

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, April 12, 2005

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

Gene Ricciardi, President

**Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,
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: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2005-1255](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby supports and encourages swift passage of SB 364 and HB 215 to provide a long term mitigation plan for the remediation of landslides for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the greater Southwestern Pennsylvania region, thus ensuring a grant program, insurance for “any owner of a structure located within a landslide-prone region,” and a revolving loan program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No. [2005-1260](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the Syria Shriners, Ancient Arabic Order, and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, for their continuing sponsorship of the Circus and for the family entertainment and values it provides our residents.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK

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

Bill No. [2005-1261](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Mifflin Elementary School on the completion and dedication of the newest addition to the school; and,

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. [2005-1262](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pittsburgh City Council salutes the civil rights advocacy campaigns of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Pridefest Committee.

SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN

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

Bill No. [2005-1263](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends Naomi's Place Transitional Housing, Inc. for their leadership role in rebuilding character in women, one woman at a time.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Bill No. [2005-1264](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Ethel Parham for her years of volunteering, her selflessness and dedication to needs of others.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

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

Bill No. [2005-1265](#) Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates Andrew Joseph Warble on his academic achievements and for his accomplishment of obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI

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

Bill No. [2005-1266](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, recognizes and commends our Pittsburgh Fire Fighters of Stations four, six, seven ,eight, ten, twelve, fifteen, eighteen, Deputy Chief, two Battalion Chiefs and particularly Station seventeen for their exemplary service in keeping the Carnegie Library Homewood Brushton Branch Standi.

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No. [2005-1252](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 876, effective December 16, 2003 entitled Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Miryam's and North Side Common Ministries for administrative, operating and/or renovation costs for the shelters under the State Emergency Shelter Grant Program so as to delete North Side Common Ministries and add the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank as a cost not to exceed \$67,000.

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

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

Bill No. [2005-1254](#) 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 Jewish Community Center Various Projects \$40,000.00 in Council District 5.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 20, approved February 4, 2004, effective
[2005-1246](#) February 9, 2004, entitled "Resolution Vacating a Portion of Claybourne Street between South Negley Avenue and South Graham Avenue in the 7th Ward, 8th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution vacating a portion of Meta Street in the 20th Ward, 2nd Council District, of
[2005-1247](#) the City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution vacating a portion of Sunbeam and Fernery Ways in the 32nd Ward, 4th
[2005-1248](#) 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 transferring a total of \$78,703.47 from various accounts within the 2004
[2005-1242](#) Operating Budget. This transfer is necessary to allow the accounting books to be closed for 2004.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties,
[2005-1243](#) acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.
ITEMS A thru J. A: 644 Becks Run; B: 6021 Stanton; C:5153 Keystone;
D: 382 Bowery; E: 245 Ames; F: 1213 Belasco; G: 320 Warrington; H: 3248 Orleans;
I: 185 Banner; J: 1439 Tumbo.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties,
[2005-1244](#) acquired at tax sales, in accordance with Act No.171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.
ITEM A. 155 - 157 Hazelwood.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property,
[2005-1245](#) under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984, having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh/City Source Associates Sideyard Program.
ITEMS A thru D. A: 255 Renova; B: 4760 Aloe (part) C: 205 Freeland; D: 1100 Sunday.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

[2005-1253](#)

ITEM A thru C. 7049-53 Idlewild, 1007 N. Lang, 1009 N. Lang, 1011 N. Lang, 1013 N. Lang, 1015 N. Lang; B: 6940 McPherson; C: 3222 Richardson.

Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee

MR. UDIN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Maps No. 3 and 7 by changing various zoning district classifications in the West End 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.

[2005-1249](#)

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Ten, Buildings, by adding Chapter 1018, Action for Possession of Rental Unit as a Drug Haven.

[2005-1250](#)

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Zoning Code, Title Nine, Article One, Chapter 902 Section 902.03, Zoning District Map No. 6 by changing various zoning district classifications in the Spring Hill 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.

[2005-1251](#)

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

MR. RICCIARDI, PRESIDENT PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Communication from Tom Flaherty, City Controller submitting a Fiscal and Performance Audit of Pittsburgh Parking Authority for the Years 2002 & 2003.

[2005-1259](#)

Read, Received and Filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for April 6, 2005.

[2005-1241](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Robert A. and Grace S. Vargo, for the Sale of Block 56-D, Lots 131 (part) and 164, in the 15th Ward of the

[2005-1211](#)

City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 5 - 479 Kilbourne Street/Flowers Avenue (sideyard).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2005-1212](#)

Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and AC/DC Electrical Technology Group, Inc., or an entity to be formed, for the sale of Block 56-F, Lot 109, in the 15th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 40 - 4831 Second Avenue --Council District No. 5 (commercial/residential rehabilitation).

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: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ricciardi
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Mr. Udin

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1256](#)

Resolution authorizing the Appointment of Lynette Williamson, as a Member of the Human Relations Commission, term to expire April 30, 2009

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview. The motion carried.

Bill No.

[2005-1257](#)

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Leah Duncan, as a Member of the Human Relations Commission, term to expire April 30, 2008.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview. The motion carried.

Bill No.

[2005-1258](#)

Resolution authorizing the Appointment of Adelaide Smith as a member of the Human Relations Commission. Term to expire April 30, 2008.

A motion was made that this matter be Held, Pending Interview. 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.