

City of Pittsburgh

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414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



MEETING MINUTES

Proceedings of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, August 30, 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.

[2011-2023](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh will join Paris, France, Rome, Italy, Miami, Florida, New Orleans, LA and Baltimore, MD in embracing Gilad Shalit as an honorary citizen, in hopes of bringing attention to his plight. In addition, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh stands in solemn solidarity with parents Noam and Aviva Shalit and siblings, Yoel and Hadas, in their advocacy for his safe and timely freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby bestow an Honorary Citizenship upon Gilad Shalit in order to communicate an international solidarity to his captors and hasten his release.

SPONSOR(S): DOUGLAS SHIELDS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2011-2024](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Pittsburgh Irish Festival for fulfilling its mission to raise awareness in the region of Irish culture and for celebrating 20 years of bringing Pittsburghers together to celebrate their Irish heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 9, 10 & 11, 2011, to be "PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL DAYS" 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.

[2011-2025](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the C.A.R.E. Program and all of its volunteers for the work they do in promoting the arts and making a positive difference in the lives of our children; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, August 30, 2011, to be "C.A.R.E. 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.

[2011-2026](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Charmaine Turner, Robert Minor, Shahif Wellons, Warren Whitlock, Ebony Harris and Shawntay Littlejohn and other volunteers who are making a positive difference in the lives of youth in the City of Pittsburgh and give them a chance to be a part of something encouraging; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, August 30, 2011, to be “West Side Alliance 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.

[2011-2027](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Winchester Thurston School's 125th anniversary and thank the administrators, faculty, staff, parents and students for their commitment to academic excellence and community engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 2, 2011 “Winchester Thurston School 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.

[2011-2028](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Family House for almost 30 years of compassionate service to families in their time of greatest need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 10, 2011 “Family House 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.

[2011-2029](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and commend the Pennsylvania Western Region Women's Ministry for evangelizing and encouraging the importance of church throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby declare Saturday, August 27, 2011, “Women of Distinction 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.

Bill No.

[2011-2030](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Daniel Spittel of Boy Scout Troop 373 for his years of service and congratulate him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 30, 2011 “Daniel Spittel 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban
[2011-2014](#) Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (“URA”), providing for a transfer of \$150,000 in Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) grant funds to the URA for the administrative and operating costs of the Storefront Renovation Program. (Council Districts: All)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2011-2015](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Getgo Partners South in connection with the sale of Disposition Parcel F2, in the 16th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh, in Redevelopment Area No. 55 - South 33rd Street and East Carson Street - Council District No. 3 (fuel, convenience store and car wash)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2011-2016](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Thomas Enright for the Sale of Block 50-L, Lot 80, in the 10th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 9 (313 N. Evaline Street - Sideyard)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2011-2017](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Gary Pletsch for the Sale of Block 20-R, Lot 302, in the 20th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 2 (135 Comstock Way - Sideyard)

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and
[2011-2018](#) between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Antonio Quarterman and Jessica Fick for the Sale of Block 22-P, Lot 187, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 - 1426 Stedman Street (sideyard).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2011-2019](#) all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh Designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 10-P, Lot 79 (Council District No. 6 - Site Assemblage - 2048 Rose Street).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire
[2011-2020](#) all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the following Publicly-Owned properties in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh (Council District

No. 6 - Site Assemblage):

9-R-156, 810 Crawford Street
9-R-159, 816 Crawford Street
9-R-160, 818 Crawford Street
9-R-163, 1520 Cliff Street
9-R-164, 1522 Cliff Street
9-R-165, 1524 Cliff Street
9-R-166, 1526 Cliff Street

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2021](#)

Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire that property in the 14th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh owned by Carmen Jordan and designated as Block 125-L, Lot 370, in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny, under the Residential Land Reserve Fund (6800 Simonton Street - Council District No. 9).

Read and referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2011-1995](#)

Resolution providing for the execution of a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc., Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Soffer Organization, Inc. in connection with the reconstruction of the J & L Tunnel and related work at South Side Works at the sole cost of CSXT. (Council District 3).

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1996](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies, in appropriation or acquisition of real estate transferred by condemnation or in lieu thereof, in connection with the investigation, design, construction and/or remediation for critical wall and slope failures throughout the City; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1997](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and providing for the design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with Neighborhood Street Improvements; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$225,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1998](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the 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; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1999](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or the 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 Ballfield Lighting Replacement; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2000](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts; providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements; providing for the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the renovation of various play areas; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2001](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements 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 Rehabilitation and repairs of various swimming pools; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2002](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements 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. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2003](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, providing for the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance of various public buildings, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$500,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2004](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts or for the use of existing Contracts, providing for an Agreement or Agreements or for the use of existing Agreements, and providing for the design, repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the Bridge Repairs program; and further providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$350,000.00.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, and further providing for the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies, in connection with the installation of Audible Traffic Signals in CBDG areas; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

[2011-2005](#)

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts, an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, and further providing for the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies, connection with the SINC-UP Traffic Signal Improvements in CBDG areas; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$75,000.00.

[2011-2006](#)

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements; providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for Construction Management and Construction Inspection Services on various CBDG projects, and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. Cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

[2011-2007](#)

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, with a Consultant or Consultants, for Architectural Engineering Services in connection with various CBDG projects; and providing for the payment of the cost thereof. Cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

[2011-2008](#)

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No. Resolution granting unto RLJ III-HGN PITTSBURGH, LP, 3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1000, Bethesda, MD 20814, their successors and assigns, the privilege and license to construct, maintain and use at their own cost and expense, a decorative, aluminum sunshade louvers over the right-of-way at 3454 Forbes Avenue, Iroquois Way and McKee Place for the Hilton Garden in the 4th Ward, 6th Council District of the City of Pittsburgh.

[2011-2009](#)

Read and referred to Public Works Committee**COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh for a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount of \$50,000 to fund equipment for a KaBOOM! playground in the Northside's Allegheny Commons Park.

[2011-2010](#)

Read and referred to Urban Recreation Committee

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept and expend a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$50,000 to fund equipment for a KaBOOM! playground in the

[2011-2011](#)

Northside's Allegheny Commons Park in the case the DCNR fulfills the City's request for said funds.

Read and referred to Urban Recreation Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2022](#)

Resolution adopting official sewage facilities plan for the TACO BELL at 705 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2011-2012](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements with Optimus Technologies for professional services in connection with the design, assembly and installation of five (5) Vector fuel systems on specified Department of Public Works vehicles at a cost not to exceed (\$50,000.00) Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Read and referred to Performance and Asset Management Committee

Bill No.

[2011-2013](#)

Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements and License Agreement or License Agreements with Fossil Free Fuel, LLC in connection with the furnishing, installation and operation of a complete AST, biodiesel fueling system at the Department of Public Works, Division 2 site at zero cost to the City of Pittsburgh. The City of Pittsburgh shall authorize additional work at the Public Works Division #2 Fuel station for the furnishing and installation of new automated AST monitoring equipment compatible with fuel tank monitoring equipment currently operating at City fuel stations at a cost not to exceed five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Read and referred to Performance and Asset Management Committee

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2011-1992](#)

Resolution 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. Cost not to exceed \$525,238.00.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1993](#)

Resolution providing for a Contract or Contracts, or the use of existing Contracts for the purchase firefighting equipment for the Fire Bureau at a cost not to exceed One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and providing for the payment thereof.

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

Bill No.

[2011-1994](#)

Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the amount of \$239,991.48.

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

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Peduto called for two Cablecast Post Agendas to be held in late Sept or early Oct on Pension Fund

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER