

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 19, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Jim Motznik, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, Douglas Shields, Sala Udin

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1574](#)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the sponsors and members of the Beechview Centennial Celebration Committee for envisioning and producing a worthy event that delights and benefits so many people; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare July 23 and July 24, 2005 to be "Beechview Centennial Celebration Weekend" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No.

[2005-1561](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, acting as fiduciary for the Southwest Counter Terrorism Task Force, hereinafter referred to as Region 13. The agreement will provide a means in which the Mayor of Pittsburgh and the Director of Public Safety may accept funds for reimbursement of City costs accrued in the PNC Park/Homeland Security full-scale exercise for both personnel cost and equipment.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION

Bill No.

[2005-1565](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 258, effective May 5, 2005, entitled, "Providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2001 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 "Children of Love Theater" (-1,000); and "Community Media" (-1,000); and "Stingers Dev't. Corp" (-1,000.); "William & Mildred Orr Compassionate Care" (-2,000); and "Youth Build" (-2,000) to the "Tree of Hope"(+7,000)...

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1566](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 255, effective May 5, 2005, which presently reads as follows: The Mayor and the Director of the Department of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement or Agreements, in a form approved by the City Solicitor, with the following 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(s) or use existing contract(s) for the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and installation thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$1,153,750.00, chargeable to and payable from the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Program "City Council", so as to reprogram funds in City Council from: "Children of Love Theater" (-1,000); and "Community Media" (-1,000); and "Stingers Development Corp." (-1,000) and "William & Mildred Orr Compassionate Care" (-2,000) and "YouthBuild" (-2,000) to the "Tree of Hope" (+7,000).

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1567](#)

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 Pennsylvania Downtown Center Feasibility Study \$1,500.00 in Council District 5.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1568](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 259 effective May 5, 2005 entitled: Amending the Capital Budget and providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2003 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 "African American Workers Union" (-3,500); and "Jubilee International Ministries" (-2,000); and "District 5 Tree Planning" (5,000); to "NABHI" (+5,500); and to "CTAC-Hazelwood Inventory Project" (+5,000).

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND TWANDA CARLISLE**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1569](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 250, effective, May 5, 2005, entitled: Resolution 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 \$1,115,000.00, so as to reprogram funds from “African American Workers Union” (-3,500); and “Jubilee International Ministries” (-2,000) and “District 5 Tree Planting” (-5,000) to NABHI (+5,500) and “CTAC-Hazelwood Inventory Project (+5,000).

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1570](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 415, effective May 5, 2005 entitled: “Resolution providing for the filing of a Community Development statement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2002 CDBG Program; providing for execution of grant contracts, filing of data, execution of payment vouchers and certification of signature; the deposit of funds in a bank account and providing for payment of expenses”, so as to reprogram funds in City Council from the “Children of Love Theater” (-1,000); and “Community Media” (-1,000); and “Homewood-Brushton C.I.A.” (-2,000); and “Frazier-Ward Community Center” (-5,000) to the “NABHI” (+2,500) and to the “Tree of Hope” (+1,500); and to the “Oakland Planning & Development/South Oakland Development Team/Dan Marino Field (+5,000).

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN AND TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1571](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 251, effective May 5, 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 \$1,492,500.00”, so as to reprogram funds in City Council from “Children of Love Theater” (-1,000); and “Community Media” (-1,000); and “Homewood-Brushton C.I.A.” (-2,000) and “Frazier-Ward Community Center” (-5,000) to the “NABHI” (+2,500) and the “Tree of Hope” (+1,500); and the “Oakland Planning & Development/South Oakland Development Team/Dan Marino Field” (+5,000).

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN AND TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1572](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 474, effective October 7 2004, 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 9 Equipment" (-1,602.00); and "Phipps Conservatory Citiparks Seniors" (-10,000) to "Tree of Hope" (+ 1,602.00) and "Lawrenceville United" (+10,000).

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1573](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 462 effective October 7, 2004, 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 9 Equipment" (-\$1,602.00) and "Phipps Conservatory/Citi Parks Seniors" (-10,000) to the "Tree of Hope" (+ \$1,602.00) and to "Lawrenceville United" (+10,000).

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND TWANDA CARLISLE

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No.

[2005-1557](#)

Resolution granting unto the Green Development, Inc., 80 Union Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a private sanitary sewer and a private storm sewer line in the right-of-way of Windom Street in the 17th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1558](#)

Resolution granting unto Mark Hastie, dba Gullifty's, 1922 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a clock and planters on the sidewalk area of 1922 Murray Avenue, in the 14th Ward, 5th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1559](#)

Resolution granting unto Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh, 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, various building façade elements and a transformer vault for the Grant Street Transportation center, extending into the right-of-ways of Liberty Avenue, Penn Avenue, 11th Street and 12th Street in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1560](#)

Resolution vacating a portion of Redstone Way in the 15th Ward, 5th Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the extinguishment by the City of Pittsburgh of the rights and
[2005-1562](#) privileges retained by the City in Section 6 of Ordinance 192, dated June 23, 1919,
approved June 26, 1919, recorded in Ordinance Book, Vol. 30, Page 353, which
section gave the City the right and privilege to require demolition of a certain building.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. RICCIARDI PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Communication from Constance I. Eads, Director of URA Finance Department
[2005-1564](#) submitting an Annual Certified Financial Statements and Additional Information for
the year end December 31, 2004, wit Independent Auditor's Report by Maher Duessel.

Read, Received and Filed

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for July 13, 2005.

[2005-1555](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$27,500 to Caryn S.
[2005-1532](#) Lenz c/o Thomas J. Michael, Esquire, 225 Ross Street, Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA
15219, in full and final settlement of the action filed at C.A.02-87.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution providing for the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$20,000 to Ronni
[2005-1533](#) Rossman and Tandi Rossman c/o Harlan S. Stone, Esquire, STONE & STONE, 437
Grant Street, 828 Frick Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in full and final settlement of
the action filed at C.A.02-191.

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, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr.
Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for July 13, 2005.
[2005-1556](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 68, effective February 22, 2005, entitled
[2005-1534](#) “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, and providing for the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment in connection with the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Various Park Facilities; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof; by increasing the total project allocation by \$393,794.00 from \$722,000.00 to \$1,115,794.00.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 619, effective January 1, 2005, entitled
[2005-1535](#) Adopting and approving the 2005 Capital Budget and the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2005 through 2010 Capital Improvement Program, by increasing “Park Reconstruction Program in the amount of \$393,794.00, from \$917,000.00 to \$1,310,794.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of
[2005-1540](#) Public Works and the Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection to create seven (7) on-street vending permit areas on Margaret Morrison Street, to provide space for legally permitted vendors to operate. Additionally authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of Public Works and Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection to eliminate the seven (7) current on-street vending permit areas on Tech Avenue.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Re-Appointment of Brian Parker, as a member of the
[2005-1563](#) Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, term to expire April 30, 2010.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1 - Mr. Shields

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.