

City of Pittsburgh

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, May 23, 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. [2006-0443](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports this twinning agreement with Karmiel and the Misgav Region of Israel to become Pittsburgh 15th Sister City; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the signing of the Sister City Agreement between Pittsburgh's representatives, Pittsburgh Mayor Bob O'Connor and Pittsburgh City Council President Luke Ravenstahl, and Israel's representatives, Mayor Adi Eldar of Karmiel, Israel and Mayor Erez Kriezler and Deputy Mayor Baruch Rosen of the Misgav Region and declare May 23, 2006, to be Karmiel/Misgav Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2006-0444](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to express its gratitude and offer its most sincere commendation for the on-going efforts of Pittsburgh Community Services, Inc., in its dedicated fight against both the causes and the effects of poverty within the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE, DAN DEASY, WILLIAM PEDUTO AND JIM MOTZNIK

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

Bill No. [2006-0445](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends these men and women of the Detsky Folklorny Subor (Children's Folk Ensemble) Šariš of Presov, Slovak Republic on their talent, drive and energy, and praises their strength and spirit as they travel around the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2006-0446](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the Highmark Foundation for their commitment to the community and the health of women in Allegheny County.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

Bill No.

[2006-0447](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 18th Annual Cancer Survivors Conference will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Great Hall at Heinz Field at 11:30 a.m. to focus on all aspects of the cancer journey - from the first day of diagnosis to long-term survivorship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Saturday, May 20, 2006 "Cancer Survivors Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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.

[2006-0448](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh expresses its support to the Governor's Commission and General Assembly for a comprehensive transportation funding and programming solution that includes the above identified strategies that is guided by an equitable and transparent public decision making process.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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.

[2006-0435](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article I, Section 902.03 Zoning Map, by changing from R2-L, Residential Two-Unit Low Density District to LNC, Local Neighborhood Commercial District, property located at 103 South Braddock Avenue and identified in the Allegheny County Block and Lot System as Block No.175-K, Lot Number 24; and a 15 foot portion of property parallel to the northerly property line of the property located at 100 East End Avenue and identified in the aforesaid system as Block No. 175-K, Lot No. 41; and the residentially zoned portion of property located at 7600 Penn Avenue and identified in the aforesaid system as Block No. 175-K, Lot No. 26; 14th Ward.

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No.

[2006-0442](#)

Resolution authorizing an amendment of the License Agreement between Adshel, Inc. and the City of Pittsburgh to permit advertising of alcoholic products on bus shelters in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Resolution repealing Resolution No. 740, effective December 20, 2005 entitled
[2006-0433](#) "Providing for an agreement with Creative Information Management Concepts, Inc. to redesign the YP Connection Website by changing the contractor to Pittsburgh Public Schools" by repealing it in its entirety.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

Bill No. Resolution repealing Resolution No. 744 effective December 20, 2005 entitled
[2006-0434](#) "Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Public Schools to provide prevention and intervention services to gang involved youth or youths who could potentially become involved with gangs, at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00" by repealing it in its entirety.

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

Bill No. Resolution supplementing the Rules of Council, Rule XVII, by establishing guidelines
[2006-0441](#) and procedures for the expenditure of funds of individual Council Members.

SPONSOR(S): LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

MR. RAVENSTAHL, THE CHAIR, PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Henry C. Blum, 125 Stanton Court West,
[2006-0436](#) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201, as a member to the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire May 30, 2011.

Held, Pending Interview to Hearings Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Bobbi Jo Leber, 6012 Wellesley Avenue,
[2006-0439](#) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206, as a member to the Comprehensive Municipal Trust Fund Board of the City of Pittsburgh, for a four year term.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Luke Ravenstahl, 4501 Cerise Street,
[2006-0440](#) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214, as a member to the Comprehensive Municipal Trust Fund Board of the City of Pittsburgh, for a four year term.

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

Bill No. Communication from Patrick Ford, Director of City Planning, submitting a Report
[2006-0437](#) written by City Planning staff regarding the Recertification of Area "U" for Central Shadyside, for the Residential Parking Permit Program.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Communication from Patrick Ford, Director of City Planning, submitting a Report written by City Planning staff regarding the Recertification of Area "V" for Shadyside North, for the Residential Parking Permit Program.

[2006-0438](#)

Read, Received and Filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Patrick J. Bigley, 112 Carol Circle, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227, as a member to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire April 30, 2011.

[2006-0396](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of David F. Toal, 1338 Sheridan Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206, as a member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire December 31, 2006. Mr. Toal shall fill the unexpired term previously held by Jesse W. Fife, Jr.

[2006-0420](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Paul Tellers, 427 Sulgrave Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15211, as a member to the Historic Review Commission for a term to expire May 29, 2009.

[2006-0421](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jill Flannery Joyce, 4411 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201, as a member to the Historic Review Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire May 29, 2009.

[2006-0422](#)

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law and Purchasing for May 17, 2006.

[2006-0430](#)

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution providing that the City of Pittsburgh enter into a Professional Services Agreement(s), and/or Contract(s) for the purpose of conducting comprehensive Job Analyses and Civil Service examination services for the position of Police Officer Recruit and Firefighter Recruit, cost not to exceed \$140,000.00.

[2006-0384](#)

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of abating landslides, certain property in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by Douglas T. Blair, authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto, and designating the

[2006-0385](#)

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh as the City's acquisition agent, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. (Council District No. 2). Cost not to exceed \$240,000.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0386](#)

Resolution taking, appropriating and condemning by the City of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of abating landslides, certain property in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, owned by Lawrence Miedema, authorizing the payment of just compensation and necessary and incidental acquisition costs related thereto, and designating the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh as the City's acquisition agent, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. (Council District No. 2). Cost not to exceed \$76,000.

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. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 2 - Mr. Koch and Ms. Payne

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No.

[2006-0431](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for , May 17, 2006.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No.

[2006-0387](#)

Resolution granting unto the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh, 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, tiebacks at Liberty Avenue, Penn Avenue and 11th Street in the 2nd Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0388](#)

Resolution vacating Clark Way, Clark Street, Judge Street and a portion of Rose Street in the 3rd Ward, 6th Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No.

[2006-0389](#)

Resolution vacating a portion of Meirsch Street in the 27th Ward, 1st Council District, of the City of Pittsburgh.

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. Deasy, Mr. Motznic, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 2 - Mr. Koch and Ms. Payne

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May
[2006-0432](#) 17, 2006.

Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2006-0392](#) all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned Properties in the City of Pittsburgh (Centre Avenue Corridor -- Council District No. 6 - Site Assemblage for Commercial/Residential Development). Block & Lot 10-P-121, 2213 Centre Avenue, 5th Ward; and Block & Lot 11-A-179, 311 Dinwiddie Street, 3rd Ward.

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2006-0393](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Middle Hill Housing Ventures, or an entity to be formed, for the sale of Disposition Parcel 50, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 32 - Block 10-H, Lot 56, - 2601 Wylie Avenue -- Council District No.6 (residential construction).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2006-0394](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Fukui Architects, P.C. for the sale of Block 48-S, Lots 213, 213-1, 216, 217 and 218 in the 6th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, 3405-3413 Butler Street --Council District No.7 (commercial/residential construction).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract For Disposition of Land By and
[2006-0395](#) Between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and ACTION-Housing, Inc. or an entity to be formed for the sale of Parcels 1B and 2 (Block 22-M, Lots 72 and 102) in the Twenty Fifth Ward of the City of Pittsburgh in Redevelopment Area No. 49, Council District No. 6, Jacksonia Street at Brighton Place (residential construction).

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: 6 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields and Mr. Ravenstahl

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 3 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Koch and Ms. Payne

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.