

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, May 8, 2012

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL**

Darlene M. Harris, President

**Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle,
Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-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. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2012-0375](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend; Bishop Loran E. Mann for his inspirational and visionary leadership; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 8, 2012, to be "Bishop Loran E. Mann Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Bill No. [2012-0376](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and honor the memory of Captain Jacob Brunn on the 150th anniversary of his death, in service to his country, the first officer from Pittsburgh killed in the Civil War, at rest in Troy Hill Cemetery, tended now by Rodef Shalom Congregation; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 8, 2012, to be "Captain Jacob Brunn Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2012-0377](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of this program and commends all of its sponsors and participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2012, to be "Hearts in the Park Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2012-0378](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of this program and congratulate Mark Brentley Sr., School Board Member and Chairman of Take Your Father to School Day, and all the volunteers and participants who give of themselves to further the growth and healthy development of our city's children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 18, 2012 to be "Take Your Father to School Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS, COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0379](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Light of Life Rescue Mission for their valuable work providing social services to the neediest residents of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 12, 2012 to be "Light of Life Rescue Mission 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.

[2012-0380](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize VisitPittsburgh for their efforts to promote travel and tourism in the City and region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 11, 2012 to be "Travel and Tourism 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.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2012-0374](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No.855, effective January 1, 2012, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2012 through 2017 Capital Improvements Program" by transferring all available District 9 Neighborhood Needs funds to the Poise Foundation-Hope Fund and changing funding sources.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2012-0373](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh designating URA as the City's agent for administration of the 2012 HOME Investments Partnership Program. (Council Districts: All)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. [2012-0370](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for May 2, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2012-0244](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County providing for the assignment of parking tax revenues from New interim parking on the footprint of the Civic Arena for the purpose of Hill Redevelopment.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE, REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS, DARLENE HARRIS, PATRICK DOWD AND THERESA SMITH

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

Votes: Ayes: 6 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 3 - Mr. Kraus, Mr. Peduto and Ms. Rudiak
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2012-0290](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$50,000.00 in favor of the Western Pennsylvania Teamsters and Employers Welfare Fund C/O Vincent P. Szeligo, Esquire, Wick, Streiff, Meyer, O'Boyle & Szeligo, P.C., 1450 Two Chatham Center, 112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 in full and final settlement of a Complaint filed at Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-01433, relating to alleged violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA")

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2012-0321](#) Resolution providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof by transferring \$10,000 from District 1 Neighborhood Needs Projects to Troy Hill Citizen's Inc. Total cost of all projects is

not to exceed \$437,779.53.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2012-0358](#)

Resolution providing for a contract or contracts or the use of existing contract or contracts; or agreement or agreements for the Overbrook TOD Development Design Study at a cost not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) and providing for the payment thereof.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill No.

[2012-0371](#)

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for May 2, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2012-0322](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 capital budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program" by transferring \$10,000 from District 1 Neighborhood Needs Projects to Troy Hill Citizen's Inc.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

Bill No. [2012-0372](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for May 2, 2012 with an Affirmatiave Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2012-0318](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Department of Finance to enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Commonwealth Libraries to receive Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund grant monies in the amount of \$575,000 that will be used by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to renovate the interior and exterior of the South Side Branch Library.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2012-0319](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement with the Allegheny County Community College (CCAC) for reimbursement for health and wellness programs for the Senior Community Program via the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging/State Primetime Health Allocation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2012-0320](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education or another vendor chosen through the City bid process for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2012 Summer Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000.00).

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2012-0381](#)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby convey this Will of the Council to urge President Obama, through his position of national leadership, to ensure that the investigation of banks involved in the mortgage crises be adequately resourced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby request that President Obama support troubled homeowners by fighting for a larger settlement with the Wall Street banks and shepherding the passage of strong legislation and regulations that support across-the-board principal write-downs of underwater mortgages, and real negotiations between lenders and borrowers that result in modifications of the loan, including lowering interest rates and agreeing on affordable payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby call upon President Obama to urge the Department of Justice to aggressively pursue those servicing banks involved in the housing collapse, and that no misdeed or crime be left unpunished, and that adequate care be taken to ensure fair modifications to those facing foreclosure, establishing justice for homeowners and former homeowners across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States.

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER