

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 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 7 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Coghill, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

Absent 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

[2021-1641](#) **WHEREAS**, the ties that bind immigrant families to Pittsburgh are part of the fabric of our city. During Immigrant Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the many and varied contributions of immigrants who came to this country to work hard and give a better life to their children; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 382

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1629](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Allegheny Center Alliance Church, 745 Union Place, Pittsburgh PA 15212.

Attachments: [2021-1629 Cover Letter Sewer Module Cover Letter - 745 Union Place \(Allegheny Center Alliance Church\)](#)
[2021-1629 2021 06 11 - Component 3 Package ACAC Hub](#)
[2021-1629 Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - ACAC Church Hub](#)
[Summary 2021-1629](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1630](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 819 of 2019, effective December 16, 2019, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning, in cooperation with the Director of the Department of Public Works, to accept funds from an Allegheny Regional Assets District “RADical ImPAct Grant” in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to fund public art projects in Emerald View Park, Frick Park, Highland Park, Riverview Park, and Schenley Park” to restate the recitals and further describe the use of funds.

Attachments: [2021-1630 Cover Letter Art in Parks Amending Resolution Letter Summary 2021-1630](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management

[2021-1631](#) 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 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 10-L, Lots 26 and 27, located at 2333 and 2331 Centre Avenue, respectively (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2021-1631 Cover Letter Terrace Hall Letter 061521.docx Summary 2021-1631](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1632](#) Resolution approving an Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and TomTom24 Development, LLC, or a related entity for the sale of Block 10-P, Lots 113, 113-A, 113-B, and 113-C, located at and surrounding 2178 Centre Avenue in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2021-1632 Cover Letter TomTom 24 Disposition 061521.docx Summary 2021-1632](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2021-1633](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a Right of Entry Agreement with Urban Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and City Source Associates to allow the removal of a tree located on designated City property.

Attachments: [2021-1633 Cover Letter Council Letter URA Right of Entry Summary 2021-1633](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1634](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Michael A. Douglas, 1914 Curranhill Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Eighty Eight Cents (\$2,717.88) in settlement of a claim for damage a parked vehicle and other property damage from a city salt truck on January 21, 2020.

Attachments: [2021-1634 Cover Letter-Michael A. Douglas - Council Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1634](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2021-1635](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a Police Traffic Services Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, for the purpose of receiving funds in the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$380,057.10) that will be used for enforcement of drunk and impaired driving as well as related outreach activities.

Attachments: [2021-1635 Cover Letter PTS grant letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1635](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2021-1636](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), for the purpose of receiving grant funds in the amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$291,142.00) that will be used to establish, coordinate and fund activities to prevent, combat and reduce auto theft.

Attachments: [2021-1636 Cover Letter ATPA grant](#)
[Summary 2021-1636](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2021-1640](#) Resolution amending Resolution 412 of 2020, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Safety to execute relevant Grant Agreements to receive funding from Allegheny County Health Department to develop a public health-informed diversion program and further providing for expenditures under the terms of said Agreements,” to increase the amount authorized by the Grant Agreement or Agreements and the amount authorized for expenditures.

Attachments: [2021-1640 Cover Letter Mayor Letter ACHD Year 2](#)

[Summary 2021-1640](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2021-1637](#) Resolution that the Mayor and the Director of City Planning, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, are hereby authorized to enter into a Professional Services Agreement for a public art project coordinator with Casey Droege Cultural Productions LLC to administer, coordinate, and document the City’s 2021 Art in Parks program., at a cost not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Attachments: [2021-1637 Cover Letter Art in Parks Coordinator Resolution](#)

[Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1637](#)

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

[2021-1638](#) 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 various line items funded by the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities For Persons with AIDS, and HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Attachments: [2021-1638 Cover Letter 2021 HUD Allocations Legislation Letter](#)

[061521 \(1\)](#)

[Summary 2021-1638](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1639](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting acting pay approval on behalf of the Department of Finance for Quiana Thomas, per the Acting Pay Policy revised in June 2018.

Attachments: [2021-1639 Acting Pay Memo_Q. Thomas-approved](#)
[2021-1639 Acting Pay Request - AFSCME 2719\(Quiana Thomas-2020\)](#)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2021-1623](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. 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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2021-1624](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1619](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a professional services agreement with Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., for the display of a fireworks show in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's Fourth of July festivities at an amount not to exceed EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000).

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O'CONNOR

Attachments: [2021-1619 Summary](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2021-1625](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[2021-1601](#) Resolution granting unto CHARLES DEES, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new ADA compliant entrance ramp, at 4748 Liberty Avenue in the 8th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1601 Cover Letter-council letter-4748 Liberty Ave](#)
[2021-1601-4748 Liberty Ave](#)
[Summary 2021-1601](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

[2021-1620](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797 of 2017, 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 reducing COWLEY RECREATION CENTER DEMOLITION & RECONSTRUCTION by \$928,567.00 and increasing REMEDIATION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$858,567.00 and TREE PLANTING by \$70,000.00.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

Attachments: [2021-1620 Summary](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2021-1626](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1616](#) 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,” so as to reduce NORTHSIDE CULTURAL COLLABORATIVE by \$10,000.00, and increase NORTHSIDE CULTURAL COLLABORATIVE AND NORTHSIDE NORTSHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE by \$10,000.00, and authorize a subsequent Agreement.

Attachments: [2021-1616 Cover Letter-Public Service Grant PY20 Reprogramming Summary 2021-1616](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

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

[2021-1627](#) Report of the Committee on Innovation, Performance and Asset Management for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1608](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ceridian HCM, Inc. in the amount of \$8,960.00 for professional software support hours provided to the Department of Human Resources & Civil Service.

Attachments: [2021-1608 Cover Letter-Ceridian Signed Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1608](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2021-1628](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 16, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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](#)

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 Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Kail-Smith, and Council Member Strassburger

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 - Council Member Kraus, and Council Member Wilson

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. Kraus & Mr. Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER