

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, April 10, 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, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2007-1359](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to extend a sincere invitation to the 2009 NATIONAL NOBLE CONVENTION, while additionally pledging its fullest support to the organization if Pittsburgh is indeed selected as the 2009 conference location.

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

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

Bill No.

[2007-1360](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 20 through the 22 as The Harmony Singers of Pittsburgh Great American Harmony Days.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2007-1361](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pittsburgh City Council congratulates the employees of the Allegheny County 911 Center and thanks them for their dedication and service to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

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

Bill No.

[2007-1362](#)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Family Resources, A Child's Place at Mercy, CASA, the National Council of Jewish Women, Childwatch of Pittsburgh, Kidsvoice and institutions such as Children's Hospital, Allegheny County Family, Juvenile and Children's Court, the Department of Human Services Office of Children, Youth and Families and the District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit for their efforts to protect children; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joanne Witkowski, a community activist, be recognized for her efforts in working with these agencies and institutions to raise awareness to prevent all forms of violence and crimes against children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 2007 to be "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" in the city of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh
[2007-1363](#) sincerely thanks Will Sell for his dedication to improving his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares April 10, 2007, "Will Sell Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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 AND PROMOTION

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreement(s) and to provide
[2007-1349](#) administrative/operating expenses, including but not limited to, rehabilitation, maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities, furnishings, homeless prevention and essential services and other miscellaneous expenses associated with the Emergency Shelter Grant funds, at a cost not to exceed \$740,197.

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Jewish Healthcare
[2007-1350](#) Foundation to provide administration and operating expenses, housing and housing related supportive services to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, at a total cost not to exceed \$619,000.

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 167, effective April 5, 2006, entitled, "Providing
[2007-1351](#) 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 2001 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 City Council from "District 1 - Equipment" (1,000) and "District 7" (-3,000) to "East Allegheny Community Council" (+1,000) and "Tree of Hope" (+3,000).

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND LEN BODACK

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 155, effective April 5, 2006, which presently
[2007-1352](#) reads as follows: 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 the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and installation thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$1,153,750.00, chargeable to and payable from the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Program "City Council", so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "District 1 - Equipment" (-1,000) and "District 7" (-3,000) to "East Allegheny Community Council" (+1,000) and "Tree of Hope" (+3,000).

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND LEN BODACK

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1353](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 153, effective April 5, 2006 entitled: Providing for an Agreement or Agreements with 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 or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving and other related costs the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$972,000.00; so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "District #9 Projects" (- 4,500) to "Agape" (+ 4,500) and by reducing District 7 Equipment (-\$8,000) and adding District 7 Citizen Observer Project (+8,000).

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1354](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 153, effective April 5, 2006 entitled: Providing for an Agreement or Agreements with 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 or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving and other related costs the purchase of equipment and/or furniture at a cost not to exceed \$972,000.00; so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "District #9 Projects" (- 4,500) to "Agape" (+ 4,500) and by reducing District 7 Equipment (-\$8,000) and adding District 7 Citizen Observer Project (+8,000).

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1355](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No.163, effective 4-9-2007 entitled: Resolution 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 2005 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 City Council from "District 5 - Street Tree Planning" (-1,000) to "Carnegie Library Hazelwood Branch" (+1,000) and "District 1 - Equipment" (-3,500)

to "Sarah Heinz House" (+2,000) and "North Side Leadership Conference" (+1,500).

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1356](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 588, effective October 10, 2006 entitled: 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 \$1,000,000.00 chargeable to and payable from the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program "City Council" so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "District 5 - Tree Planting" (-1,000) to "Carnegie Library Hazelwood Branch" (+1,000) and "District 1 - Equipment" (-3,500) to "Sarah Heinz House" (+2,000) and "Northside Leadership Conference" (+1,500).

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1357](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 784 effective December 12, 2006, entitled: "Resolution 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 2006 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 City Council District #8, District 5, and District 3 to various Council line items.

SPONSOR(S): JEFFREY S. KOCH, DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2007-1358](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 587, effective October 10, 2006 entitled: "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 950,000.00" so as to amend line items in City Council: (District 8), (District 5) and (District 3) and reprogram these funds to various Council line items.

SPONSOR(S): JEFFREY S. KOCH, DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for April 4, 2007.

[2007-1345](#)

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

Bill No. Ordinance Supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 1 - Administrative. Article XI - Personnel, by adding a new Chapter 185, entitled "Additional Authorization for Employment in the Bureau of Police" providing for procedures for the appointment as probationers of certain police officers currently employed by the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

[2007-1316](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$85,000.00 to Catherine McNeilly, c/o Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, 1705 Allegheny Building, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in full and final settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania to No. 06CV-1685.

[2007-1324](#)

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

Votes: Ayes: 6 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 2 - Mr. Koch and Ms. Payne

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for April 4, 2007.

[2007-1346](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 404, effective July 7, 2006, entitled, Res. finally locating right of ways and accepting the naming and dedication of roadways which are part of the North Shore Roadway Improvement Phases I-V / Stadium

[2007-1317](#)

Projects, in the 22nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh; is hereby amended by correcting the description of the right of way and roadway described therein and the acceptance and dedication thereof as reflected on Exhibit "A" attached.

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. Motzник, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Youth Policy for April 4, 2007.

[2007-1347](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the designation and transfer to the Department of Parks and Recreation the attached lists of certain City owned properties to become permanent additions to seven (7) existing City of Pittsburgh established parks.

[2006-0770](#)

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. Motzник, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for April 4, 2007.

[2007-1348](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of an agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. for the development and payment thereof for a central business district evacuation plan. The agreement will provide a means in which the Mayor of Pittsburgh and the Director of Public Safety may utilize funds authorized by Resolution 687 of 2005 for payment of costs accrued in the development and implementation of a central business district evacuation plan. Cost not to exceed \$589,327.00.

[2007-1090](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1318](#)

Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh may enter into an agreement or agreements with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh in order for City of Pittsburgh Police to provide police services on Housing Authority properties for a period of three years, in consideration for payments by the Housing Authority of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for each year that the agreement remains in effect. per year.

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. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

A motion was made to excuse the absent member(s)Ms. Carlisle. 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.