

# **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, April 21, 2009**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

**Douglas Shields, President**

**Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris, Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto, Theresa Smith**

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk**

**Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

## ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2009-1330](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre for 39 years of remarkable achievement in the arts and dance and congratulates PBT for presenting the enchanting Pittsburgh premiere of Cinderella.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 24 - 26, 2009, to be "CINDERELLA DAYS" 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.

[2009-1331](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate these Pittsburgh Allderdice High School science students and their teachers for their outstanding achievements and for bringing pride to Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, the Pittsburgh School District and the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 21, 2009, to be "PITTSBURGH ALLDERDICE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT DAY" 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.

[2009-1332](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks "The Black and Gold City Goes Green" and its community partners for their efforts to reduce global warming and encourages Pittsburgh residents to participate in the campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares April 22, 2009, "Earth 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.**

Bill No.

[2009-1333](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of her death and thank Billie Holiday for providing us with a body of work, as great as any vocalist before or since.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2009-1334](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the Health and Wellness Ministry of the Sixth Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for their efforts to enhance the quality of life for others as they empower communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby proclaim April 23, 2009, as “Health and Wellness Ministry Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2009-1335](#) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes this outstanding young man, Andrew Sywyj of Troop 6 and commends him for his commitment to the betterment of his community and his great personal achievement.

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2009-1336](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Head Start for the contribution it has made to this region and commends Head Start from Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh for the 4,000 piece art mural to be displayed at the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Building marking Head Start Week ; and,  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the week of April 27, 2009, to be “HEADSTART WEEK” 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. [2009-1337](#) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the important work of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners; and  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 22, 2009, “MAKE THE CONNECTION DAY”, in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

**REV. BURGESS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTS**

Bill No. [2009-1322](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map [No. 29] by changing various zoning district classifications in the Mount Washington 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 Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No. [2009-1323](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map No. 29 by changing various zoning district classifications in the Duquesne Heights 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 Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No. [2009-1324](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 218, approved April 6, 2000 entitled "Resolution amending Resolution No. 984, approved August 20, 1993 entitled "Amending Resolution No. 444, approved May 6, 1982, entitled providing for implementation of Residential Parking Permit Program in portions of Lawrenceville community pursuant to Pittsburgh Code, so as to amend the streets included in Area "A" so as to include paragraph one of section one of Resolution No. 829 approved September 22, 1986 and add two properties by address", to include an additional street.

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

**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

**MR. DOWD, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, PRESENTS**

Bill No. [2009-1325](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in which URA will make a \$50,000 grant to the City to reimburse the City for completed curb, sidewalk and street improvements in the Highland Park business district. (Council District 7)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

**MRS. HARRIS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, PRESENTS**

Bill No. [2009-1317](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for the purchase of Two (2) 28 yard Recycling Packers, and one (1) pickup truck with ParKan dump body, and all related accessories, for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental Services, and provide for the payment thereof and/or the transfer of all required funding to the Equipment Leasing Authority, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works Committee**

**MS. PAYNE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES,  
PRESENTS**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of an application or applications by the City of  
[2009-1318](#) Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Labor and/or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
for a grant or grants in connection with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act  
of 2009 (ARRA) funding for activities authorized under the Workforce Investment  
Act of 1998 (WIA)

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for  
[2009-1319](#) payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies for job development  
and employment services necessary to implement the 2009 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.

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for  
[2009-1320](#) 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 2009 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  
\$100,000.00.

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for  
[2009-1321](#) 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 2009 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 \$500,000.00.

**Read and referred to Human Resources Committee**

**MR. PEDUTO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW,  
PRESENTS**

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article VII,  
[2009-1326](#) Procedures, Chapter 161, Contracts, by adding a new Section 161.36 entitled  
"Contract Disclosure."

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161 Contracts, by adding a new section 161.37 entitled "Lobbyist Registration."  
[2009-1327](#)

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article VII, Procedures, Chapter 161, Contracts, Section 161.02, Competitive Bidding; Exceptions, by deleting certain language.  
[2009-1328](#)

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

**Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for April 15, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.  
[2009-1311](#)

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

Bill No. 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 through E: A: 916 Oranmore; B: 1612 Orchlee; C: 721 Singer; D: 174 Wabash; E: 2053 Frankella.  
[2009-1255](#)

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

Bill No. 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. ITEMS A through C: A: 413 Jonathan; B: Dunster Lot 9; C: 203 Walter.  
[2009-1256](#)

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

Bill No. 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 through R: A: 1526 Brighton; B: 4548 Friendship; C: 4728 Chatsworth; D: 716 Watt; E: 3621 Colmar; F: 36 Nobles; G: 58 Norton; H: 22 Somers; I: 210 Ophelia; J: 730 Idlewood; K: 132 44th; L: 3561 Bethoven; M: 6818 Baker; N: 2040 Forbes; O: 3609 Charlotte; P: 1955 Lithgow; Q: 124 Herndon; R: 3525 Sirius.  
[2009-1257](#)

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

Bill No.

[2009-1258](#)

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 through Z. A: 210 Seneca; B: 1426 Sandusky; C: 1356 Lowrie; D: 4616 Penn; E: 7003 Frankstown; F: 1412 DeHaven; G: 1409 Spring Garden; H: 324 Edith; I: 1076 Blackadore; J: 159 Almond; K: 3611 Baytree (DELETED); L: 828 Suismon (DELETED); M: 1309 Pitt; N: 7154 Apple; O: 3217 Josephine; P: 112, 114 & 116 Ireland; Q: 707 Sterrett; R: 7247 Kelly; S: 7251 & 7255 Kelly; T: 7231 Butler; U: 1716 Cosmos; V: 1148 Woods Run; W: 459 Norton; X: 4044 Howley; Y: 2031 Fairland; Z: 521 Montooth.

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

Bill No.

[2009-1259](#)

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 through J. A: 35 Norton; B: 1619 St. Patrick; C: 6950 Lemington; D: 521 53rd; E: 7315 Frankstown; F: 1710 Marmaduke (AMENDED); G: 164 38th; H: 5235 Lotus & 5234 Holmes; I: 5312 Holmes; J: 5305 Camelia.

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

Bill No.

[2009-1260](#)

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 through F. A: 2003 Wyandotte; B: 2035 Wyandotte; C: 2013 and 2015 Colwell; D: 1833 and 1837 Colwell; E: 1826 & 28 Diaz and 1829 Colwell; F: 2116 Watson.

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

Bill No.

[2009-1261](#)

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 and B: A: 6105 Jackson; B: 423 N. Fairmount.

**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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

**MR. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for April 15, 2009 with an  
[2009-1312](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety  
[2009-1225](#) to enter into an Agreement with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority for Cities of the Second Class to establish and fund the Public Safety Demonstration Project, and authorizing the transfer of the sum of \$300,000.00 into a restricted special fund to be used for purposes of said Project.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

**MRS. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for April 15, 2009 with an Affirmative  
[2009-1313](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing  
[2009-1263](#) Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, and providing for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment in connection with the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Various Park Facilities; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$808,932.00.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 1 - Mr. Dowd  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing  
[2009-1264](#) Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, and providing for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment in connection with the rehabilitation and reconstruction of various park facilities; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$766,000.00.



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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 1 - Mr. Dowd  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2009-1265](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 704, effective December 20, 2007, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2008 Capital Budget and the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2008 through 2012 Capital Improvement Program," by increasing "Park Reconstruction" by \$34,932.00, from \$774,000.00 to \$808,932.00.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **REV. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bill No.

[2009-1314](#)

Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for April 15, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2009-1050](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from R1A-H, Single Unit Residential Attached High Density District to LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial District, certain property identified as Block No. 121-K, Lot No. 69, in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System; 10th Ward.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **MRS. SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION**

Bill No.

[2009-1315](#)

Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for April 15, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of  
[2009-1266](#) Public Education for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2009 Summer Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000.00).

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for a contract or contracts, agreements or agreements, lease or  
[2009-1267](#) leases, or the use of existing contracts, leases or agreements and other approved expenditures for the payment of supplies, equipment, materials, salaries, rentals, and other services required to provide center services for the Senior Community Program in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

### **MR. DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for April 15, 2009 with an  
[2009-1316](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution adopting the East Liberty Gateway Tax Increment Financing Plan  
[2009-1096](#) presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and making certain findings. (Council District 9)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2009-1097](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, the County of Allegheny and the School District of Pittsburgh providing for the financing, monitoring, implementation and termination of the East Liberty Gateway Tax Increment Financing District. (Council District 9).

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 683, effective November 16, 2006, entitled  
[2009-1233](#) "Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a

\$1,125,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the National Aviary project” by increasing the amount of the grant to \$1,625,000. (Council District 6)

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 685, effective November 16, 2006, entitled  
[2009-1234](#) “Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in the amount of \$1,125,000 for the National Aviary project” by increasing the grant to \$1,625,000. (Council District 6)

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

Bill No. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 378, effective July 5, 2006, entitled “Resolution  
[2009-1296](#) authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Beechview Senior Center” by increasing the grant to \$1,500,000. (Council District 4)

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK**

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

Bill No. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 372, effective July 5, 2006, entitled “Resolution  
[2009-1297](#) authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a \$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Beechview Senior Center project” by increasing the amount of the grant to \$1,500,000. (Council District 4)

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK**

**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: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No. WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh on April 4th, 2009 suffered a great loss of three  
[2009-1329](#) upstanding police officers to a senseless act of violence involving an assault rifle; and,

WHEREAS, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 was a federal ban on assault weapons, left to expire by a previous presidential administration on September 13th, 2004 ; and,

WHEREAS, The Governor, other elected officials and law enforcement officials from across Pennsylvania, last week in a press conference, voiced their support of a mandatory lost or stolen handgun reporting law and a renewed Assault Weapons Ban including Pittsburgh Police Chief Nathan Harper who asks, "How much blood has to be spilled in the streets of America before we say enough is enough?"; and,

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials view a lost or stolen reporting requirement as an important tool enabling investigators to track illegal handguns used in crimes back to their original owner as well as to create more accountability; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association along with the Pittsburgh Fraternal Order of Police are public advocates of a statewide lost or stolen handgun reporting law; and,

WHEREAS, seven states have already passed legislation to stem the rising tide of gun violence by stopping straw purchasers, making it mandatory for handgun owners to report their weapons lost or stolen to their local police department and five states have taken steps to mirror the Assault Weapons Ban; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsburgh City Council calls upon the Pennsylvania State Legislature to support the efforts and follow the example of Governor Edward G. Rendell to enact multi-tiered legislation to protect our officers and communities including making lost or stolen handgun reporting mandatory in Pennsylvania, and to permit Pennsylvania cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth to enact their own version of gun control laws; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pittsburgh City Council also calls on the United States Congress to reinstate the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which was irresponsibly allowed to expire; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to all members of the Pennsylvania delegation to the United States Congress, Pennsylvania General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**