

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Monday, November 22, 2010

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL**

Darlene Harris, President

Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Douglas Shields, Theresa 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. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2010-1142](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh mourns the loss of Betty Jane Ralph, hereby commending her energy, persistence, patience and love of her neighborhood, and recognizes her efforts for having helped to save the neighborhood of Manchester;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare November 22, 2010 to be "Betty Jane Ralph Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2010-1143](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes The Northside Chronicle and its current Managing Editor, Emily Leone, and Assistant Editor Kelly Thomas for producing the publication that North Siders continue to look to for important news that affects their business districts and neighborhoods every day, continuing to improve the quality, look and content making The Northside Chronicle an established neighborhood newspaper;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the day of the 25th anniversary celebration, November 23, 2010, be known as "The Northside Chronicle 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2010-1138](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title IV, Public Places and Property, Article I: Public Rights of Way, Chapter 416: Obstructions by temporarily amending the current regulations during the NHL Winter Classic Activity Period.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

COUNCILMAN DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Richard S. Caliguiri
[2010-1137](#) Amyloidosis Foundation in an amount not to exceed fourteen thousand dollars, in connection with the 2010 Great Race in the Department of Parks and Recreation, without previous authority of law; and providing for the payment thereof.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh to enter into an agreement with the
[2010-1136](#) Pittsburgh Foundation to document a voluntary commitment from community nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance to the City for the years 2010 and 2011.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing
[2010-1139](#) agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title I-Administrative, Article VII,
[2010-1140](#) Procedures, Chapter 161-Contracts, by adding a new section 161.40, Veteran-Owned Small Business.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 17, 2010 with a
[2010-1141](#) NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into
[2010-1085](#) negotiations to lease transfer parking assets owned or operated by the City and/or to the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh in exchange for substantial up-front consideration.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH, REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS AND R. DANIEL LAVELLE

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

Votes: Ayes: 0

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

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Shields

Bill No.

[2010-1134](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 17, 2010 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2010-1092](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. for professional services to assist the City of Pittsburgh in connection with the conduct of 2009-2010 labor negotiations and various litigation matters at a cost not to exceed \$38,685.42.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No.

[2010-1093](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements for the hiring of outside legal counsel and consultants to represent the City of Pittsburgh in connection with the conduct of labor negotiations and various litigation matters at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No.

[2010-1106](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Operations City Solicitor to seek in partnership with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority an independent financial analysis of the proposed sale of City of Pittsburgh parking facilities and to prepare supporting resolutions.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK, DARLENE HARRIS AND PATRICK DOWD

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

Votes: Ayes: 6 - Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto and Ms. Rudiak

Noes: 2 - Rev. Burgess and Mrs. Smith

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Shields

Bill No.

[2010-1094](#)

Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements with Paymentus Corporation to provide electronic payment services for the collection of various program and permitting fees for the City of Pittsburgh at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, chargeable to and payable from the Department of Finance Miscellaneous Services Account, Budget Year 2010.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the completion of various sales that had been repealed in
[2010-1095](#) Resolution 702, Item C, effective October 7, 2010. Item A. A: 535 Paulson.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property,
[2010-1096](#) 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 through P. A: 3506 Melwood; B: 5222 Poe; C: 126 & 128 Mayflower; D: 71 Lafferty; E: 78 Beltzhoover; F: 711 McLain; G: 533 Griffin; H: 344 Sweetbriar; I: 1304 Sheffield; J: 127 Carrington; K: 1951 Lithgow; L: 3201 Brereton St; M: 1815 Lowrie (DELETED); N: 1105 Success; O: 57 Cust Rear; P: 238 Dunseith.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties,
[2010-1098](#) 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 through I. A: 3622 Colmar; B: 2349 Reed; C: 3408 Flavian; D: 199 Butler; E: 224 Hazelwood; F: 4727 Chatsworth; G: 434 Chalfont; H: 2450 Starkamp; I: 1701 Leolyn.

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

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 1 - Mr. Shields

COUNCILMAN KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for November 17, 2010 with an Affirmative
[2010-1135](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works
[2010-1099](#) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Carnegie Mellon University to research design schematics for urban street lighting that will assist the City with retrofitting streetlights in business districts to more energy efficient models.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Public Works Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No.

[2010-1101](#)

Resolution accepting the dedication of Bracey Drive from Wilner Drive to its terminus in the 13th Ward, 9th Council District.

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. Shields

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER