

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, May 22, 2012

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL**

Darlene M. Harris, President

**Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle,
Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith**

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk
Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2012-0420](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Pittsburgh Allderdice High School for its consistent and unwavering emphasis on academics , rigor and diversity in education and congratulates the students who have achieved National Merit Scholar designations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 22, 2012, to be "ALLDERDICE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0421](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Jim Krenn as honorary goodwill ambassador to the City of Pittsburgh, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in his role as goodwill ambassador, Jim Krenn will work with the region's cultural amenities and economic development agencies to welcome visitors to the City, attract new business, and share his love of Pittsburgh with the world.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0422](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the dedication and commitment of the Emergency Medical Teams to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares May 20 through May 26 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0423](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Women for a Healthy Environment for their efforts to educate the general public in order for them to be better informed consumers and advocates for safer and

healthier ingredients in our personal care and products.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 22 to be Fragrance-Free Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0424](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Karen Barry's 40 years of service in education to the students of Immaculate Conception School and the surrounding community by thanking her for her service and wishing her happiness in her retirement years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 25, 2012 Karen Barry Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0425](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Reverend Michael Murray, Sr. for his commitment to his congregation and his community and congratulates him on his 16 years as a Reverend.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0426](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for their tremendous new building, and for advancing environmental sustainability and an appreciation for nature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 23, 2012 to be "Phipps' Center for Sustainable Landscapes Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0427](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor our nation's service members and the work year-round of the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust on behalf of our armed forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 28, 2012 to be "Soldiers & Sailors Memorial 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.

[2012-0428](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Tom Fitzgerald as the 2012 Financial Planning Association of Pittsburgh's First Class Patriot Achievement Award winner, and does hereby declare Tuesday, May 22, 2012, to be "Tom Fitzgerald Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2012-0429](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the late Mr. James Presken for his remarkable talents and countless hours of dedication to one of the key assets to the City of Pittsburgh, the Duquesne Incline; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, May 20, 2012, to be "James Presken Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS**PRESENTATION OF PAPERS****COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS**

Bill No.

[2012-0413](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Foundation to document a voluntary commitment from community nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance to the City for the years 2012 and 2013.

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

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2012-0414](#)

Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements with the School District of Pittsburgh for reimbursement by the School District to the City for the cost of services rendered by the Office of the City Treasurer in the billing and collection of School District taxes during the year 2012 and subsequent years.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2012-0415](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to accept by deed(s) of gift or dedication from the Perry Athletic Association title to fourteen parcels of real property located along Garvin Street in the 26th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS

Bill No. [2012-0416](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution Nos. 471, 722, 793 and 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2000, 2003, 1996 and 2012 capital budgets” respectively by transferring all active District 8 Neighborhood Needs projects from three budget years into budget year 2012 in the JDE financial system and by transferring \$5,000.00 to Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for the Schenley High School Community Plan.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No. [2012-0417](#) Resolution providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council District 8 Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof by transferring \$5,000.00 to Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for the Schenley High School Community Plan. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$\$134,924.55.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE HARRIS PRESENTS

Bill No. [2012-0418](#) Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2012 capital budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program” by transferring \$5,500 from Northside Leadership Conference to Community Alliance Spring Garden East Deutschtown (CASGED) for a surveillance camera in Council District 1 Neighborhood Needs.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

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

Bill No. [2012-0419](#) Resolution providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof by transferring \$5,500 from Northside Leadership Conference to Community Alliance Spring Garden East Deutschtown (CASGED) for a surveillance camera. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$437,779.53.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

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

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. [2012-0410](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby express opposition to the ongoing court-ordered reassessment and ask the Court of Common Pleas to stop the process immediately to return certainty and stability to all residents, businesses, governments and school districts in Allegheny county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh joins in the efforts of Senator Wayne D. Fontana, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Council and others to combat this unfair and inequitable reassessment process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support Senate Bills 1280 and 1462, sponsored by Senator Wayne D. Fontana.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Council. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. [2012-0411](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for may 16, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2012-0347](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$5,319.29 warrant in favor of Mark Guarino, 28 Navajo Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241, in settlement of a claim for a damaged vehicle due to a City Fire vehicle on or about March 22, 2012.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

COUNCILMAN DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. [2012-0412](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for May 16, 2012 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2012-0317](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 6th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 49-N, Lot 10 (Council District No. 7 - (site assemblage) - 3435 Butler Street.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

Bill No.

[2012-0373](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh designating URA as the City's agent for administration of the 2012 HOME Investments Partnership Program in the amount of \$1,952,340. (Council Districts: All)

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 - Mr. O'Connor

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2012-0430](#)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does not support the legalization of predatory, payday lending practices in Pennsylvania; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the Pennsylvania State Legislature to reject HB 2191.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Councilman O'Connor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER