

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, February 27, 2007

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FOURTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,

Dan Deasy, Darlene M. Harris, Jeffrey S. Koch, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2007-1227](#) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to recognize the life-saving work of the Freedom House Ambulance Service, the nation's first Paramedic team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby join its voice with the University of Pittsburgh, the Hill House Association, and Genastar Productions, as they celebrate Black History Month and the Freedom House Ambulance Service's 40th anniversary.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1228](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby commends Steve Smith for his dedication to the youth of Elliott and for his leadership in the community.

SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY

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

Bill No. [2007-1229](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and thanks UCP Kids for its community forum on friendship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares February 27, 2007, "The Art of Friendship Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No.

[2007-1230](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and thanks the Howard Levin Clubhouse for its dedication to serving the mental health community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares February 27, 2007, "Howard Levin Clubhouse Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS, WILLIAM PEDUTO, LEN BODACK, DARLENE HARRIS AND JIM MOTZNIK

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

Bill No.

[2007-1231](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports the "Healthy Families, Healthy Workplaces Act," BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages the Pennsylvania State Legislature to approve the passage of this legislation in full.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2007-1232](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of Pittsburgh City Council will not conduct or promote business at the Hilton Hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Hilton Hotel is strongly encouraged to reconsider its decision and plans to utilize out-of-state contractors and non-union labor in its renovation plans if it wishes to be recognized as a good corporate citizen and in good standing with this elected body.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2007-1233](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize and commend the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime and the Pittsburgh Mediation Center for formally merging and creating a unique continuum of prevention and intervention services in southwestern Pennsylvania which reduce the proliferation of violence and its impact in our community while increasing capacity for collaboration, healing and peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, February 28, 2007, to be designated as "Peace-It-Together Community Initiative Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution providing for a contract or contracts or the use of existing contract or contracts; or agreement or agreements for the purchase of computers, mobile data computers, warranties, mounting equipment and accessories at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

[2007-1224](#)

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or Agreement or Agreements; or the use of existing Contracts or Agreements for the purchase of City issued tasers, holsters, batteries, cartridges and other related accessories for the Bureau of Police at a cost not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars and providing for the payment thereof.

[2007-1225](#)

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No. Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 759 of 2006, effective January 1, 2007, entitled: "Adopting and approving the 2007 Capital Budget and the 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program: and approving the 2007 through 2012 Capital Improvement Program," by adding Tasers \$50,000 and by decreasing Mobile Data Computers \$50,000, within the Bureau of Police.

[2007-1226](#)

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh providing for the transfer to URA of \$2,255,000 for projects in various City neighborhoods. (Council Districts: All)

[2007-1223](#)

Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$200,000.00 to Deven W. Werling, c/o Timothy P. O'Brien, Esquire, 1705 Allegheny Building, 429 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, in full and final settlement of an action filed in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania to No. 05CV-0898.

[2007-1220](#)

Read and referred to Finance, Law and Purchasing Committee

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for street resurfacing programs to include, hot mix asphalt, crack sealing, equipment purchases, sawing and sealing, asphalt milling, truck rental, brick and blockstone repairs, handicap ramps, concrete slab replacement and parks related asphalt work in CDBG areas throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$1,925,000.00.

[2007-1221](#)

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 granting unto Rita's Water and Ice Real Estate Company, 1525 Ford Road, P.O. Box 1147 Bensalem, PA 19020, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, steps with landing on the sidewalk area at 2429 E. Carson Street in the 16th Ward, 3rd Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

[2007-1222](#)

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Noor Ismail, 1511 Reamer Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15226, as Director of City Planning. Said appointment shall be effective as of date of confirmation by Council.

[2007-1204](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lynne M. Garfinkel, 1677 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as a member to the Planning Commission of the City of Pittsburgh, for a term to expire January 2, 2010. Ms. Garfinkel will be filling the unexpired term of Thelma Lovette.

[2007-1205](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Patrick B. Ford, 5188 Glenhurst Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15207, as a member to the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh, for a term to expire October 31, 2010. Mr. Ford will fill the unexpired term of Dennis Regan.

[2007-1206](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Michael A. Stern, 1035 Murray Hill Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217, as Chairman of the Historic Review Commission of the City of Pittsburgh for a term to expire February 28, 2009.

[2007-1207](#)

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION - NONE

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.