

# **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, June 3, 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. [2008-485](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 3, 2008 as Kathy Hammer Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2008-486](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does commend and congratulate the Most Holy Name Parish on 140 years of service to Christ, and St. Anthony's Chapel on 125 years since its dedication, and declare the week of June 8 through 14, 2008, to be Most Holy Name Parish and St. Anthony's Chapel Week 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. [2008-487](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City Pittsburgh honors and remembers Syed Farooq Hussaini for his persistence and dedication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 8, 2008 "Syed Farooq Hussaini 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. [2008-488](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and thanks Betsy Schwartz for her years of commitment and enthusiasm to the Oakland neighborhood and the City of Pittsburgh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 3, 2008, "Watermelon Blues 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. [2008-489](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and thank the Goodall Family for all they do for the residents of Arlington and the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2008-490](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and thank The Brashear Association for all it does for the residents of Arlington and the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2008-491](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and thank John Dixon for all he does for the residents of Arlington and the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2008-492](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City Pittsburgh commends Dr. Binayak Sen for his decades of service to the poor and oppressed, and believes that an injustice to one is an injustice to all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh joins the international community in appealing to the Government of India to release Dr. Binayak Sen from prison and allow him to continue his noble work.

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

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

Bill No. [2008-493](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh and recognizes its commitment to Jewish education and thanks Charles Cohen, The Rice and Linder Families, and the Kether Torah Congregation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 16th, 2008, "Hillel Academy 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. [2008-494](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and thanks Mr. Riedel for his commitment to educating students on the arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares May 28, 2008, "Kurt Riedel 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. [2008-495](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to congratulate the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 200th Anniversary Celebration, while additionally taking this opportunity to thank the Church and its leadership for all that they have done in order to better our

neighborhoods and our City.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE**

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

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, by amending Title Four  
[2008-476](#) - Public Places and Property, Article I - Streets and Sidewalks, Chapter 416 -  
Obstructions, Sections 416.01 - Minor street obstructions; permit required, and  
416.02 - Permit fee for minor street obstructions, by providing for a new extension of  
premises permit and a fee for such permit.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution granting unto 3609 Forbes Oakland Partners L.P., 3609 Forbes Avenue,  
[2008-477](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15213, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to  
construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, condensing units at Euler  
Way for 3609 Forbes Avenue, in the 4th Ward, 6th Council District of the City of  
Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution granting unto Riverside Development Corporation 80 Union Avenue,  
[2008-478](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15202, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to  
construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, concrete stoops and steps  
with metal rail and planting area on the right-of-way at 19 and 21 S. 18th Street in the  
17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution accepting the dedication of Josh Gibson Drive for public highway  
[2008-479](#) purposes, accepting the grading, paving, curbing, signage and fixing the width and  
position of the roadway and sidewalks thereof, in the 26th Ward, 6th Council District  
of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

Bill No. Resolution vacating portions of a Colwell Street, Congress Street, Elm Street and Our  
[2008-480](#) Way in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

**MR. KRAUS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
SERVICES, PRESENTS**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and providing for an extension and/or amendment of lease  
[2008-481](#) agreement and/or agreements with Associated Investors, Inc. of certain indoor office  
space occupied by the Citizen Police Review Board for a term of five (5) years at a  
cost not to exceed \$57,500 per lease year for the first thirty (30) months of the lease  
term and \$60,000 per lease year for the remaining thirty (30) months of the lease term.

**Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee**

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One,  
[2008-484](#) Administrative, Article XI Personnel, Chapter 186, Domestic Partnership and  
Common Law Spouse Benefits, by providing enhancements relating to a Mutual  
Commitment Registry.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

**MS. PAYNE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES,  
PRESENTS**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property,  
[2008-425](#) 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. ITEMS A through N. A: 851 Kirkbride; B: 838 Climax;  
C: 401 Jillson; D: 221 Kramer; E: 226 Charles; F: 240 Dunseith; G: 1532 Wolpert;  
H: 214 Bigham; I: 2730 Berg; J: 1225 Itin; K: 29 Courtright; L: 508 Atlanta;  
M: 2451 Charles and 2452 Snyder; N: 6300 Sawyer.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of an application or applications by the City of  
[2008-475](#) Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Labor and/or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
for a grant or grants in connection with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA)  
and/or the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention  
Network (EARN);

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

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

Bill No. Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing before  
[2008-482](#) City Council relative to the stated intent of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education  
to close Schenley High School.

**Read and referred to Hearings Committee**

Bill No. Resolution amending the 2008 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule so as to provide  
[2008-483](#) disabled veterans and families of active duty military and activated reservist/guard  
members who are city residents FREE pool passes for City of Pittsburgh swimming  
pools.

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

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

**Read and referred to Urban Recreation Committee**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

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

Bill No. [2008-472](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 28, 2008 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, by adding a  
[2008-0026](#) new section, Article XIII, entitled, "Campaign Finance Regulations."

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 5 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 4 - Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Motznik and Ms. Payne  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties,  
[2008-426](#) acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.  
ITEMS A through R.

A: 523 54th; B: 271 38th; C: DELETED; D: 1056 Kearns; E: 626 Lillian; F: 7200 Butler; G: 241 Watson; H: 3031 and 3033 Brereton; I: 2408-10 and 2412 Centre; J: 5329 Holmes; K: 1401 Oakdene; L: 120 N. Evaline; M: 1612 Orchlee; N: DELETED; O: 7130 Ross Garden; P: 1321 N. Franklin; Q: 7048 Monticello; R: 7137 Race.

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

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 689, Item B, effective December 31, 2007,  
[2008-424](#) which authorized the sale of a 2 STY FRA HSE, known as 92 Pasadena, 18th Ward, Block 15 D, Lot 98, to David Clark and Delores Clark for the sum of \$4,900.00.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property,  
[2008-425](#) 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. ITEMS A through N. A: 851 Kirkbride; B: 838 Climax; C: 401 Jillson; D: 221 Kramer; E: 226 Charles; F: 240 Dunseith; G: 1532 Wolpert; H: 214 Bigham; I: 2730 Berg; J: 1225 Itin; K: 29 Courtright; L: 508 Atlanta; M: 2451 Charles and 2452 Snyder; N: 6300 Sawyer.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

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.  
[2008-427](#) ITEMS A through D: A: 529 N. Fairmount; B: 308 N. Winebiddle; C: 5137 Kincaid; D: 3239 Brighton.

**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

### **MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Human Resources for May 28, 2008 with an Affirmative Recommendation.  
[2008-473](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services agreement or agreements with Employee Benefit Data Services, Inc. for professional services in connection with the administration of the City of Pittsburgh COBRA program and Flexible Spending Account program commencing January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$51,000.  
[2008-428](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. 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

### **MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for May 28, 2008 with an Affirmative Recommendation.  
[2008-474](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant  
[2008-429](#)



Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$5,900,000.  
(Council Districts: All).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-430](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the transfer to URA of \$1,000,000 for the Oak Hill and East Liberty housing developments (Council Districts: 6 & 9)

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-431](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Wesley AME Charities for the Sale of Disposition Parcel 116A, Block 27-A, Lot 162, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Redevelopment Area No. 32 - Council District No. 6 (598 Herron Avenue - Sideyard).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-432](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Zimmerman Holding Company for the sale of Disposition Parcel 2, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 27 - Block 22-E, Lots 346, 347, 348, 358 and 359, Chateau, Hoffman, Knott Streets - Council District No. 6 (Truck Access).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-433](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Daniel K. Hendzel for the Sale of Block 20-F, Lot 68, in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 2 (1315 Vixen Street - Sideyard)

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-434](#)

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 Publicly-Owned Properties in the 12th and of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 124-J, Lots 69, 70, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125A, 126, 127, 129, and 131 (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage for Redevelopment - 513, 515 Lenora Street and 1, 3, 7, 9 Meadow Street and 506, 511, 513, 515, 519, 521, 525, and 529 McDonald Street).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2008-435](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title, and Interest, if any, in and to Publicly-Owned Property known as Block 9-S, Lot 111, in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District No. 6, 32 Manilla Street, Residential Development)

**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.

[2008-496](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL of the City of Pittsburgh urges the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives and the State Senate to investigate, adjust, and ultimately adopt Campaign Finance Reform legislation similar to Pittsburgh City Council Bill 2008-0026, to create an even playing field for campaign financing across the State.

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2008-497](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on Pennsylvania Senators Casey and Specter to support amendments to strengthen the Climate Security Act of 2008, S. 3036, that will:

- Set science-based timetables. The targets and timetables must be sufficient to do what the science demands in both the near and long terms to reduce the negative impacts of climate change to the maximum extent possible. This will require reductions in total emissions on the order of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and 20 percent below current levels by 2020.
- Auction emissions permits. Permits to emit carbon must be used for public benefit, not private windfalls. All allowances should be auctioned or otherwise used to benefit the public.
- Pursue the cleanest, cheapest, fastest solutions first. Revenue raised by the bill should be used to promote a clean energy future by investing in the highest-value solutions for emissions reductions first, to accelerate deployment of the clean energy technologies we have today and to develop the ones we need for tomorrow.
- Protect workers, vulnerable people and habitats and help induce world action. Auction revenues should be used to protect low- and moderate-income citizens from rising energy costs, ensure fair treatment for affected workers and their communities, and drive technology transfer to help achieve emissions reductions around the world. We must also take care of communities and ecosystems that suffer the impacts of global warming we were too late to avoid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Senators Casey and Specter.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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