

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, September 6, 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. [2005-1675](#) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, September 1, 2005 to be "Miller Sisters Day" here in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2005-1670](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 138-2004, approved April 15, 2004 entitled "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" so as to increase the amount appropriated from \$535,000 to \$535,500.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. [2005-1668](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 231, effective April 19, 2000, 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 8; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding EthicsWorks - Economic Development Conference \$2,500.00, Ellsworth Avenue Business Association - Street Banners \$4,500, Attack Theatre \$2,000 and by decreasing District 8 Various Projects by \$9,000 in Council District 8. Total cost of all projects not to exceed \$914,429.00

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1669](#) Resolution providing for a Deed of Easement for Railroad Right-Of-Way And Parking Area to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, granting to said Company an easement for railroad purposes and providing for a parking easement in favor of the City of Pittsburgh, all on certain land in the 6th Ward of the City.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. [2005-1672](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a warrant in favor of Daystar Computer Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$9,881.55 in payment for the annual maintenance agreement for the legislative tracking software used by the City Clerk's Office.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1673](#)

Resolution directing and authorizing the Mayor and City Solicitor to develop a competitive proposal to submit to the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission seeking to procure a license to operate a slots only parlor within the City to benefit the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI, JIM MOTZNIK AND LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. RICCIARDI, THE CHAIR, PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No.

[2005-1671](#)

Communication from City Clerk Linda M. Johnson-Wasler submitting the second quarter travel reports for the year 2005 from various City Departments.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No.

[2005-1674](#)

Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing on Council Bill 2005-1637 -entitled, "A Resolution granting unto Bernardo Katz, 20 Cedar Boulevard, #104, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228, his successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at his own cost and expense, a deck with canopy, stairs with awning, and a handicap ramp at 1600 Broadway Avenue and Hampshire Avenue, in the 19th Ward, 4th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh."

Waived under Rule 8

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1676](#)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports the Bureau of Building Inspection's proposed implementation of an automated code enforcement system and "real time" inspection results through the use of wireless technology and calls on the Mayor to provide for full implementation of the plan through the City's operating and capital budget over the next five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports the view of the leadership of the Bureau of Building Inspection, the Vacant Property Working Group, and community organizations that Housing Court cases should remain in a centralized downtown location.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, SALA UDIN, TWANDA CARLISLE AND DAN DEASY

A motion was made that this matter be Held for a Post Agenda. 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.