

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, February 1, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Alan Hertzberg, 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. Hertzberg, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Absent: 1 - Mr. Peduto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by 7 year old Deonna Wallace who is a 1st grade student from Lincoln Elementary Traditional Academy. (Council District #9)

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2005-1023](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, recognizes and commends the Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America for their efforts and awareness of the challenges that that we face in order to produce successful young men and women that benefit the commonwealth of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, the Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America Scoutreach declares Saturday, February 5th, 2004 "the Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America Scoutreach" day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. [2005-1014](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements; or the use of existing Contracts or Agreements for the purchase of City issued tasers, holsters, and related accessories for the Bureau of Police at a cost not to exceed Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars and providing for the payment thereof.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

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

Bill No. [2005-1021](#) 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 Spring Garden Neighborhood Council's Grocery Store Project in Council District 1.

SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. HERTZBERG PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. [2005-1011](#)
Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 256, 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 9; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by deleting "Bradahanna Project Homewood - BBI" \$40,000 and by adding the same amount to "District 9 Community Projects". Total of all projects is not to exceed \$932,000.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1012](#)
Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 180, effective April 5, 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 3; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," By changing the name only of an existing project from "Allies & Bates St. Project - Oakland PDC" to "Oakland PDC - Oakland Square/Co-cooperation Projects". Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$970,000.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1018](#)
Resolution amending Resolution No. 59, effective February 21, 2003, as further amended, entitled, "Providing for the continued designation of a Downtown Pittsburgh Business Improvement District," by increasing the millage rate from 3.87 to 3.92 to coincide with decreased property values in the Business Improvement District.

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN

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

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1019](#)
Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license, License No. R-17332, from Donald L Shelpman (DJ's), 2130 Whitaker Way, Munhall, PA 15120 to Samuel Firman for Sammy's Famous Corned Beef of Pittsburgh, Inc., located at 4067 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, pursuant to amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1020](#)
Resolution amending Resolution No. 446 of 2004 entitled "Resolution terminating the Neighborhood Improvement District in the western neighborhoods of Pittsburgh known as the West End Home Assurance Value (WE HAV) program" by changing Section 5.

SPONSOR(S): ALAN HERTZBERG

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

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

Bill No. 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 Spring Garden Neighborhood Council's Grocery Store Project in Council District 1.

[2005-1013](#)

Read and referred to Parks, Recreation & Youth Policy Committee

MR. RICCIARDI PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Communication from Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk, submitting the fourth quarter travel reports for year 2004 from various city departments.

[2005-1015](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a Public Hearing on Bill No. 2005-0999 - Resolution amending the Rules of Council, Title VI, subsection c, by inserting guidelines for Public Comment at City Council Regular, Committee and Special Meeting.

[2005-1016](#)

Motion was made to Waive Rule 8. The Motion carried.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Communication from Tom Flather, City Controller submitting a Report on the City's Homeland Security Funding

[2005-1022](#)

Read, Received and Filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Hertzberg requesting a CABLECAST POST AGENDA on Firefighter/Police Budget issues & contracts. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Hertzberg, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 1 - Mr. Udin
Absent: 1 - Mr. Peduto

UDIN: Request a Legal Memorandum regarding appropriate content of discussion at the Post Agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. HERTZBERG PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for January 26, 2005.

[2005-1009](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Best Business Forms
[2005-0982](#) Company, 323 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, in the amount of \$5,528.16 for
payment for the manufacture of the 2005 City of Pittsburgh Dog License Applications,
This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in an amount not to exceed \$6,000
[2005-0983](#) in favor of Diana Kukic and The Law Firm of Swensen, Perer & Kontos, One Oxford
Centre, Suite 2501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in settlement of a trip and fall accident
taking place on August 8, 2002, in the Smithfield Street crosswalk, said lawsuit having
been filed with the Prothonotary at AR-04-4344.
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. Hertzberg, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr.
Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. Peduto

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Land Use for January 26, 2005.
[2005-1010](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for the implementation of the Residential Parking Permit
[2005-0966](#) Program (RPPP) Area "DD" in the Southside community (Council District #3)
pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

**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. Hertzberg, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr.
Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. Peduto

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Appointment of the Honorable Paul Costa as a Member of
[2005-1017](#) the Sports and Exhibition Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

MOTZNIK: Request expedited CABLECAST POST AGENDA on transportation of

Hazardous Materials in city limits; APPROVED

CARLISLE/UDIN: Comments on Black History Month in February; Opportunity for Education & Focus.

CARLISLE: NAACP Membership Drive; encourage participation.

UDIN: Police Officer Recruitment ongoing thru March 4th; community outreach encouraged to solicit minorities and women.

UDIN: Request follow-up report from Citizen Police Review Board on usage/effect of Taser Guns; focus on public safety impact.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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