

# **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, May 26, 2009**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

**Douglas Shields, President**

**Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris, Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto, Theresa 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, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Absent: 1 - Mr. Motznik

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

### REV. BURGESS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTS

Bill No.

[2009-1447](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 624, effective November 21, 2008, entitled: Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to increase the amount allocated from \$16,490,923.00, to \$20,969,174 (+4,478,251 CDBG-R) to the following projects: "Capital Equipment Purchase" (+\$478,251); "Bridge Repairs" (+\$380,000); "Neighborhood Street Improvements" (+\$70,000); "Disabled and Public Sidewalk Program" (+\$75,000); "Street Resurfacing" (+\$1,350,000); "Slope Failure Remediation" (+\$75,000); "Wall, Step, and Fence Program" (+\$540,000); "Police Zone Renovations" (+\$50,000); "Ball field Lighting" (+\$460,000); "Neighborhood Business and Economic Development" (+\$1,000,000).

**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No.

[2009-1448](#)

Resolution amending Resolution # 239, effective May 8, 2009, entitled: providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to increase the amount allocated from \$ 16,000,000 to \$ 16,647,702 (+\$ 647,702) to the following projects: "Administration-City Planning" (+\$47,702); "Comprehensive Planning" (+\$100,000); "Splash Zones" (+\$300,000); "Street Resurfacing" (+\$200,000).

**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

**MRS. HARRIS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,  
PRESENTS**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution 162-08, effective April 10, 2008, regarding the 2008  
[2009-1437](#) CDBG Street Resurfacing Program, by increasing the total by \$1,350,000.00, from  
\$540,000.00, to \$1,890,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution amending resolution 228-09, effective May 8, 2009, regarding the 2009  
[2009-1438](#) CDBG Street Resurfacing Program, by increasing the total by \$200,000.00, from  
\$2,500,000.00, to \$2,700,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution amending resolution 096-09, effective March 20, 2009, regarding the 2009  
[2009-1439](#) Street Resurfacing Program, by decreasing the total by \$1,550,000.00, from  
\$7,000,000.00, to \$5,450,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing  
[2009-1440](#) Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,  
providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of  
materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the investigation, design,  
construction and/or remediation for critical slope failures throughout the City; and  
providing for the payment of the costs thereof. A cost not to exceed \$675,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,  
[2009-1441](#) providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and  
providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of  
equipment, materials and supplies in connection with the on-going maintenance,  
rehabilitation and new construction of City-owned walls, steps and fences; and further  
providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$540,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,  
[2009-1442](#) providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and  
providing for the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the Bridge  
Repairs program; and further providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not  
to exceed \$1,130,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,  
[2009-1443](#) providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and  
providing for the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the  
Neighborhood Street Improvements; and further providing for the payment of the costs  
thereof. Cost not to exceed \$70,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. [2009-1444](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the use of existing Contracts; providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements; providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the design and construction of handicap ramps and sidewalks at various city-owned locations throughout the City of Pittsburgh; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$75,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. [2009-1445](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the use of existing Contracts; providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements; providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with Ballfield Lighting Replacement; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$460,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. [2009-1446](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance of Police Zones 1 and 2, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

## **MR. PEDUTO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW, PRESENTS**

Bill No. [2009-1436](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 675, effective January 1, 2009, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2009 Capital Budget and the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2009 through 2013 Capital Improvement Program," by adjusting various line items in accordance with comprehensive capital budget amendments to reflect the allocation of additional federal resources under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee**

## **MR. SHEILDS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS, PRESENTS**

Bill No. [2009-1449](#) Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting City Council to hold a Public Hearing relative to the New Act Recovery Plan

**Read and referred to Hearings Committee**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

## **MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 21, 2009 with an Affirmative  
[2009-1433](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 713, effective December 31, 2007, entitled:  
[2009-1401](#) "Resolution providing for the creation of the Ethics Board Trust Fund (EBTF) and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds."

**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, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Absent: 1 - Mr. Motznik

#### **MR. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for May 21, 2009 with an  
[2009-1434](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, or the  
[2009-1402](#) use of existing Contracts for the purchase of Emergency Medical Services equipment and related accessories for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services at a cost not to exceed One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) and providing for the payment thereof.

**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, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Absent: 1 - Mr. Motznik

#### **REV. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 21, 2009  
[2009-1435](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Department of City Planning to submit a Community  
[2009-1403](#) Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant application to and execute relevant  
agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and National  
Resources (DNCR) in order to create a Comprehensive Open Space, Parks and  
Recreation Plan for the City.

**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, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto,  
Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Motznik

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of  
[2009-1450](#) Pittsburgh endorses Pennsylvania Works! and thanks its founders for working together  
to build a stronger commonwealth.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**A motion was made to excuse the absent member(s)Mr. Motznik. The motion carried.**

## **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.**