

# **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, May 29, 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. [2007-1503](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Alex Wilson for his commitment and dedication to our troubled youth and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH DECLARE May 29, 2007 as “Alex Wilson Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2007-1504](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby commends Mark Suehr II for his dedication to the Royal Rangers and congratulates him for this great accomplishment.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY**

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

Bill No. [2007-1505](#) Now therefore BE IT RESOVED THAT The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize all the Older Americans and proclaim May 2007 to be “Older Americans Month” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS

Co-Sponsored by Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle, Dan Deasy, Jeffrey Koch, Jim Motznik, William Peduto and Douglas Shields

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS**

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

Bill No. [2007-1506](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends Reverend Ron Wanless for all of his services and efforts put forward through his pastoral duties to his Church and the surrounding communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaims that Friday May 25th, 2007 is “Reverend Ron Wanless Day” in the City of Pittsburgh!

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS**

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the URBAN LEAGUE OF PGH., for the implementation/administration of the HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM, and related costs, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00  
[2007-1495](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a \$400,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant for the Grandview Avenue Streetscape Project. (Council District No. 2)  
[2007-1496](#)

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

Bill No. 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 \$400,000 for the Grandview Avenue Streetscape Project. (Council District No. 2)  
[2007-1497](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Nicole D. Manison, for the Sale of Block 22-R, Lot 130, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - 1230 Sheffield Street - Council District No. 6 (Sideyard).  
[2007-1498](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 3rd and 5th Wards of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 10-P, Lots 120 & 168 and Block 11-A, Lots 150 & 151, (Centre Avenue Corridor , Council District No. 6 Site Assemblage for Residential/Commercial Development - 2211 Centre Avenue, 2130 Hemans Street, 47 and 300 Heldman Street).  
[2007-1499](#)

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

### MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of the Sheraton Hotel Station Square in an amount not to exceed eleven thousand four hundred seventeen dollars and seventeen cents (\$11,417.17), for the Citiparks Seniors Program Volunteer Recognition Gala; and providing for the payment thereof.  
[2007-1486](#)

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No. 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,  
[2007-1487](#)

workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, vocational skills training and on-the-job training, outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditure necessary to implement the 2007 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 \$100,000.00

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1488](#)

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 Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN); Providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of requisitions and other data; providing authorization for the Workforce Investment Board and the City of Pittsburgh to enter into agreements authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and/or the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN), as amended; Providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers and of certification of authorized signatures; providing for a contract or contracts with various agencies/employers for services and programs related to training and employment for Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) and/or the Joint Jobs Initiative Program Employment Advancement and Retention Network (EARN); and providing for the deposit of funds into a bank account.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1489](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a license agreement with the Borough of Blawnox and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority granting to the Borough of Blawnox a revocable non-exclusive license to enter upon property owned by the City within the Borough of Blawnox, at the corner of Freeport Road and Lewis Avenue, on a parcel designated in the Deed Registry of Allegheny County as Block/Lot 292-G-236, and to construct, maintain, repair, renew and finally remove a Portal at the entrance to the Borough.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1490](#)

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 through F: A: 7415 Monticello; B: 2303 Vodeli; C: 3007 Marcella; D: 3009 Marcella; E: Normandy; F: 455 Michigan.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1491](#)

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.

ITEMS A through E: A: 3034 Glen Mawr; B: 1018 Fordham; C: 50 Wabash; D: 72

½ Wabash; E: 215 Dunseith.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1492](#)

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 through F: A: 462 Grace; B: 330 Grace; C: 470 Grace; D: 514 Grace; E: 522 Grace; F: 315 37th.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1493](#)

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 R. A: 209 East End; B: 7623 & 7629 Hamilton and 7629 Formosa; C: 7341 Idlewild; D: 412 Althea; E: 1915, 1917 & 1919-1927 Fifth;  
F: 1944 Federal; G: 3248 Dawson; H: 1418 Stedman; I: 1420 Stedman;  
J: 3507 Frazier; K: 1517 & 1519 McCullough and 1532 Brighton; L: 7225 Hilliards;

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2007-1494](#)

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 2007 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, Law and Purchasing Committee**

**MR. MOTZNIK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH POLICY**

Bill No.

[2007-1501](#)

Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article III Dogs, Cats and Other Animals, Chapter 633, Dogs and Cats, by providing for the licensure of cats.

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK**

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

**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS**

Bill No.

[2007-1502](#)

Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing on Council Bill No. 2007-1430, "An Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article III: Dogs, Cats and Other Animals, Chapter 633 Dogs and Cats, Section 633.15, Disposition of unclaimed animals."

**Read and referred to Hearings Committee**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

**MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law & Purchasing for May 23, 2007.

[2007-1484](#)

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

Bill No.

[2007-1427](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to enter into a contract and/or contracts or agreement and/or agreements with Mobility Inc. Dba Flexcar in connection with the operation and provision of various types of motor vehicles for the City of Pittsburgh for use by designated users. Cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 6 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik and Ms. Payne  
Noes: 3 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields  
Abstentions: 0

**MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for May 23, 2007.

[2007-1485](#)

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

Bill No.

[2007-1451](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, for the development and implementation of recycling awareness campaigns in schools, neighborhoods, and special events recycling programs under a State funded Grant Program, at a cost not to exceed \$97,500.80.

**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

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH AS FOLLOWS:

[2007-1507](#)

We urge Starwood Hotels and Forest City to do the following:

1. Refrain from interfering in their employees' exercise of their Section 7 rights under the National Labor Relations Act, including the right to inform the public about the nature of contract negotiations and potential disputes;
2. Bargain in good faith with those employees' legal representatives to promote the growth of good jobs for our community and constituents - that is, jobs which provide living wages, retirement security, affordable health insurance and long-term job security; and,
3. Take steps to ensure the hotel workers' jobs will be protected despite any possible sale of their hotel.

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

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