

City of Pittsburgh

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



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Monday, August 13, 2007

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Darlene M. Harris, Jeffrey S. Koch, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2007-1707](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh joins in recognizing Reverend Cooper's outstanding achievements and remarkable contribution to the A.M.E. Church as well as others worldwide; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh notes Reverend Samson's retirement and does hereby declare Saturday, August 18, 2007 to be "Reverend Samson Manohar Cooper 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. [2007-1708](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the commitment of the selfless contributors, especially the board of directors and the altruistic volunteers, and thanks DiverseCITY Pittsburgh for hosting the First Annual "Greater Pittsburgh Diversity Festival" to celebrate the unique cultural makeup of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, August 16 through Sunday, August 19 to be "Diversity Celebration Week" 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. [2007-1709](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes India's 60th Independence Day and thanks the Indian Nationality Room Committee for hosting this enriching cultural event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares August 15th, 2007, "Indian Independence 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. [2007-1710](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates Howard Hanna for 50 successful years and commends Howard Hanna for growing a family business in the Pittsburgh region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby

declares August 7th, 2007, "Howard Hanna 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.

[2007-1711](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh extends best wishes to Barbara Mary Bombich on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that August 21, 2007 be hereby declared "Barbara Mary Bombich Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK

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

Bill No.

[2007-1712](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby extend appreciation and accolades to John Chalovich for an honorable career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 25, 2007 as "John Chalovich Day" in the City of Pittsburgh in recognition of a well deserved retirement.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2007-1713](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Rose Pinsker for her self sacrificing love and dedication to her family and friends throughout her life; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 17, 2007 to be "Rose Pinsker 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.

[2007-1714](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize that the descendants of Z. L. and Dora Weiss will be holding a Family Reunion on the exact date of Z.L. and Dora's wedding, at an event at Renziehausen Park in McKeesport, PA,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declares August 11, 2007, to be Z. L. and Dora Weiss Family Reunion 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for August 8, 2007.

[2007-1702](#)

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

Bill No.

[2007-1674](#)

Resolution amending Resolution 306 of 2007, effective May 30, 2007, entitled "Resolution authorizing cooperation agreement or agreements not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty thousand (\$350,000) dollars to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of vehicles, radios and equipment for use by the City of Pittsburgh Departments and Authorities" by increasing the amount from \$350,000 to \$950,000.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1675](#)

Resolution to amend Resolution No. 322 of 2007, entitled "providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to conduct a summer youth employment program to youth residing in the City of Pittsburgh, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor/participant/administrative staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, participant physicals, transportation, copier and supplies, and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2007 Pittsburgh Partnership Summer Youth Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Pittsburgh Partnership Youth Program for payment of cost thereof", by increasing the project allocation by \$300,016.29 from \$100,612.51 to \$400,628.80.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1680](#)

Resolution Further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 256, effective April 26, 2000, as amended, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 9; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," By reducing Bethany Church by \$10,000; East Liberty Arts Council by \$3,000; Sixth Mount Zion Church \$16,000 and The Bulletin by \$500 and adding \$10,000 to Sickle Cell Society; \$3,500 to Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, \$16,000 to Garfield Jubilee and making various other changes in Council District 9. Total of all projects is not to exceed \$932,000.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution No. 256 effective April 26, 2000, as amended, which currently reads as per attachment Current Budget column;

Is hereby amended to read as per attachment Revised Budget column.

SEE ATTACHMENT

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1698](#)

Resolution Further amending Resolution No. 654, effective October 25, 2001, entitled, "Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with City Council's 2001 Neighborhood Needs Supplement Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by decreasing Lincoln Lemington Youth Violence Prevention by \$1,500 and East Liberty Concerned Citizens by \$5,000 and by adding \$6,500 to East Liberty Chamber of Commerce in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1699](#)

Resolution transferring the amount of \$7,000 from Account 511000, Sub-Class 010 Salaries, Fund 1000, Organization 101100, Budget Year 2007, City Council to Account 526125, Sub-Class 150 Miscellaneous Services, Fund 1000, Organization 101290, Budget Year 2007, City Clerk's Office. (Council District #9)

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No.

[2007-1703](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for August 8, 2007.

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

Bill No.

[2007-1676](#)

Resolution granting unto the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license

to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a vent pipe with bollards on 43rd Street in the 9th 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 Harcol Way in the 5th Ward, 7th Council District, of
[2007-1679](#) the City of Pittsburgh.

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. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Land Use for August 8, 2007.

[2007-1704](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution approving a Conditional Use under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine,
[2007-1604](#) Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.64 to Pittsburgh Public Schools Facilities Division for authorization to construct a one-story, 17,000 sq. ft. extension on the westerly side of Miller African - Centered Academy located at 2055 Bedford Avenue on property zoned RM-M, Residential Multi -Unit, Moderate Density District, 5th Ward.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution approving a Conditional Use under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine,
[2007-1605](#) Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.64 to Pittsburgh Public Schools Facilities Division for authorization to construct a three-story, 45,000 sq. ft. extension and interior renovations to Milliones Middle School located at 3117 Centre Avenue on property zoned R2-L, Residential Two -Unit, Low Density District, 5th Ward.

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. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

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

Bill No. [2007-1705](#) Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for August 8, 2007.

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

Bill No. [2007-1681](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital Budget and the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2000 through 2005 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2000 Capital Budget amendments." By reducing Bethany Church by \$10,000; East Liberty Arts Council by \$3,000; Sixth Mount Zion Church \$16,000 and The Bulletin by \$500 and adding \$10,000 to Sickle Cell Society; \$3,500 to Kelly-Strayhorn Theater; \$16,000 to Garfield Jubilee and by making various other changes in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2007-1682](#) Resolution Amending Resolution No. 386, effective June 29, 2007 entitled: by 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 2007 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 reprogram funds in City Council from "District 2-Equipment" (-30,000) and transfer these funds to: "Grandview Lions Club" (+3,000); and "West Pittsburgh Partnership" (+20,000); and "Carnegie Library-West End Branch" (+5,000); and "Tree of Hope" (+2,000).

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2007-1683](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 373, effective June 29, 2007 entitled: providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities and the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and further, authorizing various City Departments to enter into contract or

contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving, the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and other related costs at a costs not to exceed 800,000.00, so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "District 2-Equipment" (-30,000) and transfer these funds to: "Grandview Lions Club" (+3,000); and "West Pittsburgh Partnership" (+20,000.00 and "Carnegie Library-West End Branch" (+5,000); and "Tree of Hope, Inc." (+2,000).

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1700](#)

Resolution Further Amending Resolution No. 424 of 2001, effective June 19, 2001, entitled "Further amending Resolution No. 976 effective January 1, 1996, as amended, Adopting and Approving the 1996 Capital Budget and the 1996 Community Development Block Grant by creating a new line item, City Clerk Office Modernization Project Grant # 2271000 for the purpose of augmenting neighborhood needs programs and/or the District Improvement Fund, and transferring \$1,128,892.00 from Grant/Liberty to City Clerk's Office Modernization" by decreasing Lincoln Lemington Youth Violence Prevention by \$1,500 and East Liberty Concerned Citizens by \$5,000 and by adding \$6,500 to East Liberty Chamber of Commerce in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No.

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for August 8, 2007.

[2007-1706](#)

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

Bill No.

[2007-1677](#)

Resolution adopting the Allegheny County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation plan as the official hazard mitigation plan 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 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik,
Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

A motion was made to excuse the absent member(s)Ms. Payne. 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.