

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 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

[2021-1679](#) **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend B. Marshall for pioneering annual Juneteenth celebrations in Pittsburgh and helping to promote unity in our City; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 6, 2021 to be “**B. Marshall Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh and declares that the month of June, 2022 and every month of June thereafter to be “**B. Marshall Month**” 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: 432

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2021-1666](#) Resolution granting unto CIPIACI LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install a set of entry stairs and landing, at Ahlers Way, in the rear of, 1004 Constance Street #200, in the 23rd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1666 Cover Letter-Constance St council letter](#)

[2021-1666 -1004 Constance St. Encroachment](#)

[Summary 2021-1666](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1667](#) Resolution granting unto FLATS ON FORWARD LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to construct four (4) bays that will contain 43 housing units, at 5824 Forward Avenue, in the 14th Ward, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1667 Cover Letter-Forward Ave council letter](#)

[2021-1667 -5824 Forward Ave Encroachment_signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1667](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1668](#) Resolution granting unto JOE KONZIER, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new set of concrete entry steps, landing and a railing, at 4726 & 4728 Hatfield Street, in the 9th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1668 Cover Letter-Hatfield council letter](#)

[2021-1668 -4726_4728 Hatfield Street Encroachment_signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1668](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1669](#) Resolution approving the recommendation made by the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure that Ryolite Way be paved with asphalt in accordance with Section 417.06 of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

Attachments: [2021-1669 Cover Letter-Ryolite Way Overlay Letter](#)

[2021-1669 -Ryolite Way site map](#)

[Summary 2021-1669](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1670](#) Resolution amending Resolution 375 of 2020, entitled “Resolution providing for an amended reimbursement agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Engineering phase of the Smithfield Street reconstruction project, and providing for the payment of municipal incurred costs thereof, not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000.00) dollars; and the previously authorized municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.” To increase the total not to exceed to Nine Million Eighty Thousand dollars (\$9,080,000.00) for the addition of the Final Design, Utility Work, Right of Way and Construction Phases to the project; federally reimbursable at eighty percent; and the municipal share of Commonwealth Incurred Costs not to exceed Eighteen Thousand (\$47,000.00) dollars, an increase of Forty Two Thousand dollars (\$42,000.00).

Attachments: [2021-1670 Cover Letter-Smithfield Street Amended RA Legislation Letter 7.7.20 Summary 2021-1670](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1671](#) Resolution granting unto Mikhail Khalil, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to re-construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an existing concrete ADA ramp and pad at Forbes Avenue entrance, a concrete plinth along the foundation of the existing building, and first level façade that extends into the right of way, at 3721 Forbes Avenue in the 4th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1671 Cover Letter-council letter](#)
[2021-1671 -3721 Forbes Ave Encroachment_signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1672](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1672](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 307 of 2021, effective May 24, 2021, granting unto Urban Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel Company, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a generator exhaust pipe and two (2) new projecting signs, at 405 Wood Street in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1672 Cover Letter-council letter](#)
[2021-1672 -405 WOOD STREET-exhaust application](#)
[Summary 2021-1672](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1673](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure to enter into a contribution and cooperation agreement with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) for certain utility relocation and other work elements in connection with the South Side Signals Project.

Attachments: [2021-1673 Cover Letter-South Side Signals PWSA Co-Op Legislation Letter Summary 2021-1673](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1674](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Joseph & Marcella Parham, 6 Milroy Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15214, in the amount of Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars and No Cents (\$37,703.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to their residence at 6 Milroy Street from a city police vehicle on February 10, 2021.

Attachments: [Summary 2021-1674](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1678](#) Resolution amending Resolution 865 of 2014, entitled “Resolution amending Resolution 130 of 2011 to authorize the Mayor and the Director of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an Amendment to Parking Agreements to amend existing designated Meter Revenue and Cooperation Agreements between the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Public Parking Authority for the purpose of dedicating revenue generated by increased parking meter rates to the City and to further document updates to the Parking Court Cooperation Agreement, the Mellon Square Garage Lease, and the Monongahela Wharf Lease” to authorize a Second Amendment to Parking Agreements to further amend the Cooperation Agreement and the Monongahela Wharf Lease between the City and the Pittsburgh Public Parking Authority and to amend certain other terms of the Amendment to Parking Agreements.

Attachments: [2021-1678 Cover Letter Mayor Letter PPAP Amendment Summary 2021-1678](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2021-1675](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 410-2019 entitled “Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into a Contract or Agreement with GBWH Pittsburgh LLC, New Horizons to provide ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) V4 Foundation to support ongoing development of Innovation & Performance staff who support critical IT infrastructure for a sum not to exceed Forty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$41,600)” to authorize the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Innovation & Performance to enter into an Agreement or Agreements or amendments thereto with GBWH Pittsburgh LLC, New Horizons to provide ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) V4 Foundation to support ongoing development of additional Innovation & Performance staff who support critical IT infrastructure at an additional amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$30,000.00) for a total not-to-exceed amount of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$71,600.00).

Attachments: [2021-1675 Cover Letter-GBWH-NH Letter - signed \(1\)](#)
[Summary 2021-1675](#)

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON:

[2021-1676](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections “PLI” to enter into a single source Agreement or Agreements with “Construction Junction”, for a one-year pilot program to perform deconstruction services in conjunction with demolitions of City-owned condemned structures.

Attachments: [2021-1676 Cover Letter-2021 Professional Services Deconstruction Resolution Letter](#)
[2021-1676 -WCP21-035 Construction Junction](#)
[Summary 2021-1676](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1677](#) Communication from Michael Lamb, City Controller, submitting the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Attachments: [2020 City of Pittsburgh Popular Annual Financial Report](#)

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**

[2021-1662](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 30, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1562](#) Resolution providing for the continued designation of a Downtown Pittsburgh Business Improvement District for the area shown on Exhibit "A" at the behest of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, a coalition of property owners, business leaders, retailers, civic organizations, and residents.

(Public Hearing held 6/29/21)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

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

[2021-1634](#) 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: [Summary 2021-1634](#)

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

[2021-1656](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with Maher Duessel for services related to the administration of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

Attachments: [2021-1656 Cover Letter-Maher Duessel ARP - Letter](#)

[2021-1656 Maher Duessel ARP - EORC Waiver](#)

[2021-1656 Maher Duessel ARP - WCP](#)

[Summary 2021-1656](#)

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 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

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2021-1663](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 30, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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](#)

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

[2021-1636](#) 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](#)

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

[2021-1664](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 30, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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](#)

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

[2021-1638](#) 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](#)

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

[2021-1665](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 30, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[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](#)

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

[2021-1630](#) 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](#)

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

[2021-1631](#) 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](#)

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

[2021-1632](#) 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](#)

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

[2021-1633](#) 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](#)

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