

City of Pittsburgh

*510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Thursday, December 27, 2007

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

**Council Members: Len Bodack, 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: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No. [2007-2034](#) Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a Public Hearing relative to Bill No. 2025 - A Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (City) to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center ("UPMC") to grant to UPMC tax credits equal to certain payments made by UPMC or its affiliates to the Pittsburgh Promise Foundation, if by legislation or Court decision, UPMC or its affiliates are made subject to the imposition of taxes by the City.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. [2007-2029](#) Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for December 18, 2007 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2007-2005](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal, Article VII, Business Related Taxes, Chapter 245, Earned Income Tax, by fixing the rate of interest on certain delinquent Earned Income Tax for [2007] 2008.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2007-2006](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal, Article VII, Business Related Taxes, Chapter 246, Home Rule Tax, by fixing the rate of interest on certain delinquent Earned Income and Home Rule Taxes for [2007] 2008.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution transferring the amount of \$2,000.00 from Account 511000, Sub-Class 010
[2007-2007](#) Salaries, Fund 1000, Organization 101100, Budget Year 2007, City Council, to
Account 526125, Sub-Class 150 Miscellaneous Services, Fund 1000, Organization
101210, Budget Year 2007, City Clerk's Office. (Council District #1)

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution transferring the amount of \$16,000.00 from Account 511000, Sub-Class
[2007-2013](#) 010 Salaries, Fund 1000, Organization 101200, Budget Year 2007 to Account 526125,
Sub-Class 150 Miscellaneous Services, Fund 1000, Organization 101200, Budget
Year 2007, both within the Office of the City Clerk.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to enter into a professional services contract(s),
[2007-2014](#) or use of existing professional services contract(s) with a consultant or consultants to
provide professional services to Pittsburgh City Council for the purpose of including,
but not limited to financial advisory, legal, writing, research, stenography, Legistar or
other services, in an amount not to exceed \$39,900.00.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution designating Banks and Lending Institutions to act as Depositories for the
[2007-2023](#) year 2008 in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal, Article III,
Depositories.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the creation of the Ethics Board Trust Fund (EBTF) and
[2007-2024](#) setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, DAN DEASY, JIM MOTZNIK, LEN
BODACK, DARLENE HARRIS, DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND
TONYA D. PAYNE**

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, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motzник, Ms. Payne,
Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MRS. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING, FLEET AND FORESTRY

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Engineering, Fleet and Forestry for December 18, 2007
[2007-2030](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts,
[2007-2008](#) providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, allowing for tree removal in CDBG eligible areas throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

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

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Land Use for December 18, 2007
[2007-2031](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh to submit a Tree Vitalize
[2007-2009](#) grant application to and execute relevant agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Also allowing the Mayor to execute relevant agreements with pertinent governmental units, pertinent non-profit entities, and contractors for the disbursement of Tree Vitalize funds under the terms of the Tree Vitalize Agreement.

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

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

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for
[2007-2032](#) November 18, 2007 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2007-2010](#)

Resolution accepting the dedication of certain streets in Revision No. 1 to Liberty Park Phase I Plan of Lots in the 11th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh for public highway and utility purposes, accepting the grading, paving, lighting, curbing and traffic signals, and fixing the width and position of the roadway and sidewalk thereof. (Council District 9).

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

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

Bill No.

[2007-1944](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, for the Sale of Disposition Parcel 16 in Redevelopment Area No. 51, in the 22nd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No.6 (Library construction).
PUBLIC HEARING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2007

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 1 - Mrs. Harris
Abstentions: 0

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No.

[2007-2033](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for December 18, 2007 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Bill No.

[2007-1177](#)

Amending and Supplementing the City Code, Title VII Business Licensing, by adding Article X Rental of Residential Housing, Chapter 781 Residential Housing Rental Permit Program to provide for the registration and regulation of rental housing located within the City; to allow inspections in the case of noncompliance; to provide for a voluntary inspection and Certificate of Safety; and to provide penalties for violation.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS AND LEN BODACK

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

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1887](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, by repealing TITLE 6: CONDUCT, ARTICLE VII: NUISANCE PROPERTIES, CHAPTER 670: NUISANCE PROPERTIES-ABATEMENT, and adding both TITLE 6: CONDUCT, ARTICLE VII DISRUPTIVE PROPERTIES, CHAPTER 670: DISRUPTIVE PROPERTY

ABATEMENT and TITLE 6: CONDUCT, ARTICLE VII DISRUPTIVE PROPERTIES, CHAPTER 670A: DISRUPTIVE PROPERTY APPEALS BOARD.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS, LEN BODACK AND JIM MOTZNIK

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: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Payne

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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.