

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, May 22, 2007

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Darlene M. Harris, Jeffrey S. Koch, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2007-1479](#) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the efforts of Marissa Nicholas to beautify her neighborhood and her church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaims that Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007 is "Marissa Nicholas Day" in the City of Pittsburgh!

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1480](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to congratulate Bria Williams on her noteworthy accomplishment, while also commending her for her musical talent and her creative spirit.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE, TWANDA CARLISLE, LEN BODACK, DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS, JEFFREY S. KOCH, JIM MOTZNIK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. [2007-1481](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and thanks the Mediation Council for its 25 years of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares May 9, 2007, "Mediation Council of Western Pennsylvania Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, TWANDA CARLISLE, LEN BODACK, DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS AND JIM MOTZNIK

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

Bill No. [2007-1482](#) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and congratulate the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh who utilized the tools of democracy to intervene successfully in the divisive patterns of police misconduct; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Citizen Police Review Board and its Chairperson Marsha V. Hinton and Executive Director Elizabeth C. Pittinger on this 10 year Milestone Anniversary and extends congratulations and appreciation to the current and

former members and staff of the Citizen Police Review Board.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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 AND PROMOTION

Bill No. [2007-1468](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 164, effective April 9, 2007, 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 the Mayor's Office from "Program To Stop Youth Violence" (-60,000) to the "Summer Youth Employment Program" (+60,000).

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. [2007-1469](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 52, effective February, 20, 2007, as entitled, "Providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of HUD for a grant in connection with the 2000 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 the Mayor's Office from "Mayor's Employment Initiative" (-54,743.96) and from General Services-"Elevator Repair & Maintenance" (-50,000); and from Public Works-"Rodent Control & Baiting" (-35,000); and from the Human Relations Commission-"Commission Operations" (-25,868.55) and transfer these funds to the Urban Redevelopment Authority-"Property Management" (+125,000); and to Personnel & Civil Service-"Summer Youth Employment Program" (+40,612,51).

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. [2007-1470](#) Resolution authorizing a cooperation agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for administration of the 2007 Summer Youth Employment Program at a cost not to exceed \$125,000. (Council Districts: All)

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. [2007-1465](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 592, effective December 13, 2004, entitled: "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements and a Lease or Leases by and between the City of Pittsburgh ("City") and First Vehicle Services ("First Vehicle"), pursuant to which First Vehicle will furnish all work and services needed to manage and maintain the City's vehicle fleet", by amending various amounts and recognizing the separate inclusion of "Other associated costs" as appropriated by City Council in the overall contract amount.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

Bill No. [2007-1466](#) Resolution 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 2007 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 \$125,000.00.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

Bill No. [2007-1467](#) Resolution 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 2007 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 \$100,612.51.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE

Bill No. [2007-1478](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from R2-L, Residential Two-Unit Low Density District to NDI, Neighborhood Industrial District, certain property bounded by Idlewood Avenue; the City of Pittsburgh Boundary Line; Ade Way; and Block No. 67-P, Lot No. 168 in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System; 28th Ward.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

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

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

MR. SHEILDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Neil Parham, 4812 Hatfield Street, Apt. #3, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2011.

[2007-1471](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Winford Craig, 2629 Stella Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15203, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2011.

[2007-1472](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Lee Fogarty, 307 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15222, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2011.

[2007-1473](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Melanie Predis, 201 Osage Lane, Apt. 33, Pittsburgh, Pa 15208, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2010.

[2007-1474](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Curtis Smith, 5555 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, Pa 15206, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2009.

[2007-1475](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mary McDonald, 1111 Oliver Building, 535 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2307 as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2011.

[2007-1476](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Elizabeth Pittinger, 1101 Virginia Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15211, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2010.

[2007-1477](#)

Referred for Interview to Hearings Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law & Purchasing for May 17, 2007.

[2007-1462](#)

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

Bill No. [2007-1427](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a contract and/or contracts or agreement and/or agreements with Mobility Inc. Dba Flexcar in connection with the operation and provision of various types of motor vehicles for the City of Pittsburgh for use by designated users. Cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 1 - Mr. Motznik
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2007-1428](#) Resolution authorizing cooperation agreement or agreements, providing for the transfer of funds not to exceed Seven Million (\$7,000,000) dollars, to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of vehicles, radios and equipment for use by the City of Pittsburgh Departments and Authorities.

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 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2007-1429](#) Resolution authorizing cooperation agreement or agreements not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty thousand (\$350,000) dollars to the City of Pittsburgh Equipment Leasing Authority for the purchase of vehicles, radios and equipment for use by the City of Pittsburgh Departments and Authorities.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2007-1463](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for May 17, 2007.

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Six: Conduct, Article
[2007-1430](#) III: Dogs, Cats, and other animals, Chapter 633: Dogs and Cats, Section 633.15:
Disposition of Unclaimed Animals.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMITTED to the Public Works & Environmental Services Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznic,
Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Payne

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May
[2007-1464](#) 17, 2007.

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

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2007-1431](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and J. Christopher Enterprises, Inc., or an entity to be formed, for the Sale of Parcel 4A, Subdistrict 2 East in the Fourth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for \$300,000.00 per acre - Part of Block 29F, Lot 80 - Technology Drive - Council District No. 6 - in Pittsburgh Technology Center (construction of wet laboratories and office building).

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. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznic,
Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Payne

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh
[2007-1483](#) hereby authorizes and directs the Controller of the City of Pittsburgh to audit the City of Pittsburgh take-home car policy; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller's Audit should investigate and report back to City Council on the following conditions:

1. Necessity and purpose of each take-home vehicle
2. Total mileage traveled by each take-home vehicle
3. Total cost - broken down by purchase cost, insurance, maintenance, and fuel
4. A cost benefit analysis to the taxpayer of reimbursement for mileage versus the total cost of take-home vehicles

5. Current policy on the use of alternative fuel vehicles and recommendations for improvement
6. The implementation of a long-term car-sharing program that eliminates or greatly reduces the motor pool; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Controller should report to City Council proper guidelines for a policy on the issuance of take-home vehicles that allows for the issuance of a take-home vehicle only when the cost to taxpayers of mileage reimbursement for a personal vehicle is greater than the total cost of a take-home vehicle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Controller should report to City Council proper guidelines for a policy on the long-term implementation of a car-sharing program which greatly reduces or eliminates take-home vehicles and the motor pool fleet and promotes the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

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

Votes: Ayes: 6 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 3 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Koch and Ms. Payne

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.