

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, September 21, 2009

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

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

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2009-1781](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the Mahatma Gandhi Birthday Celebration 2009 and thanks the Alliance for Humanitarian Initiatives, Nonviolence and Spiritual Advancement for celebrating Gandhi's teachings in Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares October 2, 2009, "Mahatma Gandhi 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.

[2009-1782](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, recognize the sponsoring agencies and organizations for their dedicated work and calls upon the people of Pittsburgh to and support this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby proclaim September, 2009 to be National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 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.

[2009-1783](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Noreen's Lounge as an official Steeler Bar in Las Vegas, an outpost of The Steeler Nation, and commends Noreen's Lounge for carrying on the great tradition of Pittsburgh hospitality, serving The Steeler Nation with distinction and for keeping the spirit of Pittsburgh alive in Las Vegas; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby confer upon Noreen's Lounge the title of Ambassador Plenipotentiary of The Steeler Nation and confers upon them all rights and title therein and does hereby declare Monday, September 23, 2009, to be "NOREEN'S LOUNGE DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. DOWD, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2009-1780](#) Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. R-8775, from Speacilty Group, 3205 McKinght East Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, as identified in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, docket #130, formerly known as JmyGeeze, Inc., 1822 Maint St., Pittsburgh, PA 15215 to Applicant Dia Isha, Inc., 810 Ivy St., Pittsburgh, PA 15232, for the premises located at 810 Ivy St., Pittsburgh, PA 15232 pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, 4-461.

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

MR. SHEILDS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2009-1779](#) Communication from City Controller Michael E. Lamb submitting a Performance Audit of Pittsburgh Mayor's Office, dated September 2009.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. [2009-1778](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for September 16, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2009-1743](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 334, effective June 19, 2008, entitled "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 Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$5,900,000" by increasing the Neighborhood Business and Economic Development line item by \$1,000,000 and the total cost to \$6,900,000. (Council Districts: All).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2009-1744](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement or agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in which URA will make a \$74,250.00 grant to the City to pay for the repair of a retaining wall on Termon Avenue. (Council District 1)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban
[2009-1745](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the transfer to URA of \$400,000
for the rehabilitation of the Anderson and Sandusky Streets underpasses. (Council
District 1)

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. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh
[2009-1784](#) hereby bestows upon the President of Council some helpful timing devices and does hereby wish Council President Doug Shields a very happy Pittsburgh birthday.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. 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.