

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 31, 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

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**[2021-1811](#)

WHEREAS, Ruth Sacks was born in Pittsburgh on August 27, 1921; and,

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER STRASSBURGER AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 497

[2021-1812](#)

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Samuel Wilbert Williams, Jr. was born in Glen Rogers, West Virginia on June 16, 1931. He pastored various churches in W. Virginia for 12 years prior to arriving in Pittsburgh in 1966, where he pastored New Zion Baptist Church for 52 years; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 498

[2021-1813](#)

WHEREAS, Thursday, September 2nd at 4:00 PM marks the kickoff to the Pittsburgh Soul Food Festival where there will be a brief history presentation of the wealthy Black Business Entrepreneurs and Abolitionist Leaders who conducted business enterprises on 3rd Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh known as the Black Wall Street; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 499

[2021-1814](#)

WHEREAS, John Minard, who began with the city in March, 2017 and Gary Eisenbarth, who started in July, 2018, both work for the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 500

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:**

[2021-1788](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department Public Works to enter into a five year Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, for Winter Traffic Services for the period beginning October 15, 2021, and ending April 30, 2026.

Attachments: [2021-1788 Cover Letter-Penn DOT - signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1788](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1790](#) Resolution granting unto WILLOW FORTUNE LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a new projecting sign, at 3508 Butler Street, in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1790 Cover Letter-council](#)
[2021-1790 -D-990 - 3508 BUTLER ST 1](#)
[Summary 2021-1790](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1791](#) Resolution granting unto JOURDAN & STEPHEN SCHMITZ, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to replace an existing retaining wall and parking pad that extends (5) five feet into the right-of-way, located on Kalamazoo Way, behind the residence of 1439 Morningside Avenue, in the 10th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1791 Cover Letter-council](#)
[2021-1791 -D-987 -1439 Morningside Ave 1](#)
[Summary 2021-1791](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1792](#) Resolution granting unto GARDEN THEATER BLOCK LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install below grade footing and beams under the sidewalk, at 6 W. North Avenue, in the 22nd Ward, 1st Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1792 Cover Letter-council](#)

[2021-1792 -D-989 -6 W. North Ave 1](#)

[Summary 2021-1792](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1793](#) Resolution granting unto 3213 PENN LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, to install two (2) entrance canopies and one (1) bus shelter canopy, at 3213 Penn Ave in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1793 Cover Letter-council](#)

[2021-1793 -D-986 -3213 Penn Ave 1](#)

[Summary 2021-1793](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1794](#) Resolution granting unto OAKDALE DEVELOPMENT LLC, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, three (3) new projecting light fixtures, at 3824 Penn Ave in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1794 Cover Letter-council](#)

[2021-1794 -3824 PENN AVE ENCROACHMENT Letters 1](#)

[Summary 2021-1794](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

[2021-1795](#) Resolution granting unto HULLETT DEVELOPMENT TRIANGLE LP, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a fire escape on an existing building, 11'-2" above the sidewalk at 701 Smithfield Street, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attachments: [2021-1795 Cover Letter-council](#)
[2021-1795 -D-988 - 701 Smithfield St 1](#)
[Summary 2021-1795](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2021-1796](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for maintenance of certain plantings and other planting related infrastructure in the public rights of way throughout the City of Pittsburgh at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2021-1796 Cover Letter-WPC Planters Coop Letterhead](#)
[2021-1796 -WPC Agreement](#)
[Summary 2021-1796](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2021-1797](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Common Census in the amount of \$20,000.00 for continued usage of their Benefits Platform.

Attachments: [2021-1797 Cover Letter -Letter to City Council for Payment to Common Census](#)
[2021-1797 -DOC336](#)
[Summary 2021-1797](#)

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

[2021-1798](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 699 of 2019, which authorized the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a Professional Service Agreement(s) with P&A Group for services relating to the administration of the City of Pittsburgh's Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) program, by exercising the written option to extend the term of the contract by two years at a cost not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

Attachments: [2021-1798 Cover Letter-HR Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1798](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2021-1799](#) Resolution authorizing, pursuant to Ch. 210 ("Acceptance of Gifts to City") of the City Code, the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to accept a donation from the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association of jersey barriers valued at NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$9,349.20)

Attachments: [2021-1799 Cover Letter-Jersey Barrier Donation Mayor Letter](#)

[2021-1799 -Donation Acceptance Form Jersey Barriers PVGP](#)

[2021-1799 -VINTAGE GRAND PRIX BARRIER SALE](#)

[Summary 2021-1799](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1800](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Paul Surgent, 10 Wakefield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in the amount of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Twenty Nine Cents (\$4,999.29) in settlement of a claim for damage to a parked vehicle from a City ES vehicle on January 5, 2021.

Attachments: [2021-1800 Cover Letter-Paul Surgent - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1800](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1801](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Daniel Williams, 352 Dinwiddie Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in the amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,775.00) in settlement of a claim for damage to a stopped vehicle from a City Fire vehicle in emergency response on July 11, 2021.

Attachments: [2021-1801 Cover Letter-Daniel Williams - Council Letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1801](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1802](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Meyer Unkovic Scott, Henry W. Oliver Building, 535 Smithfield St., Suite 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 for professional legal services in connection with Ethics Hearing Board matters for an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$12,259.00).

Attachments: [2021-1802 Cover Letter -Meyer Council letter](#)

[Summary 2021-1802](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1803](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with OnePGH for the completion of a guaranteed personal income project, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh's American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000).

Attachments: [2021-1803 Cover Letter-OnePGH ARP - Letter_kp signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1803](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1804](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority ("PPA") for the completion of the Kirkwood Avenue lot project, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh's American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000).

Attachments: [2021-1804 Cover Letter-PPA ARP - Letter_kp signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1804](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1805](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (“PWSA”) for the completion of lead line replacement projects, as approved in the City of Pittsburgh’s American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed Seventeen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,500,000).

Attachments: [2021-1805 Cover Letter-PWSA ARP - Letter_kp signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1805](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2021-1806](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) for the completion of projects approved in the City of Pittsburgh’s American Rescue Plan, at a cost not to exceed Seventy-Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$74,878,811).

Attachments: [2021-1806 Cover Letter-URA ARP - Letter_kp signed](#)

[Summary 2021-1806](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O’CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2021-1807](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the City of Pittsburgh Code, Title Six (“Conduct”), Article I (“Regulated Rights and Actions”), by amending Chapter 601 (“Public Order”), Section 601.11 (“Littering and Dumping”) to more clearly define litter and illegal dumping violations and to update penalties to include community restitution.

Attachments: [2021-1807 Cover Letter -Mayor Letter Illegal Dumping](#)

[Summary 2021-1807](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

[2021-1815](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article IV, Chapter 909, Planned Development Districts, Section 909.01.Q SP-10 Hazelwood Green Specially Planned District by amending certain text, deleting certain text and/or replacing certain text within the Zoning Code as follows:

(Send for Report & Recommendation)

(Needs to be held for a Public Hearing)

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER O’CONNOR

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

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

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2021-1808](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four: Public Places and Property, Article I: Public Rights of Way, by amending Chapter 420: Uniform Street Naming and Addressing, to update and clarify Subchapters 420.02, 420.03, 420.04, 420.05, 420.08, 420.09, 420.10 & 420.12.

Attachments: [2021-1808 Cover Letter-Amending Chapter 420 letter - signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1808](#)

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

[2021-1809](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title One Administrative, Article XI Human Resources, Chapter 189 Leaves of Absence, Section 189.02 Loss of Pregnancy by adding language to establish fully paid bereavement leave for every City employee who experiences pregnancy loss.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2021-1810](#) Communication from Kevin Pawlos, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submitting the City of Pittsburgh Quarterly Financial and Performance Report for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Attachments: [2021-1810 Quarterly Report - Q2 2021 \(1\)](#)

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

[2021-1784](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for August 25, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1729](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 816 of 2015, effective December 18, 2015, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2016 Capital Budget and approving the 2016 through 2021 Capital Improvement Program," by reducing Signage by \$15,000.00 and transferring those funds to the URA for sidewalk repairs.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER LAVELLE

Attachments: [2021-1729 Summary](#)

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: 502

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2021-1785](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for August 25, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1742](#) Resolution amending Resolution 127 of 2020, entitled "322-324 Arlington Avenue in the 18th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh experienced land movement that threatens the safe maintenance and operation of the street for public travel. In order to stabilize the slope and restore the street, the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure must acquire the property at 322-324 for construction of a retaining structure. Resolution 746 of 2019 authorized the acquisition. This amendment to Resolution 746 of 2019 amends the JDE account information to reflect the 2020 operating budget. This resolution is to authorize the acquisition of the property at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, while the project costs will be legislated separately and paid from the capital budget." To update the operating budget year for 2021.

Attachments: [2021-1742 Cover Letter-2826 Edwards Way Letter](#)
[Summary 2021-1742](#)

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: 503

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2021-1786](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for August 25, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1778](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 487 of 2021, effective July 29, 2021, entitled “Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2012, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program,” by reducing various CDBG line items by \$7,032.21 and increasing DEMOLITION OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS by \$7,032.21” by correcting a JD Edwards job number.

Attachments: [2021-1778 Cover Letter-2013 CDBG Amendment Letter 081721](#)
[Summary 2021-1778](#)

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: 508

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2021-1787](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for August 25, 2021 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2021-1746](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the proposed City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works 4th Division Maintenance Facility, located at the 400-block of Mathews Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15210.

Attachments: [2021-1746 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter with Waiver of Rule 8 - DPW 4th Division](#)
[2021-1746-303-328 SFPM Compiled 7 30](#)
[2021-1746-Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - DPW 4th Division Maintenance Facility Summary 2021-1746](#)

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: 504

[2021-1750](#) 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 work in connection with the Winchester Drive Project.

Attachments: [2021-1750 Cover Letter-Winchester Drive PWSA Co-Op Letter8 signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1750](#)

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: 505

[2021-1751](#) 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 work in connection with the Nobles Lane Project.

Attachments: [2021-1751 Cover Letter-Nobles PWSA Coop Letter8 signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1751](#)

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: 506

[2021-1752](#) 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 work in connection with the Fleury Way Project.

Attachments: [2021-1752 Cover Letter-Fleury Way PWSA Co-Op Letter8 signed](#)
[Summary 2021-1752](#)

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: 507

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - Councilman Coghill presented a petition relative to the pension offset

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER