City of Pittsburgh

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

MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL

Darlene M. Harris, President
Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk
Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.
2012-0457

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 5, 2012 to be "Center on Race and Social Problems Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0458

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognizes and honors the 2012 awardees and extends gratitude to each individual and organization for making the North Side a great place to live, work and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council acknowledges the efforts that the NSLC has achieved through collaboration within the community and corporate organizations and hereby declares June 2012 to be "Northside Leadership Conference and Awardees Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0459

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Pride for its diligent work in increasing the awareness of the LGBT community and promoting the diversity of the Pittsburgh region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of June 2012 to be the "Pittsburgh Pride Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0460

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Global Solutions Pittsburgh for their commitment to international education and advocacy; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 5, 2012 to be "Global Solutions Pittsburgh Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0461

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the 2012 Saint Anthony Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 10, 2012 to be "Saint Anthony of Padua Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0462

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the citizens of Israel on the 45th anniversary of the Six Day War and further congratulates the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the 45th anniversary of the reunification of that historic city; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends those former combatant states of the Six Day War, Egypt and Jordan, who in subsequent years had the wisdom and courage to embrace a vision of peace and coexistence with Israel and commends Israel for its administration of the undivided city of Jerusalem for the past 40 years, during which Israel has respected the rights of all religious groups.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.
2012-0463

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby join Rodef Shalom Congregation in offering our profound thanks, gratitude, and recognition for Mr. Strickland's lifetime of service to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 10, 2012 to be "William E. Strickland, Jr. Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:

Bill No.
2012-0438

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 267, Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements; Section 267.03, Exemption Schedule; and Section 267.09, Participation by Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Board of Education, to extend the application periods for the exemptions set forth in Section 267.03, subsections (b) and (c), which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 10 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017.

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.
2012-0439

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 265, Exemptions for Residential Improvements; Section 265.03, Exemption for Improvements, subsection (e); and Section 265.04, Exemption for Residential Construction, subsection (g), to extend the application periods for the exemptions covering residential improvements and new residential construction in areas defined as the Uptown District, the Downtown District and Targeted Growth Zones, which were enacted pursuant to Ordinance 9 of 2007, to include applications filed on or after July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017.

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

Bill No.
2012-0455

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Contractor(s) and/or vendors for providing video production services for a television spot between four and seven minutes to be released by The City of Pittsburgh's ADA office at a cost not to exceed $25,000.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS:

Bill No.
2012-0456

An Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two Fiscal, Article IX Property Taxes, Section 267.03 Exemption Schedule, (e) Local Economic Stimulus, by amending certain language in subsection (e) to change the deadline for filing from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No.
2012-0453

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 30, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.
2012-0415

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to accept by deed(s) of gift or dedication from the Perry Athletic Association title to fourteen parcels of real property located along Garvin Street in the 26th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Bill No.
2012-0417

Resolution providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council District 8 Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof by transferring $5,000.00 to Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for the Schenley High School Community Plan. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed $$134,924.55.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill No.
2012-0454

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 30, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.
2012-0416

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution Nos. 471, 722, 793 and 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2000, 2003, 1996 and 2012 capital budgets” respectively by transferring all active District 8 Neighborhood Needs projects from three budget years into budget year 2012 in the JDE financial system and by transferring $5,000.00 to Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for the Schenley High School Community Plan.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION FOR A CABLECAST POST AGENDA MEETING

Ms. Rudiak: Discussion on Pittsburgh Refugees

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS, Mr. O'Connor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER