

# **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, January 4, 2011**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL**

**Darlene Harris, President**

**Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Douglas Shields, Theresa Smith**

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk**

**Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

## ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2011-1276](#) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 5th, 2011 to be "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE

CO-SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

DARLENE M. HARRIS, REV. RICKY V. BURGESS, PATRICK DOWD, BRUCE A. KRAUS, THERESA KAIL-SMITH, WILLIAM PEDUTO, NATALIA RUDIAK, AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

**SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2011-1277](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare 2011 to be "The Year of A. Leo Weil" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2011-1278](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition and its partners for their continued efforts to bring attention, awareness and action to the instability that still remains in the Sudan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare January 3-9, 2011 "Week of Action for Sudan" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

## PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

### COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY BURGESS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2011-1275](#) Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2011 May Primary Election a

referendum question "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article Five, Budget and Fiscal Matters, be supplemented by adding Section 517 - Real Estate Tax Increases?"

**SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS**

**Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee**

**COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Amending Resolution No. 510, effective August 17, 2009, entitled "Authorizing the  
[2011-1264](#) Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,400,000 for the Pittsburgh Symphony project by increasing the amount of the grant to \$2,150,000. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 511, effective August 17, 2009, entitled  
[2011-1265](#) "Authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,400,000 for the Pittsburgh Symphony project by increasing the amount of the grant to \$2,150,000. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2011-1266](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Amalgamated Transit Union project. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2011-1267](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Amalgamated Transit Union project. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2011-1268](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$4,500,000 for the Baum Square Parking Garage project. (Council District 9)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2011-1269](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$4,500,000 for the Baum Square Parking Garage project. (Council District 9)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2011-1270](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant of up to \$2,150,000 for the Residences at the Strip project.  
(Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2011-1271](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's Application to the  
Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program  
grant of up to \$2,150,000 for the Residences at the Strip project. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2011-1272](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant of up to \$5,000,000 for the Carson Street Goodwill Building  
Rehab aka 2600 East Carson Street project. (Council District 3)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement/s with the Urban Redevelopment  
[2011-1273](#) Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with application to the PA Office of the Budget  
for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$5,000,000 for the  
Carson Street Goodwill Building Rehab aka 2600 East Carson Street project. (Council  
District 3)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

#### **COUNCILMAN WILLIAM PEDUTO PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Warrant in the sum of \$40,000.00 in favor of  
[2011-1261](#) Kaleb Miller and James D. Pasquale, his attorney, 1302 Grant Building, 310 Grant  
Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; in full and final settlement of an action filed in the  
United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania at Docket Number 08  
cv 1180, for an excessive force/unlawful arrest issue.

**Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee**

#### **COUNCILMAN DOUGLAS SHIELDS PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Resolution approving a Conditional Use under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine,  
[2011-1262](#) Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911 Section 911.04.A.64 to Park Place School Associates,  
owner, for authorization to use the existing three-story structure located at 309 South  
Braddock Ave. as an Elementary School with a maximum of 234 Students on property  
zoned R2-L, Residential Two-Unit, Low Density District, 14th Ward, Council District  
No. 9.

**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

Bill No. Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the  
[2011-1263](#) Code of Ordinances that certain structures known as the Nunnery Hill Inclined Plane  
Retaining Wall located on the northerly side of Henderson Street in the public  
right-of-way; and the former Nunnery Hill Inclined Plane Base Station, block and lot

number 23-G-307, in the 25th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:**

Bill No. [2011-1274](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Performance Audit of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Fire Supply Warehouse, dated December 2010.

**A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None*

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

*None*

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Bill No. [2011-1279](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby call upon the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Finance to accept real estate tax payments postmarked January 3, 2011 without penalty or assignment to Jordan Tax Service.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**