

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 31, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

**Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,
Jim Motznik, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, Douglas Shields, Sala Udin**

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2005-1441](#) BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that Pittsburgh City Council asks all Pittsburgh residents to join the School District in encouraging family members and friends of all ages to make a lifelong commitment to proper nutrition and healthy activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 3, 2005 be designated as "Fun To Be Fit/Healthy Lifestyles Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2005-1442](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes the American Society of Highway Engineers, its leadership and members, for ever striving to meet the challenge of designing, building and maintaining safe, efficient highways.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, GENE RICCIARDI, LEN BODACK, JIM MOTZNIK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. [2005-1443](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize and commend Mrs. Youngblood for her caring heart and timeless dedication to help those that come to her for inspirational advice.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS

Bill No. [2005-1439](#) Resolution providing for the City of Pittsburgh to participate in or purchase off contracts for goods, materials, services, construction, vehicles or equipment entered into by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania any Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County, City, Township, Municipality, Borough, Authority, Public Procurement Unit and the Pittsburgh School District pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, Act 57 of 1998 and Act 180 of 1972 as amended by Act 148 of 1986.

Read and referred to General Services & Telecommunications Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2005-1435](#) Resolution granting unto the University of Pittsburgh, 3400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, foundations, planters, bollards, and trees with grates and (12) twelve decorative pedestrian lights on the sidewalk areas on Fifth Avenue, Lothrop Street, and Darragh Street in the 4th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. [2005-1436](#) Resolution granting unto the Midwife Center, 2825 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, business identification sign over the right-of-way at 2825 Penn Avenue in the 6th Ward, 7th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. [2005-1437](#) Resolution vacating Denham Way between Myler and Edenvale Streets in the 25th Ward, 1st Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. [2005-1432](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into a one-year professional service contract with the Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc., for the purpose of preparing revenue forecasts, at a total cost not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year, subject to annual budget appropriation.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1433](#) Resolution providing for conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act, effective December 11, 1984.

ITEM A. A: 624 East Ohio. ITEM B. B: 1116 Province (deleted)

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1434](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

ITEMS A thru O. A: 8338 Frankstown; B: 8336 Frankstown; C: 8344 Exley; D: 1252 Berry; E: 7500 Tioga; F: 1428 Belasco; 4717 Hatfield; I: 310 Cedarville; J: 3621 Chartiers; K: 3207 Ward; L: 16 Vinecliff; M: 2167-69 Wylie, 2171 Wylie, 2173 Wylie, & 607 Kirkpatrick; N: 707 N. Atlantic; O: 1315 Rutherford. (AMENDED TO DELETE ITEM "G")

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. E-03952, from Pizza Hut of America, Inc., 3210 Library Road, Castle Shannon, PA 15203 to Southside Steaks, LLC c/o Marc Feldstein, 5935 Walnut Street, Apt #1, Pittsburgh, PA 15232 for the premises, located at 2000 East Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

[2005-1440](#)

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. UDIN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE

Bill No. Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Section 513 of Chapter 1007 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the former Buhl Planetarium and Institute of Popular Science Building, located at in Allegheny Square, block and lot number 023-R-103, in the 22nd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

[2005-1438](#)

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for May 25, 2005.

[2005-1428](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide work experience, labor market orientation and year-round training opportunities 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 related outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2005 Pittsburgh Partnership 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.

[2005-1377](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide job development and employment services, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor, staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, vocational skills training and on-the-job training, outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditure necessary to implement the 2005 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program, and for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

[2005-1378](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1379](#)

Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies for job development and employment services necessary to implement the 2005 Neighborhood Employment Program, and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Neighborhood Employment Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1380](#)

Resolution providing for the filing of an application or applications by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Labor and/or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a grant or grants in connection with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and/or the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Single Point of Contact (SPOC);

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1381](#)

Resolution repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, authorizing the sale of properties in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. Items A thru E: A: 1446 Columbus; B: 1321 Adams; C: 7611 Bennett; D:1 Kenzig; E: 1212 N. Franklin.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1382](#)

Resolution providing for conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.
ITEM A thru B. A: 2745 Bergman; B: 224 Chester.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1383](#)

Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh/City Source Associates Sideyard Program.
ITEMS A thru B. A: 3824 Merle; B: 934 Itin.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.
[2005-1384](#)

Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales, in accordance with Act No.171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.
ITEMS A thru T. A: 4820 Broad; B: 317 N. St. Clair; C: 708 Euclid; D: 5529 Black; E: 408 N. Beatty; F: 847 Lovett; G: 852 Suismon; H: 848 Suismon; I: 833 Suismon; J: 837 Suismon; K: 1131 Spring Garden; L: 820 Lovett; M: 104 Jacksonia; N: 245 Alpine; O: 237 Carrington; P: 107 Alpine; Q:223 Alpine; R: 244 Alpine; S: 238 Alpine; T: 5816 Hayes.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1328](#)
Resolution providing for the issuance of Warrants in the sums of \$23,660.33 to Sacha R. Pellaton c/o Andrew J. Leger, Jr., Esquire, 3100 Grant Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, and in full and final settlement of the action filed at GD00-019970 relating to the City of Pittsburgh arising from the alleged personal injury and property damage sustained due to a vehicle collision at Stayton Street and Marshall Avenue on or about January 26, 1999 and \$1,339.67 to the Treasurer of the City of Pittsburgh for indebtedness to the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1404](#)
Resolution further amending Resolution No. 230, effective April 19, 2000, 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 4; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by deleting "Citi-Parks Preschool \$20,000.00" and increasing District Four Contingency by the same amount. Total of all projects is not to exceed \$937,258.86.

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. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MR. UDIN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE

Bill No. [2005-1429](#)
Report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Land Use for May 25, 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2005-1207](#)
Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Article IIIV, Section 922.03 - Zoning Certificates by adding section 922.03.F - Transfer of Property without Notice, City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1385](#)
Resolution amending Resolution 278 of 2003 to authorize the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Finance, and City Planning to enter into a license and maintenance agreement or agreements with the Friends of the Riverfront to implement a kayak rack and launch program in the city, which will involve the construction and maintenance of kayak racks and launches throughout the city of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships / Keystone Community
[2005-1386](#) Grant Project KEY-RTP-5-13, a grant received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare a Master Plan for City owned property at the junction of the Ohio River and Chartiers Creek.

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. Motzник, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May
[2005-1430](#) 25, 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1,
[2005-1417](#) 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 deleting Citi-Parks Preschool \$20,000.00 and increasing Various Other Projects District Four by \$20,000.00 to \$32,741.14 in Council District 4.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

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. Motzник, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on General Services, Technology and the Arts for May 25,
[2005-1431](#) 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an agreement with the Carnegie Institute in order to facilitate renovation to Dinosaur Hall of the Carnegie Museum.
[2005-1367](#)

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. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

PEDUTO: Request President of Council to form a Task Force to review school closings and utilization of facilities; Available data from N. Need study; Task to include City Council; A+ Schools Input from Three Taxing Bodies.

SHIELDS: thanks you to all the Memorial Day Participants in the Hazelwood, Greenfield & Squirrel Hill Communities.

RAVENSTAHL: Reminder of the 2005 Senoir Olypmic Games this weekend June 4th.

BODACK: Commending the community of Lawrenceville for an outstanding Memorial Day Parade.

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.