

# **City of Pittsburgh**

*510 City-County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



## **MEETING MINUTES**

*Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh*

**Monday, May 16, 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. [2005-1393](#) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the good work of the Emergency Medical Teams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares May 15 through 21 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2005-1394](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends the Pittsburgh School Board of Public Education and all volunteers for their work in facilitating "Take Your Father to School Day" and for fostering the importance of having a positive male role model in a child's life. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges fathers, uncles, cousins and other adult males to attend school on May 20, 2005 and show support for their children's education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 20, 2005 be hereby declared "Take Your Father to School Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE, GENE RICCIARDI AND LEN BODACK**

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

Bill No. [2005-1395](#) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends these young ladies on their drive, energy, and enthusiasm and praises their focus on athletics and team spirit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, May 16, 2005, to be "South Brook Middle School Lady Titans Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2005-1396](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes Gateway to the Arts and William Block Sr. for expanding the horizon of so many of Pittsburgh's children, so well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares

May 19, 2005 "Bill Block Sr. Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1397](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does express its great appreciation to The East Liberty Family Health Care Center for its inspired efforts to offer affordable health care to all those in need.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1398](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize and commend Westlynn Kay Davis for the invaluable commitment and service to the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education and improving the quality of learning life through public education.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1399](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh requests that Pennsylvania's Members of Congress protect Pennsylvania's taxpayers and once again support the bipartisan Chabot/Andrews Amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill of 2005.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

### MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Bill No.

[2005-1387](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 247, effective April 26, 2001, entitled: Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Community Based Organizations for community and economic development planning assistance in various neighborhoods in the City and providing operating support for these groups by decreasing the allocation by (-82,000.00) for a total cost of \$818,000.00.

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1388](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 316, effective May 31, 2002, entitled: Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Community Based Organizations for community and economic development planning assistance in various neighborhoods in the City and providing operating support for these groups by decreasing the allocation by (-7,500.00) for a total cost of \$892,500.00.

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1389](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 886, effective December 2003, entitled "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 1996 Community Development Block Grant Program; so as to reprogram funds in the Mayor's Office from "Neighborhood Business District Decorative Lighting" (- 36,088.04) to the "URA - Oak Hill Infrastructure (+ 36,088.04).

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1390](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 474, effective October 4, 2004, as entitled, "Providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of HUD for a grant in connection with the 2000 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 General Services from "Elevator Repair & Maintenance" (-50,000) and "Public Works" (-44,973.30) to the URA - "Oakhill Infrastructure" (+94,973.30)

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1391](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 258, effective May 5, 2005, entitled, "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 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 Planning from "Community Based Organization" (-82,000) to URA - "Oakhill Infrastructure" (+82,000).

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1392](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 257, effective May 5, 2005 entitled: "Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2002 CDBG Program; providing for execution of grant contracts, filing of data, execution of payment vouchers and certification of signature; the deposit of funds in a bank account and providing for payment of expenses" so as to reallocate funds in the Mayor's Office from "East End Multi-Purpose Center" (-88,911.96) and "Faith Based Initiative" (-125,000), to the URA - Oak Hill Infrastructural (+213,911.96).

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No.

[2005-1377](#)

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1378](#)

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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);

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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.

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

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

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.

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1386](#)

Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships / Keystone Community 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.

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No.

[2005-1373](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for May 11, 2005.

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No.

[2005-0943](#)

Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services Contract or Contracts for the purpose of providing professional legal services in connection with the defense of certain worker's compensation matters and claims brought against the City under the Worker's Compensation Act and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$30,000.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Sheraton Hotel Station Square in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars, for the Citiparks Seniors Program Volunteer Recognition Gala; and providing for the payment thereof. Cost not to exceed \$10,000.

[2005-1310](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services Contract or Contracts for the purpose of providing professional nurse case management services in connection with the monitoring of certain worker's compensation claims and medical treatment toward a goal of returning injured employees to work as soon as they are medically able to return. Cost not to exceed \$127,256.

[2005-1311](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution amended Resolution No. 367 of 2002, entitled "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 2002 Neighborhood Employment Program, and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Neighborhood Employment Program for payment of cost thereof", by decreasing the project allocation by \$571.83 from \$300,000 to \$299,428.17

[2005-1312](#)

**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. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for May 11, 2005.

[2005-1374](#)

#### **Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution granting unto the Sterling Land Company, 3955 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15224, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain, and use at their own cost and expense, a private storm water lateral at the right-of-way of North Dithridge Street in the 5th Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

[2005-1313](#)

**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

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

Bill No. [2005-1375](#) Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May 11, 2005.

### **Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. [2005-1315](#) Resolution providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh for the performance of certain work in connection with the 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant Program, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed \$5,352,972. (Council Districts: All).

**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

## **MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

Bill No. [2005-1376](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for May 11, 2005.

### **Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. [2005-0952](#) Resolution requesting members of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives to work cooperatively to increase penalties associated with Home Invasion.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**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**



**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

**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.