

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, October 16, 2007

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Darlene M. Harris, Jeffrey S. Koch, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. 2007-1846 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to show its support for the Pittsburgh Vet Tech Institute and all of those dedicated veterinary technicians by declaring today, Tuesday, October 16th, 2007, as Vet Tech Day within the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. 2007-1847 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends Women in Film and Media Pittsburgh for their dedication to local women in the media, and congratulates the Opal Award winners on their achievements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares October 16, 2007, "Women in Film and Media Pittsburgh Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

Bill No. 2007-1848 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize that Dan Romaniello has stood in this Chamber countless times honoring other people while he quietly worked in the background to make his community and his city a better place ;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 16, 2007, to be "DAN ROMANIELLO DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. 2007-1849 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania for its important work and congratulates Bill Isler for receiving the prestigious 2007 Thieman Award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 18, 2007, to be BILL ISLER 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. 2007-1850 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the immeasurable commitment of the members of the LWV of Greater Pittsburgh as well as the remarkable awardees and thanks the LWV of Greater Pittsburgh for hosting the "2007 Good Government Awards" to honor such individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, October 18, 2007 to be "League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh 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. 2007-1851 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the City of Pittsburgh acknowledges Saint Basil Church and its dedication to its parishioners, the community and the entire City of Pittsburgh over the past 100 years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare that Sunday, October 14, 2007 to be "Saint Basil Church's 100th Anniversary Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

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

Bill No. 2007-1852 Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, recognizes and commends the YWCA for all of their hard work and advocacy to end violence in the City of Pittsburgh.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaims the week of October 14-20, 2007 as Pittsburgh's Week Without Violence in honor of all those who have been a victim of a violent crime.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. 2007-1841 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 441, effective August 16, 2007 entitled: The Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, with the following 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(s) or use existing contract(s) for street paving and other related costs, for the purchase of

equipment and/or furniture and installation thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 chargeable to and payable from the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program "City Council" so as to reprogram funds in City Council from "Lawrenceville United" (-30,000) to the "Lawrenceville Corp." (+30,000.00).

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK

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

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No.
2007-1842

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 445, effective August 16, 2007 entitled: Resolution 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 2005 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 "Lawrenceville United" (-30,000) to the "Lawrenceville Corp" (+30,000).

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK

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

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee. The motion carried.

MRS. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING, FLEET AND FORESTRY

Bill No.
2007-1843

Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital; and approving the 2000 through 2005 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2000 Capital Budget amendments," by adding "North Side Cultural Collaborative" \$2,500 and by making various other adjustments in Council District 1.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No.
2007-1844

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 258, 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 Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 1; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adjusting various projects in

Council District 1. The total amount of all projects is not to exceed \$1,000,000.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee. The motion carried.

MR. SHIELDS, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Department of Personnel and Civil Service Commission, on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, to issue a Request for Proposals for the purpose of conducting a Gender Wage Disparity Study of the city's workforce.
2007-1845

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Planning, Zoning and Land Use for October 10, 2007.
2007-1839

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Two: Fiscal, Article IX, Property Tax Chapter 265 Exemptions for Residential Improvements, tax credit for Visitable Design.
[2007-1809](#)

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for October 10, 2007.
2007-1840

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an
[2007-1810](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program grant in the amount of \$875,000 for the Pittsburgh Zoo Water's Edge
and Multi Purpose Facility project. (Council District No. 7)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban
[2007-1811](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for an
\$875,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Pittsburgh Zoo
Water's Edge and Multi Purpose Facility project. (Council District No. 7)

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, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik,
Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

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.