

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 15, 2008

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

**Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Deasy, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris,
Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto**

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Deasy, Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2008-0310](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater for 39 years of remarkable achievement in the arts and dance and congratulates the PBT for presenting the enchanting North American Premiere of Alice in Wonderland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize today and honor Alice, the Mad Hatter and Tutu Heart here in full regalia before the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 17 - 20, 2008, to be "ALICE IN WONDERLAND DAYS" 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.

[2008-0311](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the American Red Cross and its tireless staff and dedicated volunteers for its remarkable work in the region and celebrates its new "Promise to Prepare" Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 26, 2008, to be "AMERICAN RED CROSS 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.

[2008-0312](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pittsburgh City Council congratulates the employees of the Allegheny County 911 Center and thanks them for their dedication and service to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2008-0313](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby officially recognize the week of April 13 through 19, 2008, as Animal Control Officers' Week, and respectfully asks all citizens, public safety, health, and public service personnel alike to join in expressing sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation for the many long hours of outstanding service and quality performance

these outstanding individuals provide throughout the year to assure the safety and welfare of all.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2008-0314](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks the Mattress Factory for its green programs and commends Ecolution for its efforts to raise environmental awareness on Earth Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Saturday, April 19, 2008 "Earth 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.

[2008-0315](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to honor Mrs. Maggie Ruth Salter Johnson on her 100th birthday, which she will be celebrating on April 19, 2008, while additionally thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication to the improvement of our greater Pittsburgh community.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2008-0316](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations for dedication to the citizens of the United States of America and the residents of the City of Pittsburgh in their continuing and unceasing efforts to eliminate any and all disparities in housing; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, April 23, 2008, to be "FAIR HOUSING 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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No.

[2008-0303](#)

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 adding \$104,791.94 to the Poise Foundation-Hope Fund and by making various other adjustments in Council District 9. Total of all projects is not to exceed \$932,000.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No.

[2008-0304](#)

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 adding \$104,791.94 to the Poise Foundation-Hope Fund, and by making various other adjustments in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No.

[2008-0305](#)

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 adding \$31,500 to the Poise Foundation- Hope Fund in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No.

[2008-0306](#)

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 adding \$31,500 to the Poise Foundation-Hope Fund and by adjusting various projects in Council District 9.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee****MR. DEASY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, PRESENTS**

Bill No.

[2008-0301](#)

Resolution adopting an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority to extend its term of existence to May 21, 2045.

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2008-0302](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and John R. Wilson and Elaine A. Miller Wilson, for the Sale of Block 22-L, Lots 149A and 154, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 (1119 N. Franklin Street and 1518 Sedgwick Street - Sideyard)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Requesting that the Board of Directors of the Equipment Leasing Authority (ELA)
[2008-0307](#) establish a formal policy governing the purchase of City vehicles to ensure better fuel efficiency and a reduction of greenhouse gases.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY AND JIM MOTZNIK

Read and referred to General and Government Services Committee

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for
[2008-0296](#) the purchase of One (1) 28 yard Recycling Packer, and all related accessories, for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental Services, and provide for the payment thereof and/or the transfer of all required funding to the Equipment Leasing Authority, at a cost not to exceed \$210,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the use of existing Contracts;
[2008-0297](#) 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 \$100,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,
[2008-0298](#) 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, not to exceed \$200,000.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,
[2008-0299](#) 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 \$1,100,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Parks and
[2008-0300](#) Recreation and the Department of Public Works to enter into a License and Cooperation Agreement with Pirates Charities, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, to renovate Josh Gibson Field, at a cost not to exceed \$112,462.66.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984; having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh/City Source Associates Sideyard Program.

[2008-0293](#)

ITEMS A through R.

A: 110 Aztec; B: 980 E. Warrington; C: 981 Manton; D: 1616 Harpster; E: 3209 Mary; F: 5111 Broad; G: 14 Ayers (Part); H: 1904 Watson; I: 414 W. Prospect; J: 246 Rolfe; K: 2416 Berg; L: 3354 Webster; M: 4830 Coleridge; N: 613 Jacksonia; O: 5035 Volt; P: 31 Hackstown; Q: 2619 McCord; R: 532 N. Atlantic.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

[2008-0294](#)

ITEMS A through T.

A: 2711 Sumner; B: 7054 Monticello & 1027 Lang; C: 4932 Gross; D: 3333 California; E: 1137 Brownsville; F: 2608 & 2614 McCord; G: 645 Singer; H: 535 Paulson; I: 2782 Bergman; J: 810 Norland; K: 1618 Myler; L: 7211 Butler; M: 437 Michigan; N: 2205 Forbes; O: 226 Sagamore; P: 414 Lorenz; Q: 1615 Clairtonica; R: 2601 Perrysville; S: 5538 Second; T: 7229 Lemington.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales, in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

[2008-0295](#)

ITEMS A and B:

A: 2538 Wadsworth; B: 15 Lanark.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

MR. SHIELDS, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS, PRESENTS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the City Solicitor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement or agreements for the hiring of outside legal counsel and consultants to represent the Council of the City of Pittsburgh in connection with various legal matters and certain litigation matters at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Dollars).

[2008-0308](#)

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for April 9, 2008 with an
[2008-0292](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or
[2008-0251](#) agreements for the hiring of Cycom Data Systems, Inc., to maintain and upgrade the CityLaw Computer program on the City of Pittsburgh Department of Law's computer system at a cost not to exceed \$10,104.00 (Ten Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and No Cents).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement of Sale with Angelina Layne for acquisition by
[2008-0252](#) the City of Pittsburgh of property located at 21 Queen Street, 24th Ward, Block and Lot Numbers 24-A-215 and 24-A-216, City of Pittsburgh, and providing further for certain payments not to exceed \$33,000.00.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Ordinance Amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article IX,
[2008-0255](#) Boards, Commissions, and Authorities, Chapter 176 Comprehensive Municipal Pension Trust Fund, Section 176.02 Membership, to alter the makeup of the membership of the Board of Trustees.

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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. Resolution informing Council of the appointment of Fred Frank, 5314 Wilkins
[2008-0281](#) Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 to the Housing Authority Board with a term to expire on April 30, 2013.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Heather Arnet, Christopher P. Briem, Dawn Cumpston, J.J. Tocci, Royce L. Woods and Les A. Scales to serve as Members of the [2008-0309](#) Gender and Race Pay Equity Study RFP (Request for Proposal) Review Committee.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT