

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 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 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

Absent 1 - Council Member Coghill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**PROCLAMATIONS**

[2021-1582](#) **WHEREAS**, Angel Magwood and husband Eddie “Barnz” Magwood opened their second restaurant location, Back to the Foodture II, at Southside Works on Tuesday, May 4th, as it became the first Black owned restaurant to have a space at Southside Works ; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE, COUNCIL MEMBER KRAUS
AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 365

[2021-1583](#) **WHEREAS**, Lawrence Gerson, VMD, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1975 and founded Point Breeze Veterinary Clinic in 1977 as a family veterinary practice, providing care primarily for cats and dogs; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 366

[2021-1589](#) **WHEREAS**, the LGBTQIA+ community’s fight for equal dignity in the eyes of the law has spanned decades in the US; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 367

[2021-1590](#) **WHEREAS**, in preparation for the Juneteenth Holiday and events, Stop the Violence will be hosting a Juneteenth District 2 (D2) Kickoff Fest on Saturday, June 12th at Chartiers City Park; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 368

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1573](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps) in the amount of One Hundred and Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred and Two Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$172,502.26) for work in collaboration with the Saw Mill Run Local Protection Project.

Attachments: [2021-1573 Cover Letter-Warrant Army Corps Letter Letterhead](#)
[5.26.21](#)
[2021-1573 '97 Coop\(1\)](#)
[2021-1573 Army Bill Late](#)
[2021-1573 Saw Mill Run USACE Project\(1\)](#)
[Summary 2021-1573](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1574](#) Resolution providing for a supplementary Agreement with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for local costs associated with the State Route 0028, Section A09 project and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed One Hundred and Forty Four Thousand and Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$144,004.50).

Attachments: [2021-1574 Cover Letter-State Route 0028 Section A09 Letter,](#)
[Letterhead 1-13-2021](#)
[2021-1574 DRAFT AMENDED 118351A PENNDOT](#)
[CONTRIBUTION.May29.2019 \(1\) \(1\)](#)
[2021-1574 Legislation Details \(With Text\) \(56\) \(1\)](#)
[Summary 2021-1574](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1575](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer by the City of Pittsburgh to Allegheny County certain temporary construction easement rights on certain property within the 2nd, 22nd, and 23rd Wards of the City of Pittsburgh in cooperation with an Allegheny County construction project in and around the Roberto Clemente Bridge.

Attachments: [2021-1575 Cover Letter- Letter County TCE Rule 8 Request](#)

[2021-1575 TCE Exhibit A_1](#)

[2021-1575 TCE Exhibit B](#)

[Summary 2021-1575](#)

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:

[2021-1576](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Cal-Bride Place project, Northside of Pittsburgh, near intersection of California Avenue and Kirkbride Street Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Attachments: [2021-1576 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - Cal-Bride](#)

[Place](#)

[2021-1576-Cal-Bride Planning Module 3-21 REVmay](#)

[2021-1576-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Cal-Bride Place2](#)

[Summary 2021-1576](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1588](#) Resolution transferring a total of \$380,000 within the 2021 Operating Budget from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Parks & Recreation, for the purpose of increasing pay for lifeguards and reopening as many pools as possible for the 2021 season.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER
KAIL-SMITH

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 R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1577](#) 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-one (21) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until June 29th, 2021; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

Attachments: [2021-1577 Cover Letter-Mayor Letter Emergency Declaration 06.29.21](#)
[2021-1577 Exhibit A-Emergency Declaration](#)
[Summary 2021-1577](#)

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

[2021-1578](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of PMA Management Corp (Claim #L003049972), P.O. Box 2883, Clinton, IA, in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,920.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to a granite pillar at the entrance to St. Michael's Cemetery at 2729 S. 18th Street by a City PW high lift.

Attachments: 2021-1578 Cover Letter-PMA Subro as TPA for Catholic Cemeteries - Council Letter
[Summary 2021-1578](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1579](#) Resolution providing for the sale of certain property, acquired by the City of Pittsburgh at tax sale, 2046 Ley Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15212, Lot and Block Number 48-E-262 and thereafter authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed conveying all of the City's right, title and interest in and to said property to Pridewell, LLC.

Attachments: [2021-1579 Cover Letter-Ley St. Council ltr](#)
[Summary 2021-1579](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1580](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission's Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects to enhance discoverability and access to Pittsburgh's archival collections and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR (\$133,934.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [2021-1580 Cover Ltr NHPRC letter](#)

[2021-1580 Summary](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1581](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Historical and Archival Records Care grant to scan and rehouse 26 volumes of City Council Minute books (1816-1877) and 74 volumes of annexed borough books and further providing for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed EIGHT THOUSAND SIXTEEN (\$8,016.00) dollars for this stated purpose. The grant requires a match from the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND SIXTEEN (\$8,016.00) dollars for this stated purpose for a total project cost of SIXTEEN THOUSAND THIRTY TWO (\$16,032.00) dollars.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [2021-1581 Cover Ltr PHMC Archive Grant - letter](#)

[2021-1581 Summary](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1586](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City Code at Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds, Chapter 477: Permits and Fees, Section 477.01: Park Permit Procedures, Section 477.02: Fees for Swimming Pools, Golf Course, Skating Rinks and Other Recreational Facilities, so as to give priority to City residents for park facility rentals.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH, COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER

Attachments: [2021-1586 Summary](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

[2021-1567](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1475](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of warrant in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) to John H. McCurry in full and final settlement of an employment matter.

(Executive Session held 6/1/21)

Attachments: [2021-1475 Cover Ltr-McCurry Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1475](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2021-1501](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of William J. Miller, Jr. Esquire, 106 Rampart Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$25,200.00) for arbitration services rendered in connection with the City of Pittsburgh and FOP Act 111 Interest Arbitration.

(Executive Session held 6/1/21)

Attachments: [2021-1501 Cover Ltr Miller Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1501](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2021-1502](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Desiree Pinkston and her attorney, Michael J. Healey, Esquire, in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$28,500.00) in full and final settlement of litigation filed at No. 2:20-cv-1435 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

(Executive Session held 6/1/21)

Attachments: [2021-1502 Cover Ltr Pinkston - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1502](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2021-1568](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1521](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into relevant agreements or execute required purchase orders for two Throwbot 2 robots with Recon Robotics at a cost not to exceed Twenty-Six Thousand Six-Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$26,608).

Attachments: [2021-1521 Cover Letter-Recon Robotics Letter v2](#)
[2021-1521 -21-0089E Pittsburgh Police Department](#)
[2021-1521 -WCP21-021 Recon Robotics](#)
[Summary 2021-1521](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Burgess, 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 Gross

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2021-1569](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1518](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and various other stakeholders concerning certain historic mitigation measures to be taken by Norfolk Southern Railroad in the course of its replacement of the Merchant Street Bridge within the City of Pittsburgh.

Attachments: [2021-1518 Cover Letter-Merchant MOU Legislation cover letter signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1518](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2021-1570](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1529](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections of the City of Pittsburgh to apply for grant funding from the Allegheny County Department of Community and Economic Development's Act 152 Blight Removal Program to fund the demolition of six blighted structures throughout the City. In the event the grant is awarded, this resolution provides for an agreement and expenditures not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose. Supplemental funds in the amount of EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$87,750.00) dollars will come from the 2021 Capital Budget for a total project cost of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY (\$337,750.00) dollars.

Attachments: [2021-1529 Cover Letter-Allegheny County Blight Removal Program letter](#)
[2021-1529 -ATTACHMENT C](#)
[Summary 2021-1529](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

[2021-1571](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1526](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 315 of 2020, authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections and Innovation & Performance to enter into an agreement or agreements or amendments to existing agreements to purchase Accela Civic Platform and Accela Citizen Access subscription and cloud hosting services so as to extend the contract an additional year until June 30, 2022, and increase the not-to-exceed cost from \$1,289,919.29 to \$1,310,475.13.

Attachments: [2021-1526 Cover Letter-2021-22 ACCELA Amended Resolution Letter](#)
[2021-1526 -Accela_WCP request form_2.15.21 - signed](#)
[2021-1526 -Q-22577 - Renewal Quote - Pittsburgh 7.1.2021](#)
[Summary 2021-1526](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2021-1527](#) Resolution amending Resolution 238 of 2020, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Innovation and Performance to enter into an agreement with Cohen Law Group and CTC Technology & Energy for the renegotiation of the City’s Cable Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Verizon, and certain additional telecommunications consulting services; and further providing final payment to SmartWorks Partners for work provided under an agreement authorized by Resolutions 741 and 748 of 2018” to increase the total not-to-exceed amount for additional telecom and small cell facility support to a total of five hundred thirty-one thousand two hundred thirteen dollars and seventy cents (\$531,213.70) and to add an authorized signer.

Attachments: [2021-1527 Cover Letter-Small Cell Guidelines Amending Legislation Letterhead](#)
[Summary 2021-1527](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

[2021-1528](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 687 of 2019, which authorized the Mayor and Director of Innovation & performance, on behalf of City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Service Agreement (s) and/or Amendments with Planet Technologies for essential support and maintenance services for the continued operation of CITY’S SAAS email and data file collaboration, including Evolve 365 online training and telephone support related to any Microsoft 365 Software features increasing the authorized contract amount by Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$27,000)

Attachments: [2021-1528 Cover Letter-Planet Technologies Legislation Letter - 5-18-21 - signed](#)
[2021-1528 -WCP210-026 Planet Technologies](#)
[Summary 2021-1528](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2021-1572](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 2, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1544](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the 2020-2024 Amended and Restated Cooperation and Support Agreement (Operating) with The Allegheny Regional Asset District, The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and Allegheny County and to enter into an Amendment or Amendments thereto, and ratifying prior actions.

Attachments: [2021-1544 Cover Ltr CLP Co-Op Mayor Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1544](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

[2021-1577](#) 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-one (21) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until June 29th, 2021; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

Attachments: [2021-1577 Cover Letter-Mayor Letter Emergency Declaration 06.29.21](#)
[2021-1577 Exhibit A-Emergency Declaration](#)
[Summary 2021-1577](#)

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Coghill

Councilwoman Gross called for a Cablecast Post Agenda relative to zoning and the impact on fair housing.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. Coghill

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER