

# **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, January 24, 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: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2006-0049](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaim the month of January 2006 to be Stalking Awareness Month in the City of Pittsburgh, to bring attention to this crime of terror, and to honor stalking and domestic violence victims and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.

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

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

Bill No. [2006-0050](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby welcome the Very Reverend Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec and Mr. Lubomir Kolesar of Presov, Slovak Republic.

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK 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 PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE

Bill No. [2006-0042](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Map by changing zoning district boundaries by extending the SP-1 district beyond the Hot Metal Bridge, and amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning amending text for the SP-1 / Pittsburgh Technology Center district.

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

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

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

Bill No. [2006-0046](#) 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 District 8 Various Projects \$7,500.59, Silk Screen Asian Film Festival \$2,500.00 and making various reductions to reflect actual expenditures in Council District 8 and to create line item KDKA-TV Beat Auto Theft \$2,000.00 in Council District 3.

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL AND WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

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

Bill No.

[2006-0047](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 799, effective December 31, 2005, as entitled, "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**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0048](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 798 effective December 31, 2005, entitled: "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**

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

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

Bill No.

[2006-0045](#)

Further amending Resolution No. 654, effective October 25, 2001, entitled, "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 8 Various Projects \$7,500.59, Silk Screen Asian Film Festival \$2,500.00 and making various reductions to reflect actual expenditures in Council District 8 and to create line item KDKA-TV Beat Auto Theft

\$2,000.00 in Council District 3.

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL AND WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

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

**MR. RAVENSTHAL, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Communication from Anthony J. Pokora, Deputy Controller submitting a Report on  
[2006-0044](#) the Transition from Pittsburgh Magistrate Court to Pittsburgh Municipal Courts and  
Parking Court.

**Read, Received and Filed**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for January 18, 2006.

[2006-0038](#)

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$3,361.83 warrant in favor of  
[2006-0005](#) Transportation Solutions, P.O. Box 17528, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, in settlement of a  
claim in which claimant's vehicle was damaged due to a City Salt truck on February  
25, 2005.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement with Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. for  
[2006-0015](#) professional services for the City Controller, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

**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: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields  
and Mr. Ravenstahl

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for January 18, 2006.  
[2006-0039](#)

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 314, effective June 7, 2005, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with Bridge Inspection & Maintenance; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by decreasing the total project allocation by \$4,000.00 from \$218,433.10 to \$214,433.10.  
[2006-0030](#)

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

Bill No. Amending Resolution No. 682, effective November 23, 2005, entitled "Providing for a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements for the Replacement of the Edgebrook Avenue Bridge including Construction Inspection Services; providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by changing the authorizing project/grant number from 2231011 to 2236587.  
[2006-0031](#)

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

Bill No. Further amending Resolution No. 654, effective October 25, 2001, entitled, "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 8 Various Projects \$7,500.59, Silk Screen Asian Film Festival \$2,500.00 and making various reductions to reflect actual expenditures in Council District 8 and to create line item KDKA-TV Beat Auto Theft \$2,000.00 in Council District 3.  
[2006-0045](#)

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL AND WILLIAM PEDUTO**

Bill No. Resolution appointing Dominic J. Costa, as Chief of Police, City of Pittsburgh. Said appointment shall be effective upon confirmation by Council.  
[2006-0043](#)

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 781, effective January 1, 1999, entitled "Adopting and approving the 1999 Capital Budget and the 1999 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 1999 through 2004 Capital Improvement Program," by decreasing "Bridge Maintenance & Inspection Program" by \$4,000.00, from \$100,000.00 to \$96,000.00 and creating a line item entitled "Edgebrook Avenue Bridge" in the amount of \$80,000.00 (\$64,000.00-FHWA, \$12,000.00-SHW, \$4,000.00-CITY).  
[2006-0032](#)

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

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for  
[2006-0040](#) January 18, 2005.

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to pursue a  
[2006-0016](#) tax increment financing proposal for portions of the Market Stanwix/Downtown Triangle Redevelopment Area # 44. (Council District 6).

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Youth Policy for January 18, 2005  
[2006-0041](#)

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution providing for a contract or contracts, agreements or agreements, lease or  
[2006-0009](#) leases, or the use of existing contracts, leases or agreements and other approved expenditures for the payment of supplies, equipment, materials, salaries, rentals, and other services required to provide center services for the HACP Seniors Program in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Bill No.  
[2006-0010](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into agreements in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less with performers, instructors, artists and persons with specialized skills in connection with the Department's recreational and instructional programs, along with an agreement or agreements, contract or contracts and use of existing agreements and contracts in the event that the Mellon Park Tennis Trust Fund is insufficient for 2006.

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

Bill No.  
[2006-0011](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, Lease(s) and/or License Agreement(s) for the use of certain property for senior facilities for the provision of center services to seniors in an amount not to exceed \$92,196.00, chargeable to and payable from the Seniors Program Trust Fund in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Bill No.  
[2006-0012](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement with the Allegheny County Community College (CCAC) for reimbursement for health and wellness programs for the SeniorInterests Program via the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging/State Primetime Health Allocation in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

Bill No.  
[2006-0013](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into agreement or agreements, contract or contracts and use of existing agreement or agreements, contract or contracts in individual amounts of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or less with consultants in connection with the Department's recreational and park related services.

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

Bill No.  
[2006-0014](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education for the purpose of providing meals in connection with the 2006 Summer Food Service Program in the Department of Parks and Recreation. The total cost shall not exceed Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$770,000.00).

**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, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MR. SHIELDS AND MS. PAYNE PRESENT:**

Bill No.

[2006-0051](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does object to the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court and encourages Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Rick Santorum to vote against this nomination.

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND TONYA D. PAYNE**

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

**MR. PEDUTO**

*Request CABLECAST POST AGENDA RE: The status of Funding for the Magistrate Court Building; Mr. Shields requested a Legal Review of the 1996 Supreme Court Decision mandating state funding for Court of Common Pleas.*

**MR. RAVENSTAHL**

*Appointing the following Council Members to serve on The Carnegie Library Board of Directors: Luke Ravensthal, Dan Deasy, Jim Motznik and Tonya Payne.*

**RECESS**

**A motion was made to recess the meeting. The motion carried.**

**RECONVENED MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2006**

**Held on January 25, 2006**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****FOLLOWING PRE-AGENDA MEETING: INTERVIEW WITH DOM COSTA - APPOINTMENT TO SERVE AS CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF POLICE**

Bill No.

[2006-0043](#)

Resolution appointing Dominic J. Costa, as Chief of Police, City of Pittsburgh. Said appointment shall be effective upon confirmation by Council.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Ms. Payne, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Deasy



## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**