

City of Pittsburgh

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 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 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

Absent 1 - Council Member Gross

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA****PROCLAMATIONS**

[2022-0382](#) ***WHEREAS***, as a young woman fresh out of high school, **Patty Reed** took a job as a Clerk Typist II in Pittsburgh's Traffic Court.; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 228

[2022-0383](#) ***WHEREAS***, Bill Urbanic grew up in Scott Township and moved to the City of Pittsburgh neighborhood of Duquesne Heights to attend Duquesne University. It is there where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government Electronic Media and met his lovely wife Wendy of 35 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: 229

[2022-0384](#) ***WHEREAS***, Michael Strelic began with the City of Pittsburgh in 2007 as an intern for City Council President Doug Shields. A year later, he began working in the City Council Budget Office as a Budget Technician and quickly moved up the ranks to his current position as Budget Manager, where he has been for over 5 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: 230

[2022-0385](#) ***WHEREAS***, the City of Pittsburgh Special Deployment Division (SDD) of the Bureau of Police consists of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, the Mounted Patrol, River Rescue, SWAT, Traffic Division and the Public Safety Planning Unit; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 231

[2022-0386](#)

WHEREAS, Major L. Cynthia Foster Arrived at the Salvation Army Westside Pittsburgh on June 30th of 2014 from The Salvation Army in Akron, Ohio; and,

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

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

Enactment No: 232

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Stephens

Lisa Gonzalez

Mel Packer

Clara Weibel

Mary Jo Blondi

Phil Blondi

Dr. Ronald Lynn Miller

Yvonne F. Brown

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS:

[2022-0375](#)

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” by reducing FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - SPORTS FACILITIES by \$100,000.00 and increasing PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS by \$100,000.00.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2022-0376](#) Resolution amending Resolution Number 661 of 2017, entitled “Resolution amending Resolution Number 432 of 2017, entitled, ‘Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the City of Pittsburgh (“City”), the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (“URA”) and the Pittsburgh Land Bank “PLB” to provide for future shared administrative services and the transfer of property among agencies for governmental, redevelopment, and portfolio management purposes (All Districts)’, by providing for City Council review of the Policies and Procedures of the Pittsburgh Land Bank pursuant to §174A.13(d) of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances” to authorize an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

[2022-0377](#) 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 reducing PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY by \$808,090 and increasing MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS by \$808,090.

Read and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

[2022-0378](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Block & Associates, LLC for services related to an employment matter, for an amount not to exceed NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$9,800.00).

(Executive Session Requested)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2022-0379](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Moira Harrington, 901 Halsage Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, in the amount of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Forty Two Cents (\$11,887.42) in settlement of a claim for damage to garages at the rear of 256-258 Gross Street (Goodwood Way) from a City ES vehicle on November 11, 2020.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

[2022-0380](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor along with the Directors of the Departments of Public Safety and Public Works to enter on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh into a lease agreement or agreements with WAG 2 LLC for the property located at 510 McDonald St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, for a cost not to exceed ONE MILLION EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,080,550).

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Services

COUNCILWOMAN ERIKA STRASSBURGER PRESENTS:

[2022-0381](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 540 of 2021, 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 to increase the authorized contract amount by \$99,000 to continue SAAS email and data file services from Planet Evolve to access the Microsoft Library for training, reporting and customized materials, to provide Office 365 and Azure administrative and managed services support and provide a block of hours for resolution of Microsoft Multi Tenant Azure issues

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2022-0334](#) Communication from City Council to the Zoning Administrator, notifying the Planning Commission of Council's intent to extend the deadline for Council to hold a public hearing on Council Bill #2021-1913, relating to Affordable Housing Impact Statements.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER BURGESS

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

Enactment No: 233

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

[2022-0371](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 16, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2022-0370](#) Resolution transferring a total of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000) from ~~the Parks Tax Trust Fund~~ City Council Grants & Donations to the Special Events Trust Fund, for the purpose of supporting Juneteenth related activities or celebrations.

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON

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: 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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY COGHILL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2022-0372](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for May 16, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2022-0335](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to enter into an agreement with Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC to provide a license for relocated natural gas pipelines and necessary accessories within certain portions of Frick Park.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0336](#) Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Maple Avenue Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0337](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Elizabeth Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$352,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at a no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0338](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Corley Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$252,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0339](#)

Resolution providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for costs associated with the Preliminary Design phase of the Calera Street Bridge Project; providing for the payment of the costs thereof, not to exceed Three Hundred and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$312,000.00). This resolution serves to authorize only the Reimbursement Agreement, at no cost to the City of Pittsburgh. Future Resolutions will authorize the project specific service agreements.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0340](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 886 of 2021, effective December 27, 2021, entitled "Resolution adopting and approving the 2022 Capital Budget and the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program, and the 2022 through 2027 Capital Improvement Program" by increasing ELIZABETH STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$352,000, CORLEY STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$252,000, MAPLE AVENUE BRIDGE (TIP) by \$280,000, and CALERA STREET BRIDGE (TIP) by \$312,000.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0347](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution number 948 of 2003, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2004 Capital Budget and the 2004 through 2009 Capital Improvement Program" so as to change the McArdle Roadway deliverable
SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0348](#) Resolution further amending Resolution number 675 of 2008, as amended, entitled “Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget; and approving the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program” so as to change the McArdle Roadway deliverables

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0349](#) Resolution further amending Resolution number 855 of 2011, as amended, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program” so as to change the McArdle Roadway deliverable

SPONSOR /S: COUNCIL MEMBER KAIL-SMITH

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILMAN BOBBY WILSON PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2022-0373](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 16, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2022-0300](#) Resolution promoting affordable housing in the City of Pittsburgh by exploring the expansion of Limited-Equity Housing Cooperatives (LECs).

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

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

[2022-0346](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 606 of 2020, effective December 1, 2020, as amended, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to enter into an Agreement or Agreement(s) with agencies to provide emergency shelter services, street outreach services, rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, and/or data collection activities, as associated with 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,216,133.00 and 2020 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds at a cost not to exceed \$1,140,292.00" by amending various Emergency Solutions Grant line items, and authorizing a subsequent Agreement or Agreements.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2022-0374](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for May 16, 2022 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

[2022-0341](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the North Shore Lot 10.2 project, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gross

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER