

# **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 7, 2006**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

**Luke Ravenstahl, President**

**Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,  
Dan Deasy, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto, Douglas Shields**

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

**Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

## ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motzник, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

Absent: 1 - Ms. Payne

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2006-0075](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognize Child Safety Week and call upon all the residents to support the efforts and activities of the Team Educators for Child Safety (TECHS) to prevent childhood injury and death due to motor vehicle crashes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 12-18, 2006 be hereby declared "Child Passenger Safety Week" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE, LUKE RAVENSTAHL, DAN DEASY, JIM MOTZNIK, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, WILLIAM PEDUTO AND LEN BODACK**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0076](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to restore full funding to Allegheny County's Continuum of Care initiative.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, LUKE RAVENSTAHL, TONYA D. PAYNE, LEN BODACK, JIM MOTZNIK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0077](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that PSVN is turning 3 and hosting its third annual single best celebration on Monday, February 13, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the City Theatre in the South Side; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Monday, February 13, 2006 "PSVN Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0078](#)

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends Healthy Start, Inc. on this day for its momentous accomplishments and leadership excellence both locally and beyond. We also join with the entire region in working to accomplish the Healthy People 2010 Goal of "Improved Health and Well-being of women, infants, children and families."

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

### PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

#### MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2006-0065](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements by and between the City of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania Resource Council, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Environmental Organization, to develop and implement various Recycling Education and Collection campaign programs, and providing for the payment thereof, at a cost not to exceed one hundred eighty three thousand eight hundred eighty eight dollars. (\$183,888.00)

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No. [2006-0066](#) Resolution granting unto Duquesne University, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15282, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a pedestrian bridge and two canopies at 1015 Forbes Avenue in the 1st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

#### MR. PEDUTO FOR MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMTION

Bill No. [2006-0067](#) Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Engine House No. 25 for the sale of Block 25-D, Lots 88, 89, 90, 92 and vacated Haskell Way, in the 6th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, 3321-3323-3325-3329 Penn Avenue --Council District No.7 (Parking).

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

Bill No. [2006-0068](#) 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 \$16,000,000 for the Three PNC Plaza project. (Council District No. 6)

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

Bill No. [2006-0069](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a \$16,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Three PNC Plaza project. (Council District No. 6)

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

Bill No. [2006-0070](#) 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 \$1,000,000 for the South Shore Riverfront Park project. (Council District No. 3)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2006-0071](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a  
\$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the South Shore  
Riverfront Park project. (Council District No. 3)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2006-0072](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Lazarus Building/Piatt  
Place project. (Council District No. 6)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2006-0073](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a  
\$2,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Lazarus  
Building/Piatt Place project. (Council District No. 6)

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

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 787 effective December 31, 2005 which states,  
[2006-0063](#) Providing for the issuance of a \$475,000.00 warrant in favor of Donald Wei  
individually and on behalf of the persons entitled to share in the estate of Evelyn Wei,  
deceased, c/o John P. Gismondi, Esquire, 310 Grant Street, Suite 700 Grant Building,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in settlement of a lawsuit filed at GD 04-022533 in the Court of  
Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania to decrease the amount payable to  
\$365,960.00.

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

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$109,040.00 warrant in favor of Donald  
[2006-0064](#) Wei individually and on behalf of the persons entitled to share in the estate of Evelyn  
Wei, deceased, c/o John P. Gismondi, Esquire, 310 Grant Street, Suite 700 Grant  
Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in final settlement of a lawsuit filed at GD 04-022533  
in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

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

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or  
[2006-0074](#) agreements for professional consulting services in connection with real estate tax  
assessment matters, including, but not limited to, tax assessment appeals filed by  
property owners and/or the City or other taxing jurisdictions in regard to commercial,  
industrial and residential real property in the City of Pittsburgh at a cost not to exceed  
\$45,000 (Forty-five Thousand Dollars).

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee****UNFINISHED BUSINESS****REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION****MR. PEDUTO FOR MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for  
[2006-0062](#) February 1, 2006.

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 799, effective December 31, 2005, as entitled,  
[2006-0047](#) "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 City Council from "District 8  
Equipment" (-7,000) to the "Community Design Center of Pittsburgh-Renovation  
Information Network" (+2,000) and to the University of Pittsburgh-MBE Contracting  
Study" (+5,000).

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 798 effective December 31, 2005, entitled:  
[2006-0048](#) "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 the purchase of equipment and/or  
furniture at a cost not to exceed \$1,440,896.62" so as to transfer funds from City  
Council, "District 8 Equipment" (-7,000), to the "Community Design Center of Pgh.  
-Renovation Information Network" (+2,000) and to the "University of Pittsburgh-MBE  
Contracting Study" (+5,000).

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

**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: 6 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Absent: 2 - Ms. Carlisle and Ms. Payne

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **COUNCIL**

*Congratulating The Pittsburgh Steelers - City of Champions*

### **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

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