

# **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, October 4, 2005**

**10:00 AM**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

**ONE-HUNDRED  
THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL**

**Gene Ricciardi, President**

**Council Members: Len Bodack, Twanda Carlisle,**

**Dan Deasy, Jim Motznik, William Peduto, Luke Ravenstahl, Douglas Shields, Sala Udin**

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

**Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

## ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by 5 year old Anwara Leontyne Taylor-Adams from St. Lynne Mroz School located at Carlow College Campus. Council District #6.*

## PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2005-1749](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh encourages the citizens of Pittsburgh to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school and to heed the message: "Test Your Smoke Alarms".

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares the week of October 9 through 15, 2005, to be Fire Prevention 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.

[2005-1750](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, recognizes and commends the efforts that Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh East - Liberty Branch has taken to serve the community as a long-standing destination for knowledge, entertainment and social interaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, declares October 4th, 2005, "Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh" Days in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1751](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commend Comcast for their dedication and commitment to our city and the communities we represent.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1752](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council in the City of Pittsburgh recognizes and commends the Duquesne University School of Nursing for the contributions City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1753](#)

WHEREAS, in June 1979, Patricia (Pat) Crawford began her career with the Pittsburgh Public Schools as the Director of Information Services; and

WHEREAS, during Pat's 26 years of service to the Pittsburgh Public Schools her mantra has been "that effective communications must be factual, honest, timely and delivered to the right audience" which she has been able to follow with professionalism, integrity and a keen sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, she has been the lifeblood of many partnerships and collaborations that thrived during the eighties and nineties with the objective to always show off the students and teachers and to give those who excelled their due; and

WHEREAS, Pat is a highly respected communicator, serving many years as a member of the American Association of School Administrators Press Corps, past President of the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association and currently as Vice President of the Northeast Region of the National School Public Relations Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh thanks Patricia Crawford for her distinguished years of dedication and service to the Pittsburgh Public Schools including the children, teachers, parents and staff and wish her much happiness in her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tuesday, October 4, 2005, is declared "Patricia Crawford Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): DAN DEASY**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1754](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh salutes the Center for Creative Play for expanding the horizon of so many of Pittsburgh's children.

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

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

Bill No.

[2005-1755](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 10th anniversary of the killing of Jonny E. Gammage, we remember the event and keep fighting for social justice and the eradication of racism throughout the nation and in the City of Pittsburgh; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Wednesday, October 12, 2005 be declared "Jonny Gammage for Social Justice Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1756](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh extends its thanks and appreciation to the Sons of Columbus of America for its many years of service to the City and extends its best wishes and congratulations as it celebrates 80 years as a fraternal organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaims

Sunday, October 9, 2005 as “Sons of Columbus Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1757](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the ISDA for 75 years of dedication, support and countless opportunities provided to all members and their children and extends congratulations on its Diamond Jubilee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that October 8th be hereby declared “Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1758](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, recognizes and commends The Pittsburgh Job Corps Center for their efforts to produce successful young men and women that benefit the Commonwealth by ensuring quality citizens for the next millennium and we salute Ms. Libman for her ongoing dedication.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

Bill No.

[2005-1759](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh congratulates and commends Mr. Coles for his years of dedication to his family, his indomitable faith in God, his commitment to his community and his unceasing willingness to serve it, and wishes him a warm and happy 80th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Saturday, October 1, 2005 Floyd Coles Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): TWANDA CARLISLE**

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

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION**

Bill No.

[2005-1746](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 320, effective may 21, 1999, entitled resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with various community organizations, for operational/administrative expenses, maintenance, purchase of equipment, and/or minor rehabilitation of neighborhood facilities for the benefit of residents of the City of Pittsburgh and further, authorizing various City departments to enter into contract(s) or use existing contract(s) for the purchase and installation of equipment and/or furniture, at a cost not to exceed \$122,500.00, chargeable to and payable from Code Account (110304) 566100-1000-110000-300-1999, so as to reprogram funds from “Calvary Outreach (- 3,000) and from “New Light Outreach” (- 2,000) to a new line item “Urban League Young Professional (+ 5,000).

**SPONSOR(S): SALA UDIN**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1747](#)

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 adding new line items "Brookline Memorial Park Flagpole" \$2,400.00, increasing line item "Fencing for Vanucci Field" by \$13,704.64 to \$73,704.64 and by decreasing "Public Works Street Improvements" to \$51,326.05 and "Various Other Projects District Four" to \$16,518.41 in Council District 4.

**SPONSOR(S): JIM MOTZNIK**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to Housing, Economic Development & Promotion Committee**

## **MR. PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY & THE ARTS**

Bill No.

[2005-1748](#)

Resolution repealing Resolution No. 584, effective October 5, 2005, entitled A Resolution authorizing the Department of General Services to contract for rodent control services for the City of Pittsburgh and directing the mayor to immediately implement a rodent control program citywide and to provide for a rodent control program in the 2006 budget.

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to General Services, Technology & the Arts**

## **MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Bill No.

[2005-1739](#)

Resolution repealing Resolution No. 410, effective July 1, 2005, entitled "Providing for a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements; providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the design and construction of handicap ramps and sidewalks at various city-owned locations throughout the City of Pittsburgh; at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00," by repealing it in its entirety.

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1740](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 408, effective July 1, 2005, entitled "Providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or for the use of existing Agreements, and providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of equipment, materials and supplies in connection with the on-going maintenance, rehabilitation and new construction of City-owned walls, steps and fences; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$265,000.00" by decreasing the total project allocation by \$190,000.00 from \$265,000.00 to \$75,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1741](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or the use of existing Agreements, and providing for the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the design and construction of a new sports field in the Heth's Run area of Highland Park; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$400,000.00.

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1745](#)

Resolution repealing Resolution No. 583, effective October 5, 2005, entitled, A Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a enter into a professional services agreement or agreements, contract or contracts to provide Rodent Control services to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000).

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to Public Works & Environmental Services Committee**

## **MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINACNE AND BUDGET**

Bill No.

[2005-1743](#)

Resolution repealing Resolution No. 582, effective October 5, 2005, entitled, "A Resolution authorizing the transfer of a total of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars from the Office of Municipal Investigation's Miscellaneous Services Account to the Department of Public Works Environmental Services Miscellaneous Services Account."

**SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

Bill No.

[2005-1744](#)

Resolution providing for an agreement(s) or contract(s) or the use of an existing agreement(s) or contract(s) and/or payment of salaries for the equipment, materials, supplies, operational/administrative expenses and or services in connection with the maintenance and/or the operations of Council Chambers for the benefit of the residents of the City of Pittsburgh at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.**

**Read and referred to Finance & Budget Committee**

## **MR. UDIN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE**

Bill No.

[2005-1742](#)

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning Article III, Section 902.03 - Zoning Map by changing from RM-M / Residential Multiple-Unit, Moderate Density and PO / Parks and Open Space to RP / Residential Planned Unit Development certain property bounded by Bedford Avenue, lot 10-E-390 in Allegheny Block and Lot system, an unnamed way, lot 10-B-090 in Allegheny Block and Lot system, and lot 10-F-198 in Allegheny Block and Lot system, 5th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

**Read and referred to Planning, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No.

[2005-1676](#)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports the Bureau of Building Inspection's proposed implementation of an automated code enforcement system and "real time" inspection results through the use of wireless technology and calls on the Mayor to provide for full implementation of the plan through the City's operating and capital budget over the next five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh supports the view of the leadership of the Bureau of Building Inspection, the Vacant Property Working Group, and community organizations that Housing Court cases should remain in a centralized downtown location.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, SALA UDIN,  
TWANDA CARLISLE AND DAN DEASY**

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 6 - Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi  
Noes: 3 - Mr. Bodack, Mr. Motznik and Mr. Ravenstahl  
Abstentions: 0

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**

### **MR. SHIELDS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET**

Bill No.

[2005-1736](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Budget for September 28, 2005.

**Read, Received and Filed**

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article VII, Business  
[2005-1703](#) Related Taxes; Chapter 255, Realty Transfer Tax, so as to comply with the Requirements of Act 40 of 2005 Concerning Transfers Which are Taxable, Authorizing the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to Collect and Enforce the Tax When Necessary, and Authorizing the Treasurer to Share Information with the Department of Revenue.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article VII, Business  
[2005-1704](#) Related Taxes; Chapter 256, Home Rule Realty Transfer Tax, so as to comply with the Requirements of Act 40 of 2005 Concerning Transfers Which are Taxable, Authorizing the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to Collect and Enforce the Tax When Necessary, and Authorizing the Treasurer to Share Information with the Department of Revenue.

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 121 of 2003, effective March 14, 2003  
[2005-1709](#) entitled, "Resolution 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 City Council's 2003 Community Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof," by adding District 3 Various Projects \$10,269.35 and by eliminating Monongahela Parking (\$8,000) and by reducing line items Tree Planting, Duquesne Light Frontage on Sarah Street and Henry Kaufmann Center/Arlington Gym Sidewalk Repairs to reflect actual expenditures in Council District 3.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing and directing the Controller of the City of Pittsburgh to  
[2005-1710](#) perform a Fiscal and Performance Audit to determine the true savings of the Department of General Service's Bureau of Fleet Management under the current Act 47 required private management.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**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: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

## MR. RAVENSTAHL PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Bill No. [2005-1737](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works and Environmental Services for September 28, 2005.

### Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2005-1711](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Chief of the Bureau of Building Inspection to create four (4) on-street vending permit areas on Bigelow Boulevard, between Fifth Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard, to provide space for legally permitted vendors to operate.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

## MS. CARLISLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION

Bill No. [2005-1738](#) Report of the Committee on Housing, Economic Development and Promotion for September 28, 2005.

### Read, Received and Filed

Bill No. [2005-1705](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to pursue a tax increment financing proposal for portions of Redevelopment Area #50 - J & L Second Avenue. (Council District 6).

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi

Noes: 1 - Mr. Motznik

Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2005-1712](#) 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 creating new line items District 3 Landslides \$4,000.00 and various District 3 Projects \$76,475.44 and by making adjustments to various line items to reflect actual expenditures, in Council District 3.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**This Matter was Passed Finally on the Consent Agenda.**

Bill No.

[2005-1713](#)

Resolution amending and supplementing Resolution No. 891, effective January 1, 2003, as amended, entitled: Adopting and approving the 2003 Capital Budget and the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2003 through 2008 Capital Improvement Program, by adjusting various line items in conformance with City Council's 2003 Capital Budget amendments. by adding District 3 Various Projects \$10,269.35 and by eliminating Monongahela Parking (\$8,000) and by reducing line items Tree Planting, Duquesne Light Frontage on Sarah Street and Henry Kaufmann Center/Arlington Gym Sidewalk Repairs to reflect actual expenditures in Council District 3.

**SPONSOR(S): GENE RICCIARDI**

**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: 9 - Mr. Bodack, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Deasy, Mr. Motznik, Mr. Peduto, Mr. Ravenstahl, Mr. Shields, Mr. Udin and Mr. Ricciardi  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

*UDIN: Mayor's Advosry Task Force on Gaming; Public Information meetingsannounced; Open to the Public.*

*UDIN/SHIELDS/CARLISLE Express admiration for Pulitzer Awardee and Playwriter August Wilson a Hill District native who passed away.*

*CARLISLE: Town meeting in Homewood; African American community violence; (TBA)*

*SHIELDS: Acknowledging Rosh Hashanah Holiday at sundown.*

## **EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**