

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

*ONE-HUNDRED
FORTY-SECOND 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**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2022-0120](#) ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Mike Nichols for his astounding service in a multitude of ways to the City of Pittsburgh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Tuesday, February 15, 2022** to be “**Mike Nichols Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER GROSS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Enactment No: 52

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:**

[2022-0103](#) Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into agreements in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or less with various regional youth sports organizations for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00).

Attachments: [2022-0103 Cover Letter-2022 Youth Sports Agreement](#)
[Summary 2022-0103](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Urban Recreation

[2022-0121](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to establish a Joint Pittsburgh Infrastructure Task Force to oversee the equitable distribution of infrastructure funds.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Burgess, Council Member Gross, Council Member Lavelle, Council Member Kail-Smith, Council Member Strassburger, and Council Member Wilson

No: 3 - Council Member Coghill, Council Member Kraus, and Council Member O'Connor

Abstain: 0

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2022-0104](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director or Acting Director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh and through the City's Department of Law, to adopt certain settlement terms and enter into a settlement agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway, Manchester Citizens Corporation, Northside Leadership Conference, and Rail Pollution Protection Pittsburgh in order to resolve claims arising from the Application of Norfolk Southern Railway Company for approval to reconstruct the crossing of the North Avenue / Brighton Road bridge docketed at Public Utility Commission Docket No. A-2018-3006432; and from Northside Leadership Conference, et. al, v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission appeal docketed at No. 611 CD 2019 in the Commonwealth Court.

Attachments: [2022-0104 Cover Letter-Sign_Settlement - NS - North Ave__ Brighton Road Letter_kal Summary 2022-0104](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2022-0105](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Garfield Highlands: 5375-5377 Rosetta Street, 5368-5370 Rosetta Street, 213-215 N. Aiken Avenue, and 405-431 N. Aiken Avenue, 10th Ward, Pittsburgh, PA 15224.

Attachments: [2022-0105 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - Garfield Highlands](#)
[2022-0105 -Garfield Highlands Planning Module 01-27-22](#)
[2022-0105 -Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - Garfield Highlands Project Summary 2022-0105](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2022-0106](#) Resolution adopting the Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Maginn Building Lofts project which will involve the renovation of an 8-story retail and warehouse/manufacturing building into a residential condominium complex with 11-units and retail space on the ground floor. The site address is 915 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the 2nd Ward.

Attachments: [2022-0106 Cover Letter-Sewer Module Cover Letter - Maginn Building Lofts](#)
[2022-0106 -Maginn Building Lofts - Planning Module](#)
[2022-0106 -Sewer Module Questionnaire for Council - 915 Liberty Ave Summary 2022-0106](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2022-0107](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and New Granada Development, LLC, or a related entity for the sale of Block 10-N, Lots 255, 257, 258, and 258-A, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6).

Attachments: [2022-0107 Cover Letter-New Granada Office Commercial Disposition Letter 02082022 Summary 2022-0107](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2022-0108](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement, or Agreements with the Fair Housing Partnership, to provide fair housing testing, outreach, and policy collaboration intended to assist government agencies and housing providers with their duties to affirmatively further fair housing, and understand general fair housing laws. This legislation authorizes the encumbrance for three (3) years, one year with the option to renew for two additional years, in an amount not to exceed Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$94,500.00).

Attachments: [2022-0108 Cover Letter-2022 FHP Outreach_ Testing and Policy Contract - Resolution Letter\(2\)](#)
[2022-0108 -WCP21-070 Fair Housing Partnership Approved 20211216](#)
[Summary 2022-0108](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Human Resources

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2022-0109](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Ronald James Madero, c/o Jeremy A. Mercer, 6 PPG Place, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$125,000.00) relating to the full and final settlement of a case filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania at 2:19-cv-700.

(Executive Session Requested)

Attachments: [2022-0109 Cover Letter-Ltr to Council for Resoluition](#)
[Summary 2022-0109](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0110](#) 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 PARK RECONSTRUCTION - REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICT PARKS by \$136,996.

Attachments: [2022-0110 Cover Letter-2021 Park Reconstruction RAD_ Letter 020722_Signed](#)
[Summary 2022-0110](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0111](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 713 of 2021, authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into an Amended Agreement of Sale with Smith & Bowen, and all documents necessary, to purchase 80 Wabash St. along with two vacant parcels adjacent thereto for a total amount not to exceed \$374,000, which includes the purchase price of \$344,000 plus up to \$30,000 in acquisition costs, for the purpose of continued operation of the City's West End Healthy Active Living Center (Senior Center).

Attachments: [2022-0111 Cover Letter-2021 Recreation and Senior Centers Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0111](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2022-0112](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Safety and the Chief of Police, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into a strategic relationship agreement and amendments thereto with Policing Equity, Inc. ("PE"), to allow for the sharing of data, which shall be at no cost to the City.

Attachments: [2022-0112 Cover Letter-Policing Equity agreement letter Summary 2022-0112](#)

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS:

[2022-0113](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772 of 2016, effective January 1, 2017, as amended, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2017 Capital Budget and the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program; approving the 2017 through 2022 Capital Improvement Program" by reducing WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK by \$5,000, increasing SOUTH SIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION by \$5,000, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0113 Cover Letter-2017 CDBG Admin Xfer Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0113](#)

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

[2022-0114](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 797, effective December 28, 2017, as amended, 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 ALEPH INSTITUTE by \$3,000, reducing WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK by \$2,500, increasing 31ST WARD COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP by \$3,000, increasing EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF PITTSBURGH by \$2,500, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0114 Cover Letter-2018 CDBG Admin Xfer Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0114](#)

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

[2022-0115](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 863 of 2018, effective January 1, 2019, as amended, entitled “Resolution adopting and approving the 2019 Capital Budget and the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2019 through 2024 Capital Improvement Program” by amending various Public Service Grant line items, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0115 Cover Letter-2019 CDBG Admin Xfer Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0115](#)

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

[2022-0116](#) 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 identify specific projects in City Council District 3, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0116 Cover Letter-2020 CDBG Admin Xfer Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0116](#)

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

[2022-0117](#) 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" so as to identify specific projects in City Council District 3, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

Attachments: [2022-0117 Cover Letter-2021 CDBG Admin Xfer Letter 020822 Signed Summary 2022-0117](#)

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

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2022-0118](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of Kyle Chintalapalli to serve as a member of the Urban Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire December 2nd, 2022.

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

Enactment No: 53

Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings

Enactment No: 53

[2022-0119](#) Resolution informing City Council of the appointment of State Representative Sara Innamorato to serve as a member of the Urban Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire December 2nd, 2026.

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

Enactment No: 54

Referred for Interview to the Committee on Hearings

Enactment No: 54

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2022-0023](#) Resolution appointing Krysia Kubiak as City Solicitor.

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

Enactment No: 55

[2022-0091](#) Resolution appointing Lee Schmidt as Director of the Department of Public Safety.

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

Enactment No: 56

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

[2022-0101](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for February 9, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0062](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Trek Bicycle, 5996 Centre Ave. #204, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$112,699.76), for electric bicycles provided for the Bureau of Police Bicycle Unit.

Attachments: [2022-0062 Cover Letter-Trek warrant letter](#)

[Summary 2022-0062](#)

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 ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2022-0102](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for February 9, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

[2022-0057](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to execute relevant agreements to receive grant funding from the Recycling Partnership, Inc. to conduct public outreach surrounding the City's recycling program and to purchase containers for curbside residential recycling collection; and further providing for an agreement or agreements and expenditures not to exceed SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$650,000.00) dollars for this stated purpose.

Attachments: [2022-0057 Cover Letter-SIGNED letter to Council Recycling Partnership solution](#)
[Summary 2022-0057](#)

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

[2022-0058](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, between the City of Pittsburgh and Suphitsara Buttra-Coleman, for the creation and installation of public art at Chartiers Spray Park, at a cost not to exceed Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00).

Attachments: [2022-0058 Cover Letter-DOC005](#)
[Summary 2022-0058](#)

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

[2022-0073](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Four: Public Places and Property, Chapter 416: Obstructions by deleting sections, 416.14, 416.18, 416.20, 416.21, 416.22, and 416.27; adding new Chapter 425 entitled Outdoor Dining or Retail Activities in the Public Right-of-Way.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON AND COUNCIL MEMBER COGHILL

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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