WHEREAS, Black Maternal Health Week was started by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, a Black women-led cross-sectoral alliance centering Black mothers to advocate, drive research, build power, and shift cultural paradigms for Black maternal health, rights, and justice; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 242

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2021-1389](#)

Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to establish a joint Pittsburgh Recovery Task Force consisting of representatives of the Office of the Mayor, President of Council, President Pro-Tempore and Chairman, Committee on Finance and Law, City Council, to oversee the distribution of funds allocated to the City of Pittsburgh pursuant to the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 (“ARPA”).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS AND COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Attachments: [2021-1389 Summary](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1379](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Memorandum or Memoranda of Understanding with the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (“WPEC”), for aggregated purchasing of electricity, prorated cost-sharing amongst WPEC members as well as the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of the members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC) in order to procure electricity at lower costs and increase City’s use of renewable energy sources.

Attachments: [2021-1379 Cover Ltr WPEC MOU Director's Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1379](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1380](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Professional Services Agreement or Agreements and/or Commodity Master Agreement(s) with Direct Energy Business LLC (“Direct Energy”) for the supply of electricity to City buildings and facilities, as well as additional services including those in regards to the establishment of a subaccount on behalf of the members of the Western Pennsylvania Energy Consortium (WPEC). Said services shall be performed in conjunction with guidance provided by City’s energy consultant, Enel X North America, Inc. (“Enel X”).

Attachments: [2021-1380 Cover Ltr Direct Energy Director's Letter](#)

[2021-1380 Waiver letter - Direct Energy Business LLC \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1380](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1381](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the administration of certain projects and programs, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. (Council Districts: All).

Attachments: [2021-1381 Cover Ltr 2021 Paygo Fiscal Letter 040621.docx \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1381](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2021-1382](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Human Resources and Civil Service to enter into an Amended Lease Agreement or Agreements with Wood Street Commons Commercial LLC to continue leasing office space in 304 Wood Street for the Pittsburgh Partnership for a sum not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$1,359,654.82) over five years, and for the payment of the costs thereof.

Attachments: [2021-1382 Cover Ltr to City Council for Wood Street Commons](#)

[2021-1382 EORC Wavier EARN](#)

[Summary 2021-1382](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2021-1383](#) Resolution amending resolution 491 of 2019 providing for an Agreement, or Agreements, with the CREATE Lab at Carnegie Mellon University, to develop an interactive mapping tool utilizing local housing data regarding discrimination, displacement, eviction, and gentrification to help provide evidence for systemic and complex housing complaints, and to better coordinate outreach efforts with local advocacy agencies, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$20,000.00~~ \$30,000.00.

Attachments: [2021-1383 Cover Ltr CMU Housing Map Project - Amending Resolution letter](#)

[2021-1383 WCP21-014 Carnegie Mellon CREATE Lab](#)

[Summary 2021-1383](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1384](#) 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-nine (29) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 11th, 2021; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

Attachments: [2021-1384 Cover Ltr COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Mayor Letter 5.11.21](#)

[2021-1384 Exhibit A-Emergency Declaration](#)

[Summary 2021-1384](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under the Rules of Council. The motion carried.

Enactment No: 255

[2021-1385](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a License Agreement or Agreements with Mistick Construction Company and certain related entities to allow the performance of site preparation work on designated City property in order to facilitate the construction of Cal-Bride Place, an affordable housing development.

Attachments: [2021-1385 Cover Ltr Council Letter Mistick License](#)
[Summary 2021-1385](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1387](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting a TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) dollar donations to the Department of Emergency Medical Services in the form of 4,000 gowns, 2,880 N 95 masks, 6,000 surgical masks, and 400 face shields from Allegheny Health Network.

Attachments: [2021-1387 AHN PPE donation 2021 Appendix A](#)
[2021-1387 Communication to Council_AHN Donation](#)

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2021-1374](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 7, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1331](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of MGT of America Consulting, LLC, P. O. Box 17780, Clearwater, Florida 33762-0780 in the amount of Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) relating to a case filed in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at G.D. 15-023074.

(Executive Session held 4-6-21)

Attachments: [2021-1331 Cover Ltr Letter to Council re expert payment](#)

[Summary 2021-1331](#)

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

Enactment No: 246

[2021-1350](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Wheels, Inc. Attn: Michelle #20264, P.O. Box 5046, Des Plains, IL 600617-5046, in the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$36,256.95) in settlement of a claim for damage to a vehicle from a 3-vehicle accident on PA SR 22/30 involving a City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services vehicle.

Attachments: [2021-1350 Cover Ltr-Claim No. 20C-0034 - Wheels Inc. -](#)

[Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1350](#)

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

Enactment No: 253

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2021-1375](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 7, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1346](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, with Peoples Natural Gas Company to provide a Permanent Easement for additional and/or relocated natural gas pipelines and necessary accessories at the South Side Park as part of a joint City- People's Natural Gas project to improve the South Side Park in the South Side neighborhood.

Attachments: [2021-1346 Cover Ltr-PW letter DOC013](#)

[2021-1346 -Exhibit A -Metes and Bounds Survey](#)

[2021-1346 -Exhibit B -Proposed Easement](#)

[Summary 2021-1346](#)

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

Enactment No: 249

[2021-1347](#) Resolution amending Resolution 145 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Quetica for professional services relating to fleet telematics and snow route optimization, by extending the term for two years at an increase of \$384,376.00 for a new cost not to exceed \$2,116,208.00.

Attachments: [2021-1347 Cover Ltr-Quetica Resolution Letter kp signed](#)
[2021-1347 -Quetica - Pittsburgh subscription fees 210312](#)
[Summary 2021-1347](#)

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

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

No: 2 - Council Member Coghill, and Council Member Kail-Smith

Abstain: 0

Enactment No: 250

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

[2021-1376](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for April 7, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1369](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Pittsburgh Mailing in the amount of \$7,175.00 for open enrollment printing services provided to the Department of Human Resources & Civil Service due to Print Shop closure during the pandemic.

Attachments: [2021-1369 Cover Letter-HR letter](#)
[2021-1369 -HR invoice](#)
[Summary 2021-1369](#)

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

Enactment No: 254

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2021-1377](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for April 7, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1344](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an agreement or agreements with Pittsburgh Baseball Umpires Association in the amount of \$6,000.00 for umpire services during the 2021 calendar year.

Attachments: [2021-1344 Cover Ltr-2021 Pittsburgh Baseball Umpires Association Ltr Summary 2021-1344](#)

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

Enactment No: 247

[2021-1345](#) Resolution authorizing the City's Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into relevant agreements with Sonitrol of Pittsburgh for security through video monitoring and alarm systems, along with repairs at Parks and Recreation facilities at set negotiated prices to be determined over a term of three years.

Attachments: [2021-1345 Cover Ltr-2021 Sonitrol of Pittsburgh Purchasing Letter](#)
[2021-1345 -WCP21-013 Sonitrol](#)
[Summary 2021-1345](#)

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

Enactment No: 248

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2021-1378](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 7, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1348](#) Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement or Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh (“City”) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) to establish ownership and maintenance responsibilities for a Flood Early Warning System within the right-of-ways of Washington Boulevard, Allegheny River Boulevard, Butler Street, Highland Drive and further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, effective December 28, 2017, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2018 Capital Budget and the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2018 through 2023 Capital Improvement Program” by increasing FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS by \$170,899.79 to reflect reimbursement of previously expended City funds.

Attachments: [2021-1348 Cover Ltr-Washington Boulevard Flood Gates Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1348](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 251

[2021-1349](#) Resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (the "**Authority**") to establish the size of the Board of the Authority at a number not less than five and not more than nine.

Attachments: [2021-1349 Cover Ltr-Mayor Letter PWSA Board Size AOI](#)
[Summary 2021-1349](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Gross

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 252

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2021-1306](#) Resolution appointing Mark Anthony Thomas as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 4, 2026. Mr. Thomas will be serving in a seat that had been vacant.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Gross

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 243

[2021-1307](#) Resolution appointing Margaret McCormick Barron as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 5, 2025. Ms. McCormick Barron will be serving in a seat that had been held by Margaret Lanier who has retired.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Gross

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 244

[2021-1308](#) Resolution appointing Alex Sculli as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for a term to expire January 4, 2026. Mr. Sculli will be serving in a seat that had been held by Paul Leger who has retired.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 1 - Council Member Gross

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 245

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2021-1384](#) 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-nine (29) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 11th, 2021; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

Attachments: [2021-1384 Cover Ltr COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Mayor Letter 5.11.21](#)
[2021-1384 Exhibit A-Emergency Declaration](#)
[Summary 2021-1384](#)

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 Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Council Member O'Connor

Enactment No: 255

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER