

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

**Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Deasy, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris,
Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto**

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Deasy, Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2008-0546](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, on behalf of the city he loves, does hereby recognize and commend Steve Woods for his devotion to his family; for his excellence in his profession; and for his many selfless acts on behalf of those in need of an outlet for grief, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, in wishing Steve a long, happy and well deserved retirement, does hereby declare Monday, June 30, 2008, to be

Steve Woods Day In The City Of Pittsburgh

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

Bill No.

[2008-0547](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declares June 21, 2008, to be Grace and John Webber Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

Bill No.

[2008-0548](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby congratulate the City Black team on its Championship and does hereby support the City Wellness at Work program in their efforts to promote wellness and camaraderie among the employees of the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

Bill No.

[2008-0549](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges international leaders and regional organizations such as the African Union and the South African Development Community to condemn the violence occurring in Zimbabwe and to take all necessary action to ensure that the will of the Zimbabwean people is honored, including establishing the foundation for peaceful and fair elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares this Friday, June 27 to be "Zimbabwe Freedom Day" and in so doing proclaims Pittsburgh's solidarity with those in Zimbabwe fighting peacefully for their freedom; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages other cities around the United States and the world to join in this proclamation of solidarity and to declare this Friday as "Zimbabwe Freedom Day."

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD AND ALL MEMBERS

Bill No. [2008-0550](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City Pittsburgh recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Pittsburgh Young Professionals and commends the organization for its work in the Pittsburgh region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares June 19, 2008, "Pittsburgh Young Professionals Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

Bill No. [2008-0551](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on Representative Mike Doyle to cosponsor HR 2231 should the final provisions of HR 6331, The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, not include a carve out for complex rehabilitation equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Representative Doyle.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

REV. BURGESS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2008-0538](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 308, effective June 13, 2008, 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; and for administrative/operational costs, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities of various departmental programs/projects for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh, at a cost not to exceed \$555,000.00, so as to add the Mayor's Office ULO Projects and increase the amount to 800,000.00 (+245,000.00)

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No. [2008-0539](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 313, effective June 13, 2008, entitled: Resolution 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 2008 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 add the Mayor's ULO projects.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

MR. DEASY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2008-0541](#) Resolution approving execution of a Deed by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the City of Pittsburgh for the sale of Disposition Parcel 22B, Block 2-D, Lot 256, in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 31 - Crawford and Centre Avenue - Council District No. 6 (Freedom Corner Monument).

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

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

MR. KRAUS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2008-0536](#) Resolution providing for a contract or contracts from time to time in connection with demolition and removal of condemned buildings and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$1,750,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No. [2008-0537](#) Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements, contract or contracts, or for the use of existing agreements and/or contracts, for the purchase of computer hardware, software and in-car video equipment, maintenance, installation, professional services, licenses, warranties, accessories and training in conjunction with the installation of enhancement or implementation of automated systems for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thirty five thousand dollars (\$135,000) and for the purchase of specialty vehicles at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and providing for the cost thereof.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No. [2008-0542](#) Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six: Conduct, by adding a new Article VIII: Privacy Policy for Public Security Camera Systems.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

MR. MOTZNIK, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2008-0540](#) Resolution providing for the creation of the Green Initiative Trust Fund (GITF) and setting conditions for the deposit and expenditure of such funds.

Read and referred to General and Government Services Committee

Bill No. [2008-0543](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh the first amendment to the Sewer Services Agreement dated June 1, 1971, which was entered into by and among City of Pittsburgh, the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) and Robinson Township.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

**MR. PEDUTO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW,
PRESENTS**

Bill No. Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a professional services agreement or agreements with Gentile-Meinert & Associates, Inc., a Professional Corporation for professional services in connection with the investigation of Complaints filed before the City of Pittsburgh Ethics Board, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$10,000.

[2008-0535](#)

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No. Resolution endorsing the implementation of the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan prepared by The Green Government Task Force of Pittsburgh and authorizing and instructing the City Solicitor and/or City Clerk to prepare for enactment, adoption and execution any Ordinances, Resolutions, Agreements and other documents necessary for the implementation of The Action Plan.

[2008-0545](#)

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

Read and referred to General and Government Services Committee

MR. SHEILDS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS, PRESENTS

Bill No. Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing before City Council relative to all known facts, expected consequences, contentious claims and other-wise relevant information pertaining to the City County merger.

[2008-0544](#)

Read and referred to Hearings Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. Authorizing and directing the City Solicitor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement or agreements for the hiring of outside legal counsel and consultants to represent the Council of the City of Pittsburgh in connection with Zoning Board of Adjustment Docket # 200704126 and Court of Common Pleas Docket # 08-7180 at a cost not to exceed \$11,000 (Eleven Thousand Dollars).

[2008-0308](#)

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

A motion was made that this matter be UNTABLED to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 5 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 3 - Mr. Deasy, Mr. Dowd and Mr. Motznik
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Rev. Burgess

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 5 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 3 - Mr. Deasy, Mr. Dowd and Mr. Motznik
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Rev. Burgess

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Bill No. [2008-0534](#) Report of the Committee on Human Resources for June 18, 2008 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2008-0505](#) Resolution providing that the City enter into a temporary professional services agreement for the purpose of providing an excess workers' compensation insurance policy, cost not to exceed \$357,488.00.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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.