

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, February 20, 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 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne and Mr. Peduto
Absent: 1 - Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2007-1214](#)
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Gil Berry for his exceptional accomplishments as an outstanding African American contractor, his commitment to our youth through the Pittsburgh Knight Hawks, and his unwavering dedication to the entire Pittsburgh community.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1215](#)
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and salute Akemed Kalifa for his work to increase inclusiveness in business for minority owned firms throughout the City of Pittsburgh and the nation.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1216](#)
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby extend heartiest congratulations to The Western Pennsylvania Hospital on its achievement as the first hospital in Pittsburgh to attain Magnet recognition status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1217](#)
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the 2006 retirees and awardees for their dedication and commitment to protecting and serving the people of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, February 23, 2007, to be Fort Pitt Lodge # 1 Fraternal Order of Police Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1218](#)
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates and thanks the members of DeepLocal, Inc. for their contributions to the field of mapping technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares February 20, 2007, DeepLocal, Inc. Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No.

[2007-1219](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the Oakland School for its dedication to arts education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares February 20, 2007, The Oakland School Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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 & PROMOTION

Bill No.

[2007-1199](#)

Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital; 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 "Pittsburgh International Children's Theater" \$2,000, "Bountiful Blessings" \$2,000, by deleting the "Spring Garden Neighborhood Council Grocery Store" project \$50,000 and by adding \$46,000 to "District 1 Community Organizational Support" in Council District 1.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW & PURCHASING

Bill No.

[2007-1197](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 258, effective April 26, 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 1; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adjusting various projects in Council District 1. The total amount of all projects is not to exceed \$1,000,000.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2007-1194](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for street resurfacing programs to include, hot mix asphalt, crack sealing, equipment purchases, sawing and sealing, asphalt milling, truck rental, brick and blockstone repairs, handicap ramps, concrete slab replacement and parks related asphalt work at various locations throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$4,850,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

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

Bill No. [2007-1195](#) Ordinance Amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map Nos. 13 & 18 by changing various zoning district classifications in the Glen Hazel neighborhood in accord with Map Pittsburgh: Zoning for your Neighborhood, the city's zoning re-mapping project relative to the city's new Urban Zoning Code.

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Bill No. [2007-1196](#) Ordinance Amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map Nos. 10, 11, 15 and 16 by changing various zoning district classifications in the Morningside neighborhood in accord with Map Pittsburgh: Zoning for your Neighborhood, the city's zoning re-mapping project relative to the city's new Urban Zoning Code.

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Bill No. [2007-1198](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Director of City Planning to enter into an agreement not to exceed \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) with economic development consultant Steve Zecher to study the appropriateness and impact of tax abatement programs for neighborhood development and the effects of a citywide tax abatement program.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. [2007-1200](#) Communication from Patrick Ford, Director of City Planning, submitting the recertification of Area "B", Central/West Oakland, for the Residential Parking Permit Program in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code Title Five, Traffic.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2007-1201](#) Communication from Patrick Ford, Director of City Planning, submitting the recertification of Area "C", West Oakland, for the Residential Parking Permit Program in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code Title Five, Traffic.

Read, Received and Filed

- Bill No. [2007-1202](#) Communication from Patrick Ford, Director of City Planning, submitting the recertification of Area "N", Mount Washington for the Residential Parking Permit Program in accordance with the Pittsburgh Code, Title Five, Traffic.
Read, Received and Filed
- Bill No. [2007-1203](#) Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Mary Lou Simon, 2618 Stromberg Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15203, as a member to the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh, for a term to expire February 28, 2012 .
A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.
- Bill No. [2007-1204](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Noor Ismail, 1511 Reamer Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15226, as Director of City Planning. Said appointment shall be effective as of date of confirmation by Council.
Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee
- Bill No. [2007-1205](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lynne M. Garfinkel, 1677 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as a member to the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh, for a term to expire January 2, 2010 . Ms. Garfinkel will be filling the unexpired term of Thelma Lovette.
Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee
- Bill No. [2007-1206](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Patrick B. Ford, 5188 Glenhurst Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15207, as a member to the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh, for a term to expire October 31, 2010. Mr. Ford will fill the unexpired term of Dennis Regan.
Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee
- Bill No. [2007-1207](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Michael A. Stern, 1035 Murray Hill Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as Chairman of the Historic Review Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire February 28, 2009.
Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee
- Bill No. [2007-1208](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Kiva A. Fisher-Green, 7930 Tacoma Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208-2120, as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.
- Bill No. [2007-1209](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Corey R. O'Connor, 5670 Phillips Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.
- Bill No. [2007-1210](#) Resolution authorizing the appointment of Aliya D. Durham, 50 Hauck Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235, as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.
A motion was made that this matter be Approved. The motion carried.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mary W. Wilson, 2372 Overlook Drive, Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101 as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.

[2007-1211](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Laura L. Ludwig, 2868 Fernwald Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.

[2007-1212](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jessica L. Sharrow, 5562 Hobart Street, Apartment 219, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as a member to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission for a term to expire February 28, 2011.

[2007-1213](#)

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 & Budget for February 14, 2007.

[2007-1192](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements for professional consulting services in connection with real estate tax assessment matters, including, but not limited to, tax assessment appeals filed by property owners and/or the City or other taxing jurisdictions in regard to commercial, industrial and residential real property in the City of Pittsburgh at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand Dollars).

[2007-1174](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Controller of the City of Pittsburgh to conduct a full Performance Audit to assure compliance with Ordinance 32 of 1997 entitled "Title One Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161 Contracts, Section 161.16, Required Provisions in Contracts, to Prevent the purchase, lease, rental or taking on consignment, any goods, or products made under sweatshop conditions."

[2007-1187](#)

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for February
[2007-1193](#) 14, 2007.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No 793 of 2006, effective date December 31, 2006,
[2007-1175](#) to clarify the amounts to be paid to the City by South Side Works Association for funding of trail maintenance.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for
[2007-1176](#) the repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies, landscaping equipment, including mowers, utility carts, tractors, etc., at various parks and park facilities throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$450,000.00.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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