

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, July 5, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Jim Motznik, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, Douglas Shields, Sala Udin

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1536](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks Ann Tobin-Ritchie for her unselfish dedication to the staff and students of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and wishes her much happiness in her retirement and all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tuesday, July 5, 2005 is declared "ANN TOBIN-RITCHIE DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORED BY MR. DFEASY

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

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

Bill No.

[2005-1537](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby acknowledge Car Free Day and encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation and to express a commitment to a healthy and sustainable future for our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, declares Saturday, July 23rd, 2005 be declared Car Free Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No.

[2005-1538](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and support quality free health care and encourage hospitals to help address these needs by providing Free Care to certain uninsured and underinsured members of their communities.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No.

[2005-1539](#)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL, on behalf of 330,000 descent world citizens in this city, stand with the millions of other world citizens this week in lending our voices to the G8 leaders with the global refrain, "Make poverty history."

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 68, effective February 22, 2005, entitled
[2005-1534](#) "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, and providing for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment in connection with the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Various Park Facilities; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof; by increasing the total project allocation by \$393,794.00 from \$722,000.00 to \$1,115,794.00.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 619, effective January 1, 2005, entitled
[2005-1535](#) Adopting and approving the 2005 Capital Budget and the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2005 through 2010 Capital Improvement Program, by increasing "Park Reconstruction Program in the amount of \$393,794.00, from \$917,000.00 to \$1,310,794.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of
[2005-1540](#) Public Works and the Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection to create seven (7) on-street vending permit areas on Margaret Morrison Street, to provide space for legally permitted vendors to operate. Additionally authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of Public Works and Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection to eliminate the seven (7) current on-street vending permit areas on Tech Avenue.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$27,500 to Caryn S.
[2005-1532](#) Lenz c/o Thomas J. Michael, Esquire, 225 Ross Street, Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in full and final settlement of the action filed at C.A.02-87.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$20,000 to Ronni
[2005-1533](#) Rossman and Tandi Rossman c/o Harlan S. Stone, Esquire, STONE & STONE, 437 Grant Street, 828 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in full and final settlement of the action filed at C.A.02-191.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for June 29, 2005.

[2005-1528](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution setting forth the annual fee schedule pertaining to Special Events in the
[2005-1449](#) City of Pittsburgh.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for June 29,
[2005-1529](#) 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for a
[2005-1495](#) lease to own contract, for a Forestry Bucket Truck, for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Operations, Forestry Division and provide for the payment thereof, at a total cost not to exceed \$168,000.00, payable over four years, with a term beginning in January 2006 through Budget Year 2009.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution granting unto the University of Pittsburgh, 124 Cathedral of Learning,
[2005-1496](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15260, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, tiebacks at the right-of-way at Sutherland Drive in the 4th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution granting unto the Lawrenceville Corporation, 5170 Butler Street,
[2005-1497](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15201, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain, and use at their own cost and expense, a private sewer lateral at 3504 Penn Avenue in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution vacating a portion of Heretick Way in the 31st Ward, 5th Council District,
[2005-1498](#) of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution vacating an unnamed four (4') foot walkway between Gregory and
[2005-1499](#) Magdalene Streets in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1522](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 128, effective March 16, 2005, entitled, Authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of the Public Works Department and Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection, to create six temporary (6) on-street vending permit areas on Thackeray Street, between Fifth Avenue and O'Hara Street, to provide space for legally permitted vendors to operate during construction of the Schenley Plaza, for the period of March 1 through June 30, 2005" by extending the time period through July 31, 2005.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION

Bill No. [2005-1530](#) Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for June 29, 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2005-1500](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly Owned Property in Redevelopment Area No. 40 in the 15th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 5)

Ward	Block/Lot	Address
15th	56-F-113	4837 Second Avenue

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1501](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned Property in the City of Pittsburgh (Centre Avenue Corridor -- Council District No. 6 - Site Assemblage for Residential/Commercial Development).

Ward	Block/Lot	Address
5th	10-P-105	2154 Centre Avenue
5th	10-P-159	2152 Festus Way

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2005-1502](#) all of the City's right, title and interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly Owned
Property in the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage for
Residential Construction).

Ward	Block/Lot	Address
13th	125-S-78	7048 Hamilton Avenue

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2005-1503](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Jerome E. Steck, Jr.
for the Sale of Block 20-R, Lot 302, in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh -
Council District No. 2 – residential (sideyard).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

**A motion was made, including all the preceding items marked as having been
adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr.
Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for June 29, 2005.
[2005-1531](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution authorizing Raymond V. DeMichiei, Deputy Director, Emergency
[2005-1518](#) Management Agency, to execute for and on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh all
required forms and reports for disaster relief under the federal Stafford Act.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr.
Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

*CARLISLE: Closing of the Lemington Home/oldest residence for aging seniors is
seeking donations.--Make checks payable to SAVE Lemington Home @ 1625 Lincoln
Avenue, Pgh, PA 15206.
Need to revisit the process of retrieving stolen vehicles so as to eliminate the burden of*

towing costs from owner.

Sideyard property sales affordable to adjacent property owners.

Follow-up to ensure there is minority participation with regard to local development contracts.

PEDUTO: Condolences to the passing of "Jerry the Cobbler" Mr. Buccigrossi resident from (Bloomfield).

SHIELDS: HUD funding assured not to be used for operational purposes as described by previous speaker. Urging State Representatives to hold public hearings in the City of Pittsburgh as it relates to Gaming.

RICCIARDI: Request Councilman Udin/Pgh Gaming Task Force to follow-up on Gambling Casino issues relative to the City of Pittsburgh.

PEDUTO: Requesting that conditions need to be made where casinos are placed in the City of Pittsburgh.

UDIN: Condolences regarding the passing of singing/crooner Luther Vandross.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.