

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, August 31, 2010

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL**

Darlene Harris, President

Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Douglas Shields, 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. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2010-0883](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Chip Ganassi for his commitment to excellence in the sport of auto racing and congratulates him on the unprecedented set of wins that his team achieved this year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 31, 2010 to be "Chip Ganassi 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.

[2010-0884](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Fire Fighters for the work they do in protecting our citizens and for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the month of September to be "Fire Fighters Appreciation Month" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2010-0885](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby extol The Farmers' Market Cooperative of East Liberty for supporting local farmers in Western Pennsylvania, and equitable access to high quality, affordable, and fresh foods for sale and consumption to residents of East Liberty and surrounding neighborhoods.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD AND REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Bill No.

[2010-0886](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate and commend the Smith Family, and all those before them, for carrying on the tradition of a true community newspaper for these past 70 years and providing the residents of the Hilltop and South Side neighborhoods with an invaluable source of information.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, proclaim, Tuesday, August 31, 2010, to be South Pittsburgh Reporter 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY BURGESS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2010-0869](#) Resolution to amend Resolution No. 436 of 2010, "Providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to conduct a summer youth employment program to youth residing in the City of Pittsburgh, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor/participant/administrative staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, participant physicals, transportation, copier and supplies, and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2010 Pittsburgh Partnership Summer Youth Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Pittsburgh Partnership Youth Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$600,000.00.

Read and referred to Human Resources Committee

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2010-0871](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 692, effective November 19, 2009, entitled "Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the Phipps Conservatory Phase III project" by increasing the amount of the grant to \$500,000. (Council Districts 3 and 5)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0872](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 693, effective November 19, 2009, entitled "Authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the Phipps Conservatory Phase III project." by increasing the grant to \$500,000. (Council Districts 3 and 5)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0873](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 509, effective August 17, 2009, entitled "Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$750,000 for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre project" by increasing the amount of the grant to \$1,250,000. (Council District 7)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0874](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 508, effective August 17, 2009, entitled “Authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$750,000 for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre project” by increasing the grant to \$1,250,000. (Council District 7)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0875](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 574, effective October 26, 2007, entitled “Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a \$875,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium project” by increasing the amount of the grant to \$2,000,000. (Council District 7)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0876](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 575, effective October 26, 2007, entitled “Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in the amount of \$875,000 for the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium project” by increasing the grant to \$2,000,000. (Council District 7)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0877](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy project. (Council Districts 3 & 6)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0878](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy project. (Council Districts 3 & 6)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0879](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$12,000,000 for the Connelly Trade School project. (Council District 6)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. [2010-0880](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$12,000,000 for the Connelly Trade School project. (Council District 6)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 636, effective October 24, 2006, entitled
[2010-0881](#) “Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a \$7,500,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh branch modernization project” by increasing the amount of the grant to \$8,500,000 and adding other projects. (Council Districts: All)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 645, effective October 24, 2006, entitled
[2010-0882](#) “Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in the amount of \$7,500,000 for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh branch modernization project” by increasing the grant to \$8,500,000 and adding other projects. (Council Districts: All)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts,
[2010-0864](#) providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of equipment, materials and supplies in connection with the on-going maintenance, rehabilitation and new construction of City-owned walls, steps and fences; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing
[2010-0865](#) Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, and providing for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment in connection with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of various park facilities; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$757,280.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Parks and
[2010-0866](#) Recreation and Public Works to Enter into a Project and License Agreement with the Mount Washington Community Development Corporation (“MWCDC”) to install leased coin-operated viewing machines (“Viewfinders”) along Grandview Avenue to increase public enjoyment of Emerald View Park from specific vantage points.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Parks and
[2010-0867](#) Recreation and the Department of Public Works to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater for a portion of real property located on Liberty Avenue between 29th and 30th Streets.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution vacating a portion of Mifflinridge Road at Elwell Street in the 31st Ward,
[2010-0868](#) 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$5,000.00 warrant in favor of Jada N.
[2010-0858](#) Hayes, of 126 Henderson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, in settlement of a claim for
suffered injuries from an accident involving a fall into a manhole on August 28, 2007
along Bedford Avenue.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$3,400.00 warrant in favor of Remington S.
[2010-0860](#) Sinclair, of 110 The Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15210, in settlement of a claim for
property damage to a vehicle from branches from a City tree that fell on the vehicle
while it was parked near 110 The Boulevard on May 8, 2010.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$45,000.00 in favor of
[2010-0861](#) John Doe and Christine Elzar, his attorney, Stember, Feinstein, Doyle, Payne &
Cordes, Riverview Place Office, 245 Fort Pitt Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; in full
and final settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court, Western
District of Pennsylvania at Docket Number 10 cv 214, for an employment related
claim.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS SHIELDS PRESENTS:

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section
[2010-0870](#) 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from RM-H, Residential Multi-Unit, High Density
District, to RM-VH, Residential Multi-Unit, Very High Density District, certain
property identified as Block No. 52-J, Lots No. 114 and 116 in the Allegheny County
Block and Lot System; 14th Ward.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, a grant
[2010-0862](#) from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$157,000, and authorizing and
directing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with qualified drug
treatment programs for drug treatment services, with qualified non-profit agencies for
project coordination services, with qualified organizations for community surveying,
social, educational, recreational, youth development, and other related services
including transfer of salaries and fringe benefits, supply purchases, equipment
purchases, travel reimbursement, and other expenses in connection with the City's
Operation Weed and Seed Program in the Lawrenceville neighborhood.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No.

[2010-0863](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, a grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$157,000, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with qualified drug treatment programs for drug treatment services, with qualified non-profit agencies for project coordination services, with qualified organizations for community surveying, social, educational, recreational, youth development, and other related services including transfer of salaries and fringe benefits, supply purchases, equipment purchases, travel reimbursement, and other expenses in connection with the City's Operation Weed and Seed Program in the neighborhoods of Chartiers City, Crafton Heights, Elliott, Esplen, Fairywood, Sheraden, West End, and Windgap.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER