

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, July 16, 2013

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL**

Darlene M. Harris, President

**Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor,
William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith**

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk
Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2013-1726](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, July 19, 2013 to be "Anne Likarevich Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

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

Bill No. [2013-1727](#) THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, August 22, 2013 to be the Black Women for Positive Change's National Day of Non-Violence in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK

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

Bill No. [2013-1728](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare ___, 2013 to be "Kollar Club Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

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

Bill No. [2013-1729](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 16, 2013 to be "St. Paul AME Church Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2013-1707](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an Agreement with Aon Risk Solutions for professional consulting services related to developing phases two and three of a loss control program related to general liability claims against the City, at a cost not to exceed \$29,300.00 (Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents).

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. [2013-1708](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00), in favor of Heidi Spangler, c/o Balzarini & Watson, releasing and discharging the City of Pittsburgh from liability in the civil action filed at GD 11-003220 in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, and arising from an alleged incident on June 16, 2011 in the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. [2013-1724](#) Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh ("HACP") and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh ("URA") for the purposes of filing an application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative ("CNI") grant in the amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) and pledging City financial support in the amount of sixteen and one-half million dollars (\$16,500,000) for the project.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2013-1709](#) Resolution granting unto Dennis Matuszak, Matuszak Brothers, 11 Terence Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, their successor and assign, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an underground electrical transformer vault under the sidewalk area at S. 9th Street for 811 E. Carson Street in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. [2013-1710](#) Resolution vacating Nuzum Avenue between East Woodford Avenue and Duffland Street in the 29th Ward, 4th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2013-1711](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 86 approved February 28, 2012, providing for the implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) Area "L", in the Central Northside community (Council District #1) to decrease the district to remove addresses pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No. [2013-1712](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 356 approved June 16, 2009, providing for the implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) Area "AA", in the North Oakland community (Council Districts #8) to expand the district to include additional addresses pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 810 approved December 4, 2001, providing for the implementation of the Residential Parking Permit Program (RPPP) Area "N" in the Mount Washington community (Council Districts #2) to expand the district to include additional addresses pursuant to Pittsburgh Code Chapter 549.

[2013-1713](#)

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 149 of 2012 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 City Council Neighborhood Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof" by providing \$5,000 to the Greenfield Baseball Association for the purchase of a scoreboard for Bud Hammer Field from Council District 5 Neighborhood Needs. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$198,980.27.

[2013-1722](#)

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program" by providing \$5,000 to the Greenfield Baseball Association for the purchase of a scoreboard for Bud Hammer Field from Council District 5 Neighborhood Needs.

[2013-1723](#)

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

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 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 124-N, Lot 203 (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage - 151 Carver Street).

[2013-1714](#)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs 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 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 174-N, Lot 194 (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage for Future Development - North Homewood Avenue).

[2013-1715](#)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs 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 Properties in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 175-B, Lots 156, 169, 170, 171 and 172, under

[2013-1716](#)

the Industrial Land Reserve Fund - 7615 Cassina Way and 7611, 7609, 7607 and 7605 Susquehanna Street - (Parking - Council District No. 9).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1717](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Stephanie Durrett for the sale of Block 175-B, Lots 156, 169, 170, 171, and 172, in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 9 - 7615 Cassina Way and 7611, 7609, 7607 and 7605 Susquehanna Street (Parking).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1718](#)

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 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh Designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 22-L, Lots 321, 331, and 337, under the Residential Land Reserve Fund - 1009 Liverpool 1415-1417 Allegheny Avenue - (Council District No. 6 - Parking).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1719](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church for the Sale of Block 22-L, Lots 320, 321, 330, 331, and 337, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 (1415 Allegheny Avenue and 1009 Liverpool Street and Warlo Street - Parking)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1720](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Lisa Ann Goldsmith for the Sale of Block 88-N, Lots 1, 2, and 4, in the 15th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Redevelopment Area No. 40 - Council District No. 5 (Tesla Street - Sideyard).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1721](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Oxford Development Company, PJ Dick Incorporated and Lincoln Property Company, or an entity to be formed for the sale of Parcel E1b, in the 16th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 55 - Block 29-J, Lot 200, Hot Metal Street -- Council District No.3 (Residential Construction).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1725](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Chapter 919, Signs, by making various changes in Sections 919.03M.7 and 919.03M.4.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1702](#)

Communication from Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk, submitting the Writ of Election of the Vacancy of Council District 7, to the Allegheny County Board of

Elections.

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

Bill No. Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing before
[2013-1703](#) City Council regarding Public Safety - addressing police misconduct.

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Hearings Committee. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for July 10, 2013 with an Affirmative
[2013-1704](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$5,500, in favor of
[2013-1662](#) ALCOA, c/o Shannon Connery, Facilities Manager, 201 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, in settlement of a claim for damage to the granite wall at the entrance to their headquarters at 201 Isabella Street, from a City police van backing into it on April 9, 2012.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013, as
[2013-1671](#) amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by adding \$150,000 to the Community Design Center to conduct a study to re-purpose three closed public schools in Council District 2.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. [2013-1705](#) Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for July 10, 2013 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2013-1677](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement or agreements or contract or contracts with Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Youth Opportunities Development for the purpose of designing and implementing the Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Bill No. [2013-1706](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for July 10, 2013 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2013-1663](#) Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance of the City County Building, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2013-1664](#) Resoluiton providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance

of various public buildings, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER