

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 4, 2006

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2006-0285](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the accomplishments and contributions of Scottish Americans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 6, 2006 as "Tartan Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND LUKE RAVENSTAHL

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

Bill No. [2006-0286](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to sincerely commend the Schenley Spartans for the exemplary skills and admirable sportsmanship that they have displayed throughout the course of this past season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in light of these tremendous attributes as displayed by the Spartans, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares today, Tuesday, April 4th, 2006, "Schenley Spartan Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE

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

Bill No. [2006-0287](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and commend the Center for Minority Health at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health for their continued efforts in educating the public at large on issues relating to minority health and preventive measures that may decrease problems that ethnic and racial minorities face.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim the month of April 2004, as National Minority Health Month.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No. [2006-0288](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes the Jewish Family & Children's Service for providing excellent care to people from all walks of life in our community, and the dedicated, talented individuals who have led it for the past 70 years.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in celebration and gratitude for the tireless and diligent efforts of a life lived in service to others, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Friday, April 7th, 2006, "Vell Trueheart Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

[2006-0289](#)

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMTION

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement to enter into a contract with UPN-TV Pittsburgh for the production and airing of public service announcements to promote fair housing/fair practices in Pittsburgh, cost not to exceed \$10,000.

[2006-0275](#)

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. Resolution further Amending Resolution No. 424 of 2001, effective June 19, 2001, entitled "Further amending Resolution No. 976 effective January 1, 1996, as amended, Adopting and Approving the 1996 Capital Budget and the 1996 Community Development Block Grant by creating a new line item, City Clerk Office Modernization Project Grant # 2271000 for the purpose of augmenting neighborhood needs programs and/or the District Improvement Fund, and transferring \$1,128,892.00 from Grant/Liberty to City Clerk's Office Modernization" by adding by adding Volunteers Field Improvements \$5,000.00 and by reducing Deck Hockey Phillip's Park from \$35,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in Council District 4.

[2006-0284](#)

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 146, effective March 17, 2000, entitled "Resolution Providing for a Lease Agreement with American Dispatch, Inc.; Thomas Goslin, President, for warehouse and office space together with the right to use parking space areas in and around the building known as the Eazor Square Building, at A.V.R.R. and 30th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201, for a term of five (5) years", by amending the annual lease rental payable by the lessee during the last four (4) years of an option term.

[2006-0276](#)

Read and referred to General Services, Technology & the Arts

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. Resolution transferring a total of \$66,618.52 from Utilities - Electric, Organization
[2006-0274](#) 999200, Fund 1000, Subclass 160, Account 568100, Budget Year 2005 to various
accounts within the 2005 Operating Budget.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution requesting the approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor
[2006-0282](#) license, License No. R-14396 from Green Forest Brazilian Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.,
655 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235, to Applicant, P-Town, Inc., c/o Garry Altavilla,
President, 101 Mayflower Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, for the premises located at
4740 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, known as P-Town, pursuant to
amended Pennsylvania Liquor Code, §4-461.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution Further amending Resolution No. 654, effective October 25, 2001, entitled,
[2006-0283](#) "Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing
Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the
purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in
connection with City Council's 2001 Neighborhood Needs Supplement Program; and
providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding District 4 Field
Improvements \$5,000.00 and by reducing Deck Hockey Phillip's Park from
\$35,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in Council District 4.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL, THE CHAIR, PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRING CONFIRMATION

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Gregg Ramshaw, 5316 Ellsworth Avenue,
[2006-0277](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15232, as a member to the Pittsburgh Cable Communications Advisory
Committee for a term concurrent with that of the Mayor.

Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Ruth Drescher, 5550 Pocusset Street,
[2006-0278](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15217, as a member to the Historic Review Commission for a term
concurrent with that of the Mayor.

Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Marvin Leibowitz, 6501 Landview Road,
[2006-0280](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15217, as a member to the Ethics Commission for a term concurrent
with that of the Mayor.

Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Tiffany Huff, 1119 Sutherland Street
[2006-0281](#) Pittsburgh, PA 15204, as a member to the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for
a term to expire April 11, 2008.

Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request Cable Bureau to re-broadcast last week's Regular Meeting due to outage.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for March 29, 2006.

[2006-0271](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. (Ordinance) Resolution petitioning the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") to make a determination that the conditions which led to the earlier determination of municipal financial distress municipality are no longer applicable and to terminate the City of Pittsburgh's distressed status pursuant to Section 253 of the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act ("Act 47"), Act of July 10, 1987, No. 47, 53 P.S. 11701.253.

[2006-0116](#)

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Votes: Ayes: 5 - Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl
Noes: 4 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik and Ms. Payne
Abstentions: 0

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. The motion failed by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 4 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik and Ms. Payne
Noes: 5 - Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to issue and the City Controller to countersign a warrant in the amount of Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$40,832.70) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania representing the final payment required for unclaimed funds for the year 2000 and payroll 2003, pursuant to the provisions of Deposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act, Act of August 9, 1971 P.L. 74.

[2006-0224](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 257, effective April 26, 2000, as amended, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the Mayor's citywide Neighborhood Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by deleting Hot Metal Bridge/Frick Park Trail Completion \$141,204.30 and by adding Neighborhood Needs Services \$141,204.30.

[2006-0241](#)

Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

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

Bill No.

[2006-0241](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 257, effective April 26, 2000, as amended, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements and/or a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for various projects in connection with the Mayor's citywide Neighborhood Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by deleting Hot Metal Bridge/Frick Park Trail Completion \$141,204.30 and by adding Neighborhood Needs Services \$141,204.30. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

This Matter was Passed Finally, As Amended 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 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION

Bill No.

[2006-0272](#)

Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for March 29, 2006.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No.

[2006-0089](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and providing for the transfer to URA of \$141,204.30 for the Hot Metal Bridge project. (Council Districts 3 and 6).

This Matter was AMENDED on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0089](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and providing for the transfer to URA of \$141,204.30 for the Hot Metal Bridge project. (Council Districts 3 and 6).

This Matter was Passed Finally, As Amended on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0258](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0259](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 861 of 1999 entitled, "Adopting and approving the 2002 Capital Budget and the 2002 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2002 through 2007 Capital Improvement Program"

by creating new project Hot Metal Bridge \$141,204.30, City Bond Fund, Urban Redevelopment Authority.

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 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for March 29, 2006

[2006-0273](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements for the purchase of
[2006-0225](#) Pharmaceutical Services, Supplies, and Medications necessary for the operations of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for a period of three years (2006, 2007 and 2008), cost not to exceed \$35,000 per year.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 467 of 2004 entitled: Resolution
[2006-0226](#) authorizing the City to use grant monies received from the U.S. Department of Justice to enter into an agreement with LiveWave, Inc. to purchase robotic cameras and related equipment, software, and services for public safety purposes; by increasing the total aggregate amount from \$495,947 to \$1,114,716.92.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for a contract or contracts or the use of existing contract or
[2006-0227](#) contracts; or agreement or agreements for the purchase of computers, mobile data computers, warranties, mounting equipment and accessories at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$185,850.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for a contract or contracts or the use of existing contract or
[2006-0228](#) contracts; or agreement or agreements for the purchase of two canine vehicles, three patrol vehicles, twenty two mobile data computers and accessories at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Five Dollars (\$289,905.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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. Deasy, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Payne

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**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.