

# **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, June 5, 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: 8 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Absent: 1 - Mr. Bodack

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2007-1524](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby acknowledges the many contributions of the 2007 awardees and extends gratitude to each individual and organization for making the North Side a great place to live, work and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council acknowledges the efforts that the NSLC has achieved through collaboration with community and corporate organizations and hereby declares Thursday, June 7, 2007 as Northside Leadership Conference and Awardees Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS, TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2007-1525](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to congratulate the Baker family and all of the Jenny Lee Bakery staff for investing their time and their energy in order to restore the Jenny Lee Bakery, a well-loved Pittsburgh classic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby also wish to thank the Baker family and the Jenny Lee Bakery employees for their strong and abiding commitment to serving our communities for over a century by providing quality baked goods and friendly service.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2007-1526](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby wishes to commend the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Three Rivers PrideFest Committee for their committed civil rights advocacy campaigns and the vital work that they do within the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2007-1527](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the New Hazlett Theater for its commitment to the arts, and congratulates and thanks the honorees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 13, 2007, "Women in the Arts Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, LEN BODACK  
AND TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2007-1528](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends ACTION-Housing, Inc. for its 50 years of service to the community, and congratulates this year's awardees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 4, 2007, "ACTION-Housing, Inc. Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No.

[2007-1529](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, hereby commends Damian Link for all of his hard work and thanks him for bringing back a new and improved golf course for recreational enjoyment to the seniors citizens and their families at St. Justin's Plaza.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY**

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

Bill No.

[2007-1530](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Selma Aronson for being the cornerstone of the school during her 28 years of devoted service to Hillel Academy ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 11, 2007, to be "SELMA ARONSON 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**

### **MS. CARLISLE FOR MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

Bill No.

[2007-1516](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Chief of the Bureau of Police to enter into an agreement with Allegheny County (Department of Human Services) to receive monies for the City to fund a Crisis Intervention Team ("CIT") Coordinator position from September 2006 through February 2009. Amount to be received is \$148,351.00.

**Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee**

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

Bill No. [2007-1523](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital Budget and the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2000 through 2005 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2000 Capital Budget amendments" by adding "Bloomfield Garfield Corporation Traffic Study" \$2,000 and "District 7 Neighborhood Safety and Security" \$40,000 in Council District 7.

**SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK**

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

**MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING**

Bill No. [2007-1510](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Gentile-Meinert & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$4,729.76 for Corfu Street surveillance; and providing for the payment thereof.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1511](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection to receive an Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant and further providing for an Agreement or Agreements for professional services in connection with the execution of said grant agreement. Amount not to exceed \$303,675.00.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1512](#) Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services contract or contracts with Employee Benefit Data Services, Inc. for the purpose of administering the City's COBRA program and Flexible Spending Account program and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$16,750

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1513](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to create an Advisory Committee on Contracting Practices to conduct a comprehensive review of current City of Pittsburgh and other governmental, private, and non-profit procurement procedures and code requirements and to issue reports and recommendations to City Council regarding its findings.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1521](#) Resolution Further amending Resolution No.204, effective April 12, 2000, as amended, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 7; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding "Bloomfield Garfield Corporation-Traffic Study" \$2,000 and "District 7 Neighborhood Safety and Security"

\$40,000. Total of all projects should not exceed \$1,000,000.

**SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK**

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

## **MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Bill No. [2007-1519](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement or agreements for wild life management services for the City of Pittsburgh. These services are in connection with wildlife such as raccoons, groundhogs and skunks being delivered by the City of Pittsburgh's Animal Control Division for the detention, and humane method of euthanizing these animals by sodium pentobarbital injection. Disposal of the euthanized wildlife shall be of a legal and appropriate means. Cost not to exceed \$50,000 . (LEGISLATION WAS TABLED ON JUNE 19, 2007)

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Ayes: 7 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 1 - Mrs. Harris

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Bodack

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1520](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and or the Director of Public Works and the City Controller to review, investigate and report back to City Council on or before October 31, 2007 the feasibility of providing all legally required animal control services in-house.

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS**

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

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No. [2007-1522](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Works to rename Ammons Field, located at 2217 Bedford Avenue in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, to JOSH GIBSON FIELD.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE**

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

## **MR. MOTZNIK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH POLICY**

Bill No. [2007-1500](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to accept deeds from the Urban Redevelopment Authority for seven (7) parcels of land in the 22nd Ward in the Allegheny Center and Allegheny South Renewal Areas that were designated to be

transferred to the City of Pittsburgh for public parks purposes.

**Read and referred to Parks, Recreation & Youth Policy Committee**

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

Bill No.

[2007-1514](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities and the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and further, authorizing various City Departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving, the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and other related costs at a costs not to exceed 800,000.00.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, with the following various community organizations, for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various departments to enter into contract(s) or use existing contract(s) for street paving and other related costs, for the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and installation thereof, at a cost not to exceed 800,000.00 chargeable to and payable from the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program "City Council".

SEE ATTACHMENT

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1515](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment; and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities; and for administrative/operational costs, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities of various departmental programs/projects for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed 800,000.00.

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

### **MR. SHEILDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS**

Bill No.

[2007-1517](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lauren Byrne, 628 Maryland Avenue Apartment 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, as a member of the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2010.

**Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jennifer Andrade of 6393 Stanton Heights, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 as a member of the Human relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2010.

[2007-1518](#)

**Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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](#)

**AMENDED**

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

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](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

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](#)

**A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.**

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

### MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for May 30, 2007.

[2007-1508](#)

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

Bill No. Amending and Supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 265, Exemptions for Residential Improvements; Section 265.01, Definitions; Section 265.03, Exemption for Improvements; and Section 265.04, Exemption for Residential Construction, so as to create a new ten-year exemption covering residential improvements and construction in areas defined as the Uptown District, the Downtown District and Targeted Growth Zones for exemption applications filed on or after July 1, 2007 and through June 30, 2012.

[2007-1285](#)

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property Taxes; Chapter 267, Exemptions for Industrial and Commercial Improvements; Section 267.01, Definitions; Section 267.03, Exemption Schedule; Section 267.04, Exemption Conditions; and Section 267.09, Participation by Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Board of Education, so as to create a new tax

[2007-1286](#)

exemption for the conversion of industrial, commercial or other business property into owner-occupied residential use in deteriorated underutilized transition areas and also to increase the exemption for improvements constituting a qualified conversion to commercial residential use as to properties which are located in deteriorated underutilized transition areas for applications filed on or after July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

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.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

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.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

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.

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

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May  
[2007-1509](#) 30, 2007.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 164, effective April 9, 2007, entitled: Resolution  
[2007-1468](#) 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).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 52, effective February, 20, 2007, as entitled,  
[2007-1469](#) "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).

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

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

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

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2007-1531](#)

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Community and Economic Development, offers the Enterprise Zone Program to municipalities suffering from economic dislocation, loss of businesses and jobs and declining tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation has participated in the State Enterprise Zone Program designed to create business development, the development of new jobs and priority access to State programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh desires to continue participation in the State Enterprise Zone Program which includes the 31st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh and the Boroughs of Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead so as to promote development, job creation and the enhancement of the tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development has encouraged intergovernmental cooperation and economic development and job creation in the Monongahela Valley area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development has invited the parties to submit an application for funding to undertake Enterprise Zone development activities;

WHEREAS, the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation is prepared to develop the application and the proper documents for continued Enterprise Zone Designation and Basic Grant funding to assist development activities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is prepared to submit said application on behalf of the parties; and

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

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

## EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

**A motion was made to excuse the absent member(s)Mr. Bodack. 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.**