

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, April 3, 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. [2007-1343](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend The Junior Varsity Mountain Lions Girls Basketball Team of Bishop Leonard Saint Mary of The Mount Academy for their hard work and contribution to The City of Pittsburgh.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007 as "Bishop Leonard Saint Mary of Mount Academy Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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. [2007-1341](#) Communication from Charles Morrison, Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, requesting authorization for B. J. Samson, a non-City employee and Chairperson of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, to attend the 2007 Training for Human Rights Commissioners and Hearing Officers on Fair Housing Law in Chicago, Illinois, April 18 - 20, 2007.

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. [2007-1336](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$6,000 to Patricia DeFazio, c/o of Michael J. Colarusso, Esquire, of koerner & colarusso, 1 Gateway Center, 13th Floor North, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in full and final settlement of an action filed at GD 01-2528, and arising from an incident concerning a City Refuse truck and a Laidlaw Bus that occurred on March 22, 1999.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

Bill No. [2007-1337](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in favor of Veronica R. Trettel, RPR, Official Court Reporter with Allegheny County, PA in an amount not to exceed \$2,620 (Two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars) for official trial proceeding transcripts in the criminal case: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. John Charmo, (CC-1999-02859), February 5-19, 2001; and providing for the payment thereof.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2007-1338](#) Resolution granting unto Michael LaPiana, 637 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228, his successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at his own cost and expense, steps with railing and a sidewalk on Shamokin Street in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. [2007-1339](#) Resolution granting unto Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, 100 Ross Street-Second floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, porch and landscaping encroachment at 1325 & 1327 N. Franklin Street and 1317 & 1319 Pennsylvania Avenue in the 21st Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. [2007-1340](#) Resolution granting unto Big River Development LP, 15 Twenty-Seventh Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, trees, grates and planters on the right-of-ways of Railroad 23rd and 24th Streets for the Cork Factory Urban Lots in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

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

Bill No. [2007-1342](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety and the Director of Community Initiatives to enter into a professional service agreement with J. Jackson Consulting and Training to provide training and services to the Mayor's Youth Council, cost not to exceed \$19,000.

Read and referred to Parks, Recreation & Youth Policy 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 and Purchasing for March 28, 2007.

[2007-1332](#)

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

Bill No.

[2007-1287](#)

Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Pittsburgh ("City") and the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County ("SEA") providing that if the City's Amusement Tax, or a comparable tax on

tickets or admissions, shall be increased above Five Percent (5%) during the term of a proposed Lease pursuant to which the SEA will lease a proposed new Arena to the Pittsburgh Penguins, the City will pay to the SEA an amount equal to the revenue generated at the Arena by the tax percentage in excess of Five Percent (5%).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1288](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development to receive \$50,000 under the Community Revitalization Assistance Program for the Beechview Weed & Seed Program and further providing for an Agreement or Agreements for professional services in connection with the execution of said grant agreement.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1308](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Finance to assist Pittsburgh Public Schools students in achieving post secondary education by creating a funding opportunity for The Pittsburgh Promise.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1289](#)

Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services agreement or agreements for the annual maintenance and support of software and equipment necessary for the processing and administration of Personnel and Civil Service applications for employment and written examinations and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$16,300,000.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1309](#)

Resolution providing for the creation of the Pittsburgh Promise Trust Fund (PPTF) and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2007-1322](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 403, effective June 14, 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 6; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by amending various line items in Council District 6. Total cost of all projects not to exceed \$1,000,000.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE

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

MRS. HARRIS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING, FLEET AND FORESTRY

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Engineering, Fleet and Forestry for March 28, 2007.

[2007-1333](#)

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

Bill No. 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 the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the Railing Rehabilitation program; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof, cost not to exceed \$67,000.00.

[2007-1296](#)

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 March 28, 2007.

[2007-1334](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital Budget and the 2000 Community Development Block Grant Program; 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 "Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion-The Center That C.A.R.E.S", \$20,000 and by amending various line items in Council District 6.

[2007-1323](#)

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE

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

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for March 28, 2007.

[2007-1335](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of an agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, acting as fiduciary for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Emergency Response Group, hereinafter referred to as Region 13. The agreement will provide a means in which the Mayor of Pittsburgh and the Director of Emergency Management may accept funds for reimbursement of City costs accrued in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. Amount of reimbursement not to exceed \$207,776.92.

[2007-1297](#)

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 THERE FOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, supports the production of voter verified paper ballots for each voter before they confirm their voting choices. The City Council of Pittsburgh accordingly urges the United States Congress to adopt the provisions of HR 811, such that all electronic voting machines must produce such ballots with audits under the terms of the Help America Vote Act.

[2007-1344](#)

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Pittsburgh further resolves that copies of this Resolution be provided to the Pennsylvania representatives in the United States Congress.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS 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.