

# **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, November 30, 2010**

**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. [2010-1165](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend law enforcement officers for "freezin' for a reason"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, December 4th, 2010, to be "Take the Plunge Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2010-1166](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the 105th birthday of Reuben Fingold and wishes him a happy day with family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 1, 2010 "Reuben Fingold Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2010-1167](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the essential work of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers in service to the teachers of this community working toward better educating the children of the City of Pittsburgh and does hereby recognize, Friday, December 3, 2010, as "Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers Day" 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. [2010-1168](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognizes Terrance Hayes as one of America's most dynamic and accomplished poets and for his receipt of the 2010 National Book Award, Poetry Category; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 30, 2010, Terrance Hayes Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2010-1169](#)  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish the very best for Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl and does proclaim December 2010 to be “Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl Month”

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

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

Bill No. [2010-1170](#)  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend St. Pamphilus Roman Catholic Church for their steadfast work in the community for the past 50 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the people of the City of Pittsburgh declare Sunday, December 5th, 2010 “St. Pamphilus Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2010-1171](#)  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate the Schenley High School girls' soccer team for winning its final championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare November 30, 2010 “Schenley High School Girls' Soccer Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

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

Bill No. [2010-1172](#)  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby commend Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force for all they do to support and educate all of those touched by HIV and AIDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, December 1, 2010, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Day in the City of Pittsburgh, in honor of World AIDS Day 2010.

**SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS, DOUGLAS SHIELDS, DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No. [2010-1173](#)  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the brave and responsible efforts of Mr. Jason Tarbert, Mr. Lee Miller, Mr. Walter Bednarski, Mr. Jonathan Lyons and Ms. Tracie Hall and thank them for their cooperation with police which helps make our communities a safer place to live; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 30, 2010, to be “Citizen's Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2010-1174](#)

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognize Mr. Reggie Bridges for his many accomplishments, leading by example, and for his unrelenting commitment to educating communities throughout the City of Pittsburgh and abroad. Congratulations on 50 years and look forward to celebrating many more; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 30, 2010, to be designated, "Reggie Bridges" day in the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

### **COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2010-1149](#)

Resolution authorizing the 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 \$500,000 for the Duquesne University Center - School of Pharmacy Expansion - Phase II project. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No.

[2010-1150](#)

Resolution 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 \$500,000 for the Duquesne University Center - School of Pharmacy Expansion - Phase II project. (Council District 6)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No.

[2010-1151](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 187, effective April 23, 2009 entitled "Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the Steamfitters Local 449 Training Facility project" by increasing the grant to \$750,000. (Council District 2)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No.

[2010-1152](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 180, effective April 23, 2009 entitled "Resolution 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 \$250,000 for the Steamfitters Local 449 Training Facility project" by increasing the amount of the grant to \$750,000. (Council District 2)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2010-1153](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the Beechview Business District  
Redevelopment Project - Grocery Store project. (Council District 4)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2010-1154](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a  
Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the  
Beechview Business District Redevelopment Project - Grocery Store. (Council  
District 4)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2010-1155](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the Point State Park Trail System a/k/a  
Mon Wharf Switchback. (Council Districts 2 & 3)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2010-1156](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a  
Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$250,000 for the Point State  
Park Trail System a/k/a Mon Wharf Switchback. (Council Districts 2 & 3)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to submit an  
[2010-1157](#) Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Redevelopment Assistance  
Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Schenley Place project. (Council  
District 8)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban  
[2010-1158](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with URA's application for a  
Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$500,000 for the Schenley  
Place project. (Council District 8)

**Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

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

Bill No. Resolution amending Resolution No. 557, approved September 28, 2009, so as to  
[2010-1148](#) appoint Margaret L. Lanier, City Treasurer, as second alternate voting delegate to the  
Tax Collection Committee of the Allegheny Central Tax Collection District.

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

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 231, effective April 19, 2000, entitled  
[2010-1160](#) "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 projects in connection with the Neighborhood

Needs Program in Council District 8; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof,” by reducing “District 8 Community Initiatives” by \$5,000 and adding that amount to “Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy-Schenley Plaza Learning Cloud”. Total cost of all projects not to exceed \$1,000,000.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No.

[2010-1161](#)

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 reducing “District 8 Community Initiatives” by \$5,000 and adding that amount to “Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy-Schenley Plaza Learning Cloud” in Council District 8.

**SPONSOR(S): WILLIAM PEDUTO**

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

Bill No.

[2010-1162](#)

Resolution realigning a total of \$5,622,704.47 between various accounts within the 2010 Operating Budget. This transfer is necessary for the 2010 close in order to meet expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

Bill No.

[2010-1163](#)

Resolution providing for a Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, or Contract or Contract, or the use of existing Contracts, for the purchase, implementation, hosting and support of a financial reporting Enterprise Resource Planning system, and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million Dollars).

**Read and referred to Performance and Asset Management Committee**

#### **COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2010-1159](#)

Resolution authorizing and directing the City Controller to create a special trust fund, to be designated as the Emergency Medical Services Hazardous Materials Trust Fund (EMSHMTF), for the deposit of funds received from Allegheny County (LEPC) and income generated as a result of direct billing of responsible parties as recoverable for hazardous materials responses. Funds would be utilized for the purchase of equipment, supplies, training and unrecoverable hazardous material clean up cost authorizing the use of monies deposited therein by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, only.

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

#### **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2010-1164](#)

Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb, submitting the Fiscal Audit of the Confiscated Narcotics Proceeds Trust Fund, dated November 15, 2010.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

#### **COUNCILMAN PEDUTO PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW**

Bill No. [2010-1144](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for November 22, 2010 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2010-1118](#) Resolution transferring a total of \$60,000 from Law Department salaries to City Clerk miscellaneous services for the purpose of entering into a professional services agreement with outside counsel.

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS, BRUCE A. KRAUS, NATALIA RUDIAK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Ayes: 4 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Peduto  
Noes: 5 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Abstentions: 0

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 6 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 3 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd and Mr. Lavelle  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2010-1119](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement/s and/or contract/s with Behrend and Ernsberger, located at 335 5th Ave., Pittsburgh PA, 15222 to provide independent legal services to City Council in accordance with the Home Rule Charter, Section 310, at a cost not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00).

**SPONSOR(S): DARLENE HARRIS, BRUCE A. KRAUS, NATALIA RUDIAK AND DOUGLAS SHIELDS**

**A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Law Committee. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Ayes: 4 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Peduto  
Noes: 5 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Abstentions: 0

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 6 - Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 3 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd and Mr. Lavelle  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2010-1077](#)

Resolution to authorize and direct the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 1 - Rev. Burgess  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2010-1078](#)

Resolution Authorizing the invitation to tender and purchase of a portion of the city of Pittsburgh (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) taxable general obligation bonds, series C of 1998; authorizing the use of funds available in a restricted account to purchase bonds; authorizing Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. to act as dealer manager, Bondholder Communications Group, LLC to act as information and tender agent, and Pepper Hamilton LLP to act as tender counsel; authorizing the director of finance to determine which bonds to purchase;

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 8 - Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 1 - Rev. Burgess  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2010-1092](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements with Cohen & Grigsby, P.C. for professional services to assist the City of Pittsburgh in connection with the conduct of 2009-2010 labor negotiations and various litigation matters at a cost not to exceed \$38,685.42.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2010-1093](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City Solicitor to enter into an agreement or agreements for the hiring of outside legal counsel and consultants to represent the City of Pittsburgh in connection with the conduct of labor negotiations and various



litigation matters at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

### **COUNCILMAN KRAUS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for November 22, 2010 with an Affirmative  
[2010-1145](#) Recommendation.

**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 the Department of Public Works  
[2010-1099](#) to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Carnegie Mellon University to research design schematics for urban street lighting that will assist the City with retrofitting streetlights in business districts to more energy efficient models.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

### **COUNCILWOMAN RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Performance and Asset Management for November 22,  
[2010-1146](#) 2010 with an Affirmatiave Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Director of City Information Systems, or the  
[2010-1110](#) Director of Public Safety to enter into a grant agreement with U.S. Department of Justice to receive the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology Program Grant for professional services and the purchase of equipment, hardware, and software in connection with the execution of said grant agreement.

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## **COUNCILMAN DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Bill No. [2010-1147](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for November 22, 2010 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2010-1111](#) Resolution authorizing the 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 \$500,000 for the Hill District Grocery Store project (a/k/a Centre Heldman Plaza). (Council District 6)

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2010-1112](#) Resolution 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 \$500,000 for the Hill District Grocery Store project (a/k/a Centre Heldman Plaza). (Council District 6)

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. [2010-1113](#) Resolution authorizing the 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 \$250,000 for the Children's Museum Allegheny Public Square Park project. (Council District 6)

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

Bill No.

[2010-1114](#)

Resolution 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 \$250,000 for the Children's Museum Allegheny Public Square Park project (Council District 6)

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

**Votes:** Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Peduto, Ms. Rudiak, Mr. Shields and Mrs. Smith  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions: 0

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No.

[2010-1175](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to strongly urge the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and other bodies, to address this funding shortfall and take immediate action to ameliorate the undoubtedly negative economic consequences this funding gap has on the people of the City of Pittsburgh and the Commonwealth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to remind the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that solutions which so clearly protect the public welfare are in fact the duty of Commonwealth to carry out, and inaction on this important issue is not an acceptable option for the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

Bill No.

[2010-1176](#)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the will of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to strongly urge the federal government not to make any recommendations to change Social Security benefits, while maintaining the integrity of the Social Security program for future American workers who will depend on it for their retirement security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the will of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh to remind the federal government that if Social Security benefits are cut, including raising the eligibility age for retirement benefits, irreparable harm will be done to the beneficiaries of the program. Hard working Americans have contributed from their wages and rightfully expect that they will receive their guaranteed benefits and fair cost-of-living adjustments from the Social Security program. Deficit reduction should not be accomplished on the backs of American workers.

**SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK AND ALL MEMBERS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER**