

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 17, 2009

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIFTH COUNCIL**

Douglas Shields, President

Council Members: Reverend Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Darlene M. Harris, Bruce A. Kraus, Jim Motznik, Tonya D. Payne, William Peduto

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2009-1112](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor and recognize Mr. George Gist for his inspiration to the community through his art and activism by declaring February 17, 2009 "George Gist" Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2009-1113](#) Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby declares Tuesday, February 17, 2009, to March 13, 2009, as Stranger Awareness Month in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

MR. PEDUTO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW, PRESENTS

Bill No. [2009-1109](#) Resolution providing for the issuance of a \$6,911.23 warrant in favor of Duquesne Light Company, c/o Jonathan A. Orié, Esquire, Tucker Arensburg, P.C., 1500 One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, in settlement of a claim for a damaged light pole due to a City ES vehicle on April 3, 2008.

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion carried.

Bill No. [2009-1110](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$175,000.00 to Matthew Loughren, Esquire and Jason T. Pifer, Administrator of the Estate of Michelle Pearce; c/o Matthew Loughren, Esquire; Loughren, Loughren, and Loughren, PC; 3204 Grant Building; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219; in full and final settlement of an action filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania to No. GD-03-15628.

A motion was made that this matter be Read and referred to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion carried.

MR. SHIELDS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEARINGS, PRESENTS

Bill No. Petition from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh requesting a public hearing
[2009-1111](#) relative to vacant lot oversight and the lack of development along Grandview Avenue.

Read and referred to Hearings Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 11, 2009 with an
[2009-1105](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution 13, effective 1/29/2009, entitled "Providing for an
[2009-1102](#) 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 8; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof by adding \$9,000 for Traffic Study-Inner City Transit Options," to extend the timeframe outlined in Section 2 for the issuance of a Request for Proposal.

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

MR. KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for February 11, 2009 with an
[2009-1106](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an agreement or agreements, contract or contracts, or for the
[2009-1080](#) use of existing agreements and/or contracts, for the purchase of computer hardware, software and in-car video equipment, maintenance, installation, professional services, licenses, warranties, accessories and training in conjunction with the installation of

enhancement or implementation of automated systems for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, at a cost not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) and providing for the cost thereof.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznic, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

REV. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 11, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
[2009-1107](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into an agreement or agreements with members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for payment of services for duties related to any and all activities of the Zoning Board of the City of Pittsburgh. Cost not to exceed \$39,000.
[2009-1082](#)

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznic, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MR. DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for February 11, 2009 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
[2009-1108](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Claressa H. Bratcher for the sale of Parcel 5B, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 32 - Block 10-L, Lots 65, 66, 67, 68 Mahon Street -- Council District No. 6 (residential construction).
[2009-1083](#)

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
[2009-1084](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Richard D. Bratcher
for the sale of Parcel 5A, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment
Area No. 32 - Block 10-L, Lots 61, 64, 64A, Mahon Street -- Council District No. 6
(residential construction).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2009-1085](#) all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned
Properties in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry
Office of Allegheny County as Block 125-A, Lots 334-A, 336, 339, 342, 343, 344,
345, and 345-1 (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage - 208 Dix Way; 151, 155,
161, and 165, 167 Luna Street; and 6363 and 6369 East Liberty Boulevard).

This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2009-1086](#) all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property
in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of
Allegheny County as Block 11-A, Lot 153 (Centre Avenue Corridor -- Council
District No. 6 - Site Assemblage for Residential/Commercial Development - 18 Reed
Street).

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: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne,
Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pittsburgh's City Council
[2009-1114](#) joins the City Councils of Cleveland, Denver, Indianapolis, Seattle, and
Winston-Salem in recommending to President Obama that a broad and diverse
advisory group be created to help the proposed Office of Urban Policy reach out to
cities across the country to assist them in working to adopt best practices available to
improve the quality of life for urban residents and for those who work and do business
in our cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh conveys this
Sense of Council Resolution to President Barak Obama.

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS, REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS,
PATRICK DOWD, DARLENE HARRIS, BRUCE A. KRAUS,
JIM MOTZNIK, TONYA D. PAYNE AND WILLIAM
PEDUTO**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT