

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL**

Darlene Harris, President

Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Douglas Shields, Theresa Smith

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2011-1636](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Jennifer Kirk, Patrick Singleton and the Department of Public Works, Sixth Division, of the City of Pittsburgh for their outstanding professional and personal commitment to the community they serve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 19, 2011, Stair Stewards Collaboration Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2011-1637](#) Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 to be designated "Homewood-Brushton YMCA" day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2011-1638](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend McDonald's for its commitment to a diverse and inclusive workforce and for its expansive employment initiative which will benefit customers, their employees and our communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 19, 2011, to be "MCDONALD'S PITTSBURGH HIRING DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2011-1639](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh calls on companies from all sectors in the City to factor whether electronic products contain conflict minerals in future purchasing decisions and, when available, will favor verifiably conflict-free products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on electronic companies and other industries to take the necessary steps to remove conflict minerals from their supply chain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on US executive leadership in helping to establish an international certification system for minerals coming from Central Africa to ensure they are not contributing to conflict.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2011-1640](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Greener Expressions and their Greener Pittsburgh project for providing our community the tools to identify and support local businesses that are committed to sustainability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 22 “Greener 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.

[2011-1641](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, their 2011 sponsors Cricket, which is one of the largest supporters and FedEx Ground, and countless volunteers including PRO-ASHI home inspectors and PA Occupational Therapy Association for their unselfish work they do for our city's low income elderly and disabled citizens; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 19, 2011, to be “Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2011-1642](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the great work done by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners supporting women through networking conferences, discussions events including the “Make a Connection Award” and hereby declare Wednesday, April 20, 2011, to be “NAWBO-Pittsburgh Day” 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.

[2011-1643](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Anna Rush for the volunteer work she has done for many years for our service men and women who keep us safe, and for the work she has done to keep her church and Catholic organizations alive and does hereby declare Tuesday, April 19, 2011, to be “Anna Rush Day” 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.

[2011-1644](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Lynne Weber and Joan Kimmel for their work at The Urban Gardner helping neighborhoods and non-profits with their urban gardens and for educating the public on the best ways to create and maintain various types of urban gardens and in honor of Earth Day does hereby declare Friday, April 22, 2011 to be "The Urban Garden Day" 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.

[2011-1645](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the fine work of the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, caring enough to help both financially and technically to restore our incredible architecture and for following its mission that historic buildings are gems to be identified, saved and used.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2011-1646](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor John Graf for winning the U.S. SBA Award for Family Owned Business of the Year and his parents, Edward and Mary Ann Graf for their energy and vision taking a lifeless church and monastery and turning it into a nationally known gem, a comfortable, relaxing hotel and a beautiful hall exceptional for any event.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2011-1647](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the contributions and achievements of 2011 National Academy of Engineering Inductee Nadine Aubry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 20, 2011 "Nadine Aubry 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.

[2011-1648](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the contributions and achievements of 2011 National Academy of Engineering Inductee Chris Hendrickson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 20, 2011 "Chris Hendrickson 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. [2011-1649](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby affirm its commitment to human rights by declaring Pittsburgh a "HUMAN RIGHTS CITY."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 19, 2011, to be "CITY OF PITTSBURGH HUMAN RIGHTS DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS, PATRICK DOWD AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2011-1634](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a license agreement with the Friends of the Riverfront to construct and maintain a kayak rack and launch facility along the right bank of the Monongahela River at Duck Hollow.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2011-1633](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of D'Appolonia Engineering Division of Ground Technology, Inc., 275 Center Road, Monroeville, PA 15146, in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2,355.25) for professional engineering consulting services in connection with the Blair v. City of Pittsburgh litigation.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS SHIELDS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2011-1635](#) Ordinance Supplementing the City Code at Title Seven: Business Licensing; Article VII: Service Businesses, By Adding Chapter 768, entitled "Massage Establishment and Practitioner Licensing" to eliminate sex trafficking in massage establishments in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 13, 2011 with an Affirmative
[2011-1631](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh a grant
[2011-1575](#) from the Home Depot Foundation in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in Home Depot gift cards, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into mini-grant agreements with qualified nonprofit organizations to complete block revitalization projects for the City's pilot Love Your Block initiative.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution 208, effective March 24, 2011, entitled, "A
[2011-1612](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a quit-claim deed to the Board of Public Education of the School District of the City of Pittsburgh for the purpose of extinguishing the City's right of reversion in a parcel of real property located in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh which is part of Block and Lot 9-R-194" by changing the transaction fee from fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to one dollar (\$1.00).

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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: 8 - Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Rev. Burgess

COUNCILMAN KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 13, 2011 with an Affirmative
[2011-1632](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution approving execution of a Special Warranty Deed from the Urban
[2011-1576](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to the City of Pittsburgh for the conveyance of Block and Lot 8-C-150 in the 22nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public park purposes.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Rev. Burgess

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER