

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, April 19, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

**Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,
Jim Motznik, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, Douglas Shields, Sala Udin**

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1291](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh requests that Congress should first commit to paying the Social Security Trust Fund back all of the money it borrowed; carefully study a variety of potential changes that will address Social Security's problems while ensuring the program will continue to meet its purpose of providing income protection and economic security for America's families; any changes adopted by Congress must strengthen Social Security's family income protections without slashing guaranteed benefits or exploding the deficit and finally, it should reject proposals to divert money out of Social Security to fund private accounts.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2005-1292](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh would like to commend and thank the Pittsburgh Urban Ecological Collaborative for their dedication, commitment, and leadership in conservation efforts in the City of Pittsburgh, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Friday, April 22, 2005 "Earth Day" in the City of Pittsburgh and honors the Pittsburgh Urban Ecological Collaborative for their efforts in the betterment of our City.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No.

[2005-1293](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize and commend Billy Porter for his uplifting and tireless work and achievements in the entertainment business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, April 19, 2005 as "Billy Porter Day".

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No.

[2005-1294](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and commend Reverend Vernard Hinton and welcome he and his wife Tracey Nicole Hinton to Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No.

[2005-1295](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes the Honorable Max Baer, Mr. James E. Rohr, Dr. Marcia Sturdivant, and Mrs. Rachel Washington and Three Rivers Youth, for its milestone 125th Anniversary and for serving the needs of so many, so well.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

Bill No.

[2005-1296](#)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Friday, April 22, 2005 "Earth Day" in the City of Pittsburgh and honors the Pittsburgh Urban Ecological Collaborative for their efforts in the betterment of our City.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No.

[2005-1275](#)

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 2005 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.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1276](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 146, effective March 18, 2005 entitled: "Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2002 CDBG Program; providing for execution of grant contracts, filing of data, execution of payment vouchers and certification of signature; the deposit of funds in a bank account and providing for payment of expenses" so as to reallocate funds in City Council from "Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (- 4,000) to West Pittsburgh Partnership - South Main Street (+4,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1277](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 147, effective March 18, 2005, 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 2001 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 "Chartiers Nature Conservancy" (- 5,000) and Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (-2,000) to the West Pittsburgh Partnership South Main Street" (+ 7,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1278](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 148 effective March 18, 2005 entitled: Amending the Capital Budget and 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 2003 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 "Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (- 4,000) to Mt. Washington C.D.C. - House Tour (+ 1,000); Bid Sheet (+ 1,000) and Onala Club (+ 2,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1279](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 397, effective August 20, 2004 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 1994 Community Development Block Grant Program" so as to transfer funds in City Council from "District 8 - Equipment" (-6,000.00) to "Bloomfield Business Association" (+6,000.00); and further, to transfer funds from "District 7 - Weed & Seed" (-17,500.00) to "Lawrenceville United - District 7 Housing Initiative" (+17,500.00).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1280](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 626, effective December 22, 2004, 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 2004 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 Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (-3,000) to the Sheraden Community Council (+3,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1281](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 886, effective December 16, 2003, 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 1996 Community Development Block Grant Program; so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "West End Elliott joint Project - Building Acquisition" (- 11,476) to the West Pittsburgh Partnership - South Main Street" (+ 11,476).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET

Bill No.

[2005-1269](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 229 effective April 19, 2000, 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 5; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding "Jewish Community Center – Various Projects" \$40,000. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$988,628.49.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1282](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/ administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for 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 cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1283](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 135, effective, March 18, 2005, entitled: Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$1,115,000.00, so as to reprogram

funds from "Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (- 4,000) to "Mt. Washington C.D.C. - House Tour (+ 1,000); Bid Sheet (+ 1,000) and Onala Club (+ 2,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1284](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 208, effective April 13, 2005 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 for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$1,492,500.00", so as to reprogram funds in City Council from Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (- 4,000) to West Pittsburgh Partnership - South Main Street (+ 4,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1285](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 283, effective April 30, 2003, entitled: Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various Community organizations, for operational/administrative and various other expenses at a cost not to exceed \$270,250.00, chargeable to and payable from City Planning's General Fund Grants Account. (City Planning Grants), so as to reprogram funds from the Lawrenceville Block Watch Network (-3,000.00) to the Lawrenceville United (+3,000.0

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1286](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 322, effective July 21, 2004 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 for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving and other related costs the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$972,000.00; so as to reprogram funds in City Council from Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank (- 3,000) to the Sheraden Community Council (+ 3,000).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1287](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No 401, effective August 13, 2004, entitled "Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed \$1,108,517.10, chargeable to and payable from the 1994 Community Development Block Grant Program" so as to

transfer funds from City Council, "District 8 Equipment" (-6,000.00) to the "Bloomfield Business Association" (+6,000.00); and further, to transfer funds from "District 7-Weed & Seed" (-17,500.00) to "Lawrenceville United-District 7 Housing Initiative" (+17,500.00).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1288](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 529, effective July 11, 2003, entitled "Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed \$1,116,428.03, chargeable to and payable from the 1996 Community Development Block Grant Program" so as to reduce a line item in City Council "West End Elliott Joint Project-Building Acquisition" (- 11,476) for reprogramming to another line item "West Pittsburgh Partnership - South Main Street" (+ 11,476).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1289](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 867 effective December 16, 2003, 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 for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$1,153,750.00", so as to reallocate funds in City Council from "Chartiers Nature Conservancy" (\$-5,000) and "Washington Heights Ecumenical Food Bank" (\$-2,000) to the "West Pittsburgh Partnership - South Main Street" (\$+7,000.00) .

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1290](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 930, effective December 30, 2002, entitled: "Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various Community organizations, for operational/administrative and various other expenses at a cost not to exceed \$281,500.00, chargeable to and payable from City Planning's General Fund Grants Account", deleting "Lawrenceville Block Watch Network" in the amount of (-4,000.00) and by adding "Morningside Youth Football" in the amount of (+1,000.00), "Penn-Main Business Assoc." (+1,000.00), "Bloomfield Business Assoc." (+1,000.00) and "Morningside Area Community Council" (+1,000.00).

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Seven, Business Licensing, Chapter
[2005-1270](#) 719 Vendors and Peddlers, Section 719.10, Lists of Sites Approved by Council, by adding permanent street and sidewalk vending sites for the 2005 Licensure Year.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements by and between the City of
[2005-1271](#) Pittsburgh, The R.W. Beck Company, a management and technical expert of solid waste, to assist the city in the preparation of its proposal for solid waste collection and providing for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed one hundred ten thousand (\$110,000.00) dollars.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution granting unto the Sports Rock Cafe, 1400 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA
[2005-1272](#) 15219, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an elevated steel and concrete deck at the sidewalk area of 1400 Smallman Street and 14th Street, in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Public Safety
[2005-1274](#) and the Chief of the Bureau of Fire to investigate review the response times of the Fire Department to structure fires within the City of Pittsburgh since the recent Fire Station closures, and report the results of the review to Council.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Waived under Rule 8

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

MR. UDIN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh to submit a grant
[2005-1273](#) application to and execute relevant agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources under the Community Conservation Partnerships Program.

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for April 13, 2005.

[2005-1267](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of an Agreement or Agreements with a qualified third party Administrator (Employers Unity) to administer the City of Pittsburgh's liabilities under the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law for a period of four years. Not to exceed to \$28,220.00.

[2005-1226](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services Agreement or Agreements with medical facility(ies), physicians and/or treatment providers for professional services in connection with the administration and evaluation of medical examinations and related tests, procedures and services for the Civil Service Commission's medical examination program for current and prospective employees for hire and promotion, and for employee assistance program services and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost cannot exceed \$150,000.

[2005-1227](#)

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. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for April 13, 2005.

[2005-1268](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 876, effective December 16, 2003 entitled Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Miryam's and North Side Common Ministries for administrative, operating and/or renovation costs for the shelters under the State Emergency Shelter Grant Program so as to delete North Side Common Ministries and add the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank as a cost not to exceed \$67,000.

[2005-1252](#)

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. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MR. UDIN: Request a legal review of letter from Rich Fees, Acting Finance Director, regarding an employee of JP Morgan and his representation at the Standing Committee Meeting of Council on April 6th.

MR. MOTZNIK: Announce the formal resignation of Jim Roddey as a member of the ICA - Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

MR. SHIELDS: Announce the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the newly renovated Squirrel Hill Library.

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.