



City of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROLL CALL

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

FINANCE AND LAW COMMITTEE, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR

SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS

[2021-1413](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 400 of 2020, authorizing the Mayor and Directors of the Departments of Public Safety, Finance and/or Public Works to enter into an Agreement or Agreements for acquisition of real property and execution of related Agreements for the site of the former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility known as the Highland Drive Medical Center, located along the east side of Washington Boulevard (Highway PA-8) at 7180 Highland Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ("Property"), for construction of new facilities and renovation of existing facilities for emergency management and law enforcement uses by City's Department of Public Safety.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1397](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with David Wright, 27 Foster Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 for expert witness services related to pending civil rights litigation, filed at Case No. 2:18-cv-2019 in the US District Court, in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Executive Session. The motion carried.

INVOICES**INVOICES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The following departmental invoices not covered under a contract with the City shall be paid by the City Controller after the invoices have been approved by City Council at the April 28th Standing Committees meeting. A completed standard form detailing the expenditures is attached to all of the below listed invoices. No payments will be made to any of the below listed vendors prior the approval of City Council.

CITY COUNCIL

First Choice Coffee – coffee service (Dist. 9) 147.94

Municipal Code – Supplement 36, Update 2/Codification of Ordinances 4,290.00

OFFICE OF EQUITY

Global Wordsmiths – translation services 150.41

I&P

Spok Inc – pager services 293.98

Addy, Mimi – reimbursement for supplies 4.27

FINANCE

K-7 Parking Company – commercial parking lease for real estate 155.00

LAW

Planet Depos – transcripts and videoconferences 1,117.19

HUMAN RESOURCES

Network Deposition Services – off contract 2 day expedite charge 21.50

PLI

Mason, Farren Jr – reimbursement for state certification 104.87

Augello, Joseph – reimbursement for state certification 16.00

Michael Baker International – noise monitoring of Children’s Home 2,569.00

FIRE

Hydro Test Products – rebuilding kits for hydrotest machine 702.31

Firewater Response – replacement air filters for air scrubbers 1,878.74

OMI

Pennsylvania State Police – criminal checks for police candidates 638.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Herring, James – reimbursement for CDL 99.50

Gaines, Eddie – reimbursement for CDL 98.50

Sonitrol Security Systems – security system installation, Mayor’s office 1,100.00

Howland Company – steam leak repair, 1st floor real-estate office 2,575.00

Sickler Construction – roof stabilization at Old Hazelwood Library 4,800.00

PARKS & RECREATION

**Fast Times Screen Printing & Sign Co – promotional signs for Highland tennis
1,517.00**

DOMI

Troxler Electronics – testing and maintenance of asphalt scales for paving 128.46

**Neilly Canvas Goods Co – custom canvas signage related to Smallman St project
3,318.50**

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

INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

NONE

P-CARD APPROVALS

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

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P-Cards

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR. O'CONNOR, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-1087](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One -- Administrative, Article III - Organization, Chapter 116: Department of Public Safety, to add a new subsection, § 116.17 - “Prohibition on the Execution of ‘No-Knock’ Warrants”, by requiring all City police officers, when executing any warrant, to physically knock and announce the presence of police before entering a premises.”
(Executive Session held 2/1/21)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS, COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE, COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS AND COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

A motion was made that this matter be Held in the Committee on Public Safety Services, due back by 5/12/2021. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. COGHILL, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-1367](#)

Ordinance EXTINGUISHING an easement in 20-foot strip of real property adjacent to the easterly side of Twenty-First Street, 60-feet in width, between Smallman Street and Railroad in the Second Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee to the Committee on Public Works , due back by 5/5/2021. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1395](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funding from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Keystone Communities Grant program to provide funding for the construction of a new park building in the Robert E Williams Memorial Park. The grant proposal includes a request of \$500,000.00 with a local match of \$997,170.00 payable from the City of Pittsburgh's 2020 and 2021 Capital Budget. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY (\$1,497,170.00) DOLLARS for this stated purpose.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

[2021-1403](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution number 675 of 2008, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget and the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program" to change the Cityfarms deliverable from Brookline only to Brookline and District 7.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MR. WILSON, CHAIR**DEFERRED PAPERS**

[2021-1085](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine: Zoning Code, Article VI: Development Standards, Chapter 914: Parking, Loading, and Access by adding a new section 914.09.J: Parking Access for Single-Unit Attached Residential Uses to require rear or side access to off-street parking spaces for single-family attached dwellings.

(Public Hearing held 4/21/2021)

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

NEW PAPERS

[2021-1399](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Urban League of Pittsburgh, for the implementation/administration of the Housing Counseling Program, and related costs, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

URBAN RECREATION COMMITTEE, REV. BURGESS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1394](#) Resolution submitting the recommendation of the Commission on Naming Public Properties to deny the renaming of “Niagara Parklet” to “Oakcliffe Community Playground”.

(Public Hearing scheduled for 5/25/21)

A motion was made that this matter be NEGATIVELY RECOMMENDED.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 0

No: 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

Abstain: 0

A motion was made that this matter be Held for Public Hearing to the Committee on Hearings . The motion carried.

INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS. STRASSBURGER, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1398](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a contract and/or agreement and/or use an existing contract and/or agreement with Informing Design, Inc. and/or Homeless Children’s Education Fund to provide for the continued operation of the Big Burgh online application and providing for the payment of the cost thereof not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000).

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MS. GROSS, CHAIR**NEW PAPERS**

[2021-1396](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh’s Official Sewage Facilities Plan for 129 McKean Street commercial property at 129 McKean Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ~~15201~~ **15219**.

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

A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.