

# **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, August 1, 2006**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

## ROLL CALL

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2006-0676](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks Mrs. Henrietta Abraham for her years of dedication to the children of the City of Pittsburgh and wishes her a Happy Retirement.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY, LEN BODACK, TWANDA CARLISLE,  
WILLIAM PEDUTO AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0677](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks Coach Ron Wabby for his years of dedication to helping young men achieve their dreams both in the classroom and on the football field and congratulates him on being inducted into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY, LEN BODACK, TWANDA CARLISLE,  
WILLIAM PEDUTO AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0678](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh expresses its great sorrow in losing one of its most distinguished residents and communal workers, Faith Weinstein.

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

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

Bill No.

[2006-0679](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes Dana Schumacher, a woman who has championed girls' soccer in the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Tuesday, August 1, 2006, "Dana Schumacher Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, LUKE RAVENSTAHL, DAN DEASY,  
JEFFREY S. KOCH, JIM MOTZNIK, DOUGLAS SHIELDS  
AND TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0680](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates and commends the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh for its remarkable renovation of the Woods Run Branch.

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL, TWANDA CARLISLE, TONYA D. PAYNE, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, LEN BODACK, DAN DEASY, WILLIAM PEDUTO, JEFFREY S. KOCH AND JIM MOTZNIK**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0681](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends the Wal-Mart Stores from Market 430 and their employee volunteers, the Urban Impact Foundation, and the Fineview Citizens Council for the efforts in the renovation of Fineview Baseball Field.

**SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL, TWANDA CARLISLE, TONYA D. PAYNE, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, LEN BODACK, DAN DEASY, WILLIAM PEDUTO, JEFFREY S. KOCH AND JIM MOTZNIK**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0682](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh extends best wishes to Catherine Carney Best on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that August 6, 2006 be hereby declared "Catherine Best Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0683](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does celebrate the humble leadership of Deacon Ellis McCoy and his contributions to family, friends, church, and community. We say, "Rest now, you good and faithful servant." Job Well Done.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0684](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does welcome the Wilmore family to our city and wish them a happy reunion and safe journeys home.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0685](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby wishes to commend the Reverend Dr. Lacy F. Richardson for a lifetime of devoted and diligent service both to his past and present congregants and to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh at large.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE, LUKE RAVENSTAHL, LEN BODACK, TWANDA CARLISLE, DAN DEASY AND WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0686](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, will hereby exercise its power under Home Rule Charter Section 310 (a) and retain an independent attorney on an as needed basis providing that each use of this attorney has been approved by the body.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE**

**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.

[2006-0669](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map Nos. 7 & 12 by changing various zoning district classifications in the Uptown (Bluff) neighborhood in accord with Map Pittsburgh: Zoning for your Neighborhood, the city's zoning re-mapping project relative to the city's new Urban Zoning Code.

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

Bill No.

[2006-0671](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Chapter 909.01.J.2 (Regulations applicable to the entire SP-5 District) to increase allowable exceptions to the base District height limitation. (South Side Works)

**Waived under Rule 8**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0672](#)

Ordinance Amending the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, Title Nine, Zoning, Article IX, Measurements and Definitions, Chapter 925 - Measurements, by amending the Contextual Height standards to prohibit the use of exempted structures and features.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

**Waived under Rule 8**

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

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

Bill No.

[2006-0668](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for street repair programs to include, but not limited to, brick and blockstone repairs, concrete slab replacement at various locations throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$600,000.00.

**Waived under Rule 8**

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0670](#)

Communication requesting authorization for B. J. Samson, a non-City employee and Chairperson of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, to attend the 2006 Annual IAOHRA Conference September 11 - 15, 2006, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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

Bill No.

[2006-0673](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 398, effective July 7, 2006 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 the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and further, authorizing various City Departments to enter into contract or contracts or use existing contract or contracts for street paving, the purchase of equipment and/or furniture and other related costs at a costs not to exceed 950,000.00” so as to add several line items on City Council: Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (+ 9,000) and Windgap/Chartiers Athletic Assoc. (+ 2,500) and further reduce District 8 (- 9,000); and District 2 (- 2,500).

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

**Waived under Rule 8**

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

Bill No.

[2006-0674](#)

Resolution Amending Resolution No. 376. effective July 5, 2006, 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 2006 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 several line items in City Council:: Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (+ 9,000); Windgap/Chartiers Athletic Assoc. (+2,500) and further reduce District 8 (- 9,000); and District 2 (- 2,500).

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

**Waived under Rule 8**

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

## **MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING**

Bill No.

[2006-0665](#)

Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide job development and employment services, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor, staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, vocational skills training and on-the-job training, outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditure necessary to implement the 2006 Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Pittsburgh Partnership Employment Program, and for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2006-0666](#)

Resolution providing for the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies for job development and employment services necessary to implement the 2006 Neighborhood Employment Program, and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Neighborhood Employment Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee**

Bill No.

[2006-0667](#)

Resolution providing the authorization to make all legitimate expenditures for payments and agreements or agreements with various agencies to provide work experience, labor market orientation and year-round training opportunities to youth residing in the City of Pittsburgh, wages and fringe benefits for supervisor/participant/administrative staff, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, participant physicals, transportation, copier and supplies, and related outreach, recruitment costs and administrative expenditures necessary to implement the 2006 Pittsburgh Partnership Youth Program; and providing the periodic transfer of funds to be used in the Pittsburgh Partnership Youth Program for payment of cost thereof, cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

**Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee****MR. RAVENSTAHL, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS**

Bill No.

[2006-0675](#)

Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing on Council bill 2006-0658, entitled, An Ordinance directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the November 2006 General Election a referendum question "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Three, Legislative Branch, be amended by reducing the number of City Council Members from Nine to Seven in Section 302. Composition?"

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK****Waived under Rule 8****Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee****UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No.

[2006-0568](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Earl Brooks as a member to the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2008.

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

Bill No.

[2006-0570](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Marc Little as a member to the Equal Opportunity Review Commission for a term to expire July 31, 2008.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lareese Hall, 1115 Middle Street,  
[2006-0653](#) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212, as a member of the Art Commission of the City of  
Pittsburgh for a term that shall coincide with the term of the Mayor.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Rob Indovina, Indovina & Associates, 5880  
[2006-0654](#) Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232, as a member of the Art  
Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term that shall coincide with the term of  
the Mayor.

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

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for July 26,  
[2006-0663](#) 2006.

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution Vacating Penn Circle West former S. Euclid Avenue between Baum  
[2006-0607](#) Boulevard and Commerce Street in the 8th Ward, 9th Council District, of the City of  
Pittsburgh.

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

### **MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Facilities, Technology & the Arts for July 26, 2006.  
[2006-0664](#)

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 153, effective March 14, 2003, entitled  
[2006-0481](#) "Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of General  
Services to enter into agreement(s) and/or Real Estate agreement(s) for the purchase of  
property located in the 19th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh at 1915 Broadway Avenue,  
and providing for the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$325,000.00," by increasing the  
project allocation by \$75,000.00 from \$325,000.00 to \$400,000.00 and by changing  
the authorizing Department from the Department of General Services to the  
Department of Parks & Recreation.

**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, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No.

[2006-0686](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, will hereby exercise its power under Home Rule Charter Section 310 (a) and retain an independent attorney on an as needed basis providing that each use of this attorney has been approved by the body.

**SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE**

*Held one week, pending Executive Session.*

## **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.**