

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, October 25, 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

Led by Tayshawn Blair & Kayla Royal students from the Helen S. Fasion Arts Academy located in Council District #9.

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1818](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends Operation Weed & Seed for their dedication and commitment to fight crime and making our city and the communities a safe place to live in.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No.

[2005-1819](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes Oakland Planning and Development Corporation for initiating and continuing the Oakland Dumpster Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the Project Supporters/Contributors for their commitment to a cleaner Oakland and commends the Project Partners, especially Waste Management and The City of Pittsburgh Departments of Public Works and Environmental Services, for their hard work, cooperation and dedication to making the 2005 Oakland Dumpster Project a success.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2005-1820](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the 2005 Jewish Sports Hall of Fame inductees and joins with the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in recognizing the inductees for their efforts to make Pittsburgh a better place in which to live and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby convey its best wishes to Mark I. Simon, President of the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania, and all Members of the Hall of Fame, and declares Sunday, October 30, 2005, to be Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Western Pennsylvania Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2005-1821](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby applaud Lynette Lederman for demonstrating a strong civic commitment that strengthens the democratic form of government and builds a stronger community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Thursday October 20, 2005 as "Lynette Lederman 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

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

Bill No. [2005-1813](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 891, effective January 1, 2003, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2003 Capital Budget and the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2003 through 2008 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2003 Capital Budget amendments." by adding WYEP Facility Improvements \$2,000, Pittsburgh Conservancy Schenley Plaza \$2,000 and District 8 Bike Racks \$5,000 in Council District 8.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. [2005-1814](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 536, effective, September 27, 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 in City Council from "Senior Residents Council" (- 10,000) to the Browns Chapel A.M.E. Church" (+ 10,000).

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. [2005-1815](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 554. Effective September 27, 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 "Senior Residents Council" (-10,000) to Browns Chapel A.M.E. Church" (+10,000).

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 619, effective January 1, 2005, as amended, entitled "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 creating a line item entitled "Lower Saw Mill Run."

[2005-1803](#)

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 781, effective January 1, 1999, entitled "Adopting and approving the 1999 Capital Budget and the 1999 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 1999 through 2004 Capital Improvement Program," by decreasing the "West End Improvements" line item in the amount of \$23,537.18, from \$250,000.00 to \$226,462.82, and creating a line item entitled "Grandview Avenue Improvements" in the amount of \$23,537.18.

[2005-1804](#)

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

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 891, effective January 1, 2003, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2003 Capital Budget and the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2003 through 2008 Capital Improvement Program," by decreasing the "Inspection Services" line item in the amount of \$133,000.00, from \$200,000.00 to \$67,000.00, and creating a line item entitled "Grandview Avenue Improvements" in the amount of \$133,000.00.

[2005-1805](#)

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

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution further amending Res. 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 decreasing the "River Access Ramp" line item by \$180.00 from \$65,000.00 to \$64,820.00 and increasing the "Tree Planting Program" line item by \$180.00 from \$96,585.00 to \$96,765.00.

[2005-1806](#)

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 125, effective March 14, 2003, entitled "Providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or for the use of existing Agreements, for Construction Inspection Services on various City projects; and providing for the

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payment of the costs thereof,” by decreasing the total project allocation by \$133,000.00 from \$200,000.00 to \$67,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1808](#)

Resolution providing for an Intergovernmental Federal-Aid Project Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to provide 100% of the City's share of the additional costs for the construction of the Lower Saw Mill Run Flood Protection Improvements Project.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1809](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 595, effective September 25, 2001, entitled " Providing for a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or use of existing Agreements for the Replacement of the Edgebrook Avenue Bridge including Construction Inspection Services; providing for a Reimbursement Agreement or Agreements with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by increasing the project allocation by \$80,000 (\$4,000.00 city bond) from \$800,000.00 to \$880,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1810](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 186, effective April 5, 2000, entitled “Providing for a Contract or Contracts, or for the use of existing Contracts for Street Tree Planting at various locations; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof,” by increasing the total project allocation by \$180.00 from \$96,585.00 to \$96,765.00.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1811](#)

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, and providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of equipment, materials and supplies in connection with the design and construction of Grandview Avenue Improvements in Mt. Washington; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof, cost not to exceed \$156,537.18.

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

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1812](#)

Resolution granting unto Puma 2738 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, an awning with sign over the sidewalk area at 2738 Sidney Street in the 16th Ward, 3rd 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.

[2005-1800](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$19,000.00 warrant in favor of Barbara Mason, c/o Richard S. Matesic, Esquire, 1007 Mount Royal Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, in settlement of a claims asserted, or which could have been asserted of, in the Civil Action filed at CA 02-2107 in the United States District Court for the Western

District of Pennsylvania.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1801](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into contracts for professional services to assist in the representation of the City of Pittsburgh at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1802](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of 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 working with an outside vendor in the development of a central district evacuation plan.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1816](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements and/or Contract or Contracts with Municipal Code Corporation for professional services in connection with the codification of Ordinances into the Pittsburgh Code, for a term to expire December 31, 2007.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No.

[2005-1817](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 121 of 2003, effective March 14, 2003 entitled, "Resolution 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 City Council's 2003 Community Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding WYEP Facility Improvements \$2,000, Pittsburgh Conservancy Schenley Plaza \$2,000 and District 8 Bike Racks \$5,000 in Council District 8.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for October 19, 2005.

[2005-1798](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 121 of 2003, effective March 14, 2003 entitled, "Resolution 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 City Council's 2003 Community Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding South Side Park Baseball Field Concession Stand \$5,134.35 and Quarry Field Football Sideline Fencing Concession Stand \$5,135.00 in Council District 3.

[2005-1768](#)

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

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

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 121 of 2003, effective March 14, 2003 entitled, "Resolution 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 City Council's 2003 Community Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding South Side Park Baseball Field Concession Stand \$5,134.35 and Quarry Field Football Sideline Fencing Concession Stand \$5,135.00 in Council District 3.

[2005-1768](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 180, effective April 5, 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 3; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," By adding "District 3 Landslides" \$4,000 and "Various District 3 Projects" \$76,475.44 and by changing other projects to reflect actual expenditures. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$970,000.

[2005-1764](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. [2005-1765](#) Resolution further amending Resolution No. 230, 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 4; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding "Brookline Memorial Park Flagpole" \$2,400.00 and by increasing "Fencing for Vanucci Field" by \$13,704.64, and by decreasing "Public Works Street Improvement" by \$5,673.95 . Total of all projects is not to exceed \$953,481.59.

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

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

Bill No. [2005-1799](#) Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for October 19, 2005.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2005-1769](#) Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 891, effective January 1, 2003, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2003 Capital Budget and the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2003 through 2008 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2003 Capital Budget amendments." by adding in South Side Park Baseball Field Concession Stand \$5,134.35 and Quarry Field Football Sideline Fencing \$5,135.00 in Council District 3.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

Bill No.

[2005-1770](#)

Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 861, effective January 1, 2000, as amended, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2000 Capital; 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 Washburn Square Housing Development \$50,000.00 in Council District 1.

SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

CARLISLE: Thanking colleagues and community for their support at the District #9 Town Meeting held on Monday, Oct. 24th at the Helen S. Fasion Arts Academy.

UDIN: Acknowledging the life of Ms. Rosa Park as Mother of Civil Rights Movement who recently passed away.

Thanking Council Members, City Clerk's Office, the Mayor and everyone who gave support and condolences on the death of son Patrice A. Howze.

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.