

City of Pittsburgh

*510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Monday, May 14, 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. [2007-1454](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the good work of the Emergency Medical Teams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares May 20 through 26 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): LEN BODACK AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2007-1455](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to congratulate the Campus School of Carlow University, as it celebrates its past, present, and future, while additionally thanking the Campus School for all of its contributions to the educational, social, and spiritual growth of generations of young people in the Pittsburgh area.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE, LEN BODACK, TWANDA CARLISLE, DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS, JEFFREY S. KOCH, JIM MOTZNIK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. [2007-1456](#) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to commend the level of personal investment and commitment as exhibited by members of the Lou Mason Tenant Council and all long-time Lou Mason residents.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to declare Friday, May 18th, 2007, "Lou Mason High-Rise Resident Appreciation Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE, LEN BODACK, TWANDA CARLISLE, DAN DEASY, DARLENE HARRIS, JEFFREY S. KOCH, JIM MOTZNIK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No. [2007-1457](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges fathers, uncles, cousins and other adult males to attend school on May 18, 2007 and show support for their children's education.

AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

PITTSBURGH declared Friday, May 18, 2007 to be Take Your Father to School 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.

Bill No.

[2007-1458](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates and thanks all the former and current members of The Society and the Board Members for their hard work and dedication to keep The Duquesne Incline going for 130 years.

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

Bill No.

[2007-1459](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to extend its gratitude for the vital contributions of Elizabeth Jennings, while additionally commending the six honorees of the 2007 Elizabeth Jennings Day Celebration for their courageous fortitude as exhibited both within their own lives and within their respective communities.

SPONSOR(S): TONYA D. PAYNE

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

Bill No.

[2007-1460](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor and recognize Stephen Takacs on the occasion of his 90th birthday; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 20, 2007, to be STEPHEN TAKACS DAY in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

Bill No.

[2007-1461](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Peter Leo as "Pittsburgh's Honorary Humorist"; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh notes Peter Leo's retirement and does hereby declare May 19, 2007, to be "PETER LEO DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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 the development and implementation of recycling awareness campaigns in schools, neighborhoods, and special events recycling programs under a State funded Grant Program, at a cost not to exceed \$97,500.80.

[2007-1451](#)

Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee

MS. PAYNE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING AND LAND USE

Bill No. Resolution approving a Conditional Use under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article V, Chapter 911, Section 911.04.A.64 to Craig Academy for authorization to demolish the existing structure and construct a three-story, 55,000 sq. ft. building for use as school for grades 1 through 12 with a maximum of 155 students located at 215 South Negley Avenue, and with a total of 70 parking stalls on property zoned R3-M, Residential Three -Unit, Moderate Density District, 8th Ward.

[2007-1452](#)

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

Bill No. Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title 9, Zoning; Article III, Overlay Zoning District, Chapter 907: Development Overlay Districts, subsection 907.02.H from IPOD-3 Baum-Centre Corridor to BCCOD Baum-Centre Corridor Overlay District and making various changes.

[2007-1453](#)

SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO

Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MR. DEASY PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, LAW AND PURCHASING

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance, Law & Purchasing for May 9, 2007.

[2007-1447](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 256, effective April 26, 2000, as amended, entitled "Providing for an 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 9; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by amending various line items in Council District 9. Total of all projects is not to exceed \$932,000.

[2007-1410](#)

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

MR. KOCH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for May 9, 2007.
[2007-1448](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 44, effective February 20, 2007, as amended, entitled "Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for street repair programs to include, but not limited to, brick and blockstone repairs, concrete slab replacement at various locations throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof", by adding an additional \$50,000. Total cost not to exceed \$600,000.00.
[2007-1433](#)

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

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

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for May 9, 2007.
[2007-1449](#)

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

Bill No. 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 deleting "North Point Breeze Initiative" \$10,000 and by adding that amount to "North Point Breeze Community Development Corporation" in Council District 9.
[2007-1411](#)

SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

Bill No.

[2007-1434](#)

Resolution further amending resolution No. 759 of 2006 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 \$50,000 to the Slab, Brick and Blockstone Restoration line item and by reducing Demolition of Condemned Buildings by the same amount.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

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

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 1 - Mr. Koch

Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

MR. BODACK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Bill No.

[2007-1450](#)

Report of the Committee on Public Safety Services for May 9, 2007.

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

Bill No.

[2007-1412](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety and or the Director of City Information Systems and or the Chief of Police to enter into a professional services contract(s), with CitizenObserver.com for the purpose of providing a city-wide online alert system for the enhancement of Public Safety to both City Departments and the residents of the city of Pittsburgh. Cost not to exceed \$55,000.00.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

Bill No.

[2007-1435](#)

Resolution amending resolution No. 181, effective April 12, 2007, entitled “providing for a contract or contracts from time to time in connection with demolition and removal of condemned buildings and providing for the payment of the costs thereof” by reducing the cost by \$50,000 from \$500,000 to \$450,000.

SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Deasy, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Motznik, Ms. Payne, Mr. Peduto and Mr. Shields
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Out of Room: 1 - Ms. Carlisle

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.