



## Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

### Standing Committee

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

#### STANDING COMMITTEES AGENDA

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Kraus

#### FINANCE AND LAW, REV. BURGESS, CHAIR

#### DEFERRED PAPERS

Bill No. [2012-0006](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a Forty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$45,000.00) warrant in favor of Douglas Blair, c/o Maurice A. Nernberg, Esquire, Maurice A. Nernberg & Associates, 301 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in settlement of actions filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania at GD 05-0003418 and GD 05-011635 for the destruction of the property located at 627 Corfu Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15220, in the City of Pittsburgh, and to provide for the payment of professional engineering and attorney services rendered in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), from the proceeds of the settlement.

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

Bill No. [2012-0014](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two-Fiscal, Article Three-Depositories, Chapter 221-Contracts, by requiring financial institutions seeking to become City depositories to make a commitment to community reinvestment and responsible banking and instructing the City Controller to evaluate banks with which the City does business as to their success or failure in meeting this commitment.

**SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE**

**A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee for March 14, 2012. The motion carried.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL - NEW PAPERS**

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes;  
[2012-0033](#) Chapter 263, Real Property Tax and Exemption, Section 263.01, Levy and Rate on  
Lands and Buildings, by fixing the rate of taxation.

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes;  
[2012-0034](#) Chapter 263, Real Property Tax and Exemption; Section 263.02, Payment Options,  
Discount and Delinquency Penalty, paragraph (a), Discount in advance, paragraph (c),  
Interest for late payments, and paragraph (d), Due dates for tax year 2005 only, to reflect  
the payment, discount and delinquent dates for the year 2012.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to establish and administer a program to  
[2012-0035](#) assist owner-occupants of residential properties located in the City of Pittsburgh in  
pursuing assessment appeals of the 2012 reassessed values which will be implemented  
in 2013, including, but not limited to, entering into agreements for professional services  
with certified appraisers, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Kraus

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller and the Department of Finance  
[2012-0045](#) to establish a program for the purpose of offering assessment appeal services to  
residential home owners in the City of Pittsburgh on their primary residence whose  
property value is \$150,000 dollars or less in 2011, and those services shall include but  
not be limited to, one-on-one consultation, free legal services, free comparables  
analysis, free assistance with appeals filing, and reduced-fee appraisal assistance and/or  
a reduced-free comparables analysis at a cost not to exceed \$150, 00.00.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR, WILLIAM PEDUTO, DARLENE HARRIS AND PATRICK DOWD**

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

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**A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.**

**INVOICES****HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. PEDUTO, CHAIR****DEFERRED PAPERS**

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title One:  
[2012-0013](#) Administrative, Article XI: Personnel, Chapter 181: General Provisions, by adding a new section, "Ensuring Equal Employment Opportunity For Persons Previously Convicted"

**SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**

**A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee. The motion carried.**

**LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MR. LAVELLE, CHAIR****NEW PAPERS**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012 entitled "Adopting  
[2012-0022](#) and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by allocating the \$675,000 of the Mayor's Unspecified Local Option (ULO) to various community organizations.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012 entitled "Adopting  
[2012-0023](#) and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by decreasing the CDBG portion for Street Resurfacing by \$34,643.00, thereby decreasing the total CDBG funding from \$13,061,838 to \$13,196,481, and by increasing the HOME funding by \$14,762 from \$1,934,666 to \$1,949,428. This change is necessary in order to match the anticipated 2012 CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City's Capital Budget.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 855, effective January 1, 2012 entitled "Adopting  
[2012-0023](#) and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by decreasing the CDBG portion for Street Resurfacing by \$34,643.00, thereby decreasing the total CDBG funding from \$13,061,838 to \$13,196,481, and by increasing the HOME funding by \$14,762 from \$1,934,666 to \$1,949,428. This change is necessary in order to match the anticipated 2012 CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City's Capital Budget.

**A motion was made that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried.**

Bill No.

[2012-0025](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 891, effective January 1, 2003, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2003 Capital Budget and the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2003 through 2008 Capital Improvement Program," by deleting Lincoln Place Recreation Center project and by transferring \$100,000 to two new projects; "Park Renovations in Lincoln Place" \$75,000, and "31st Ward Community Action Group" \$25,000.

**SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR**

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