

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, July 2, 2013

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVENTH COUNCIL**

Darlene M. Harris, President

**Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Patrick Dowd, Bruce A. Kraus, R. Daniel Lavelle,
Corey O'Connor, William Peduto, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith**

**Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk
Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk**

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

Mr. Lavelle Present Via Phone

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No.

[2013-1678](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the life and life's work of historian, author, journalist, labor leader, professor, advocate for social justice, husband, father, grandfather, and Pittsburgher Charles McColleston; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare July 6, 2013 to be Charles McColleston 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.

[2013-1679](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Alicia Akrie for her determination and creativity in the field of fashion; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 9, 2013, to be "Alicia Akrie Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH, DARLENE HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2013-1680](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the volunteers who generously give of their time and thank Twitter and Givver for making giving easier; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, July 15, 2013, to be "Social Media Giving 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1662](#)

Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$5,500, in favor of ALCOA, c/o Shannon Connery, Facilities Manager, 201 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, in settlement of a claim for damage to the granite wall at the entrance to their headquarters at 201 Isabella Street, from a City police van backing into it on April 9, 2012.

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1669](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013 entitled "Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by transferring \$500,000 of PAYGO funds from the Department of Public Works' Slope Failure Remediation program and \$200,000 of PAYGO funds from the Department of Public Work's Street Lights program and transferring \$350,000 of PAYGO funds to the Department of Public Works' Property Management program and \$350,000 of PAYGO funds to the URA's Property Management program.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1670](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Public Works and or Finance to enter into a contract(s) and/or an agreement(s) or the use of existing contracts or agreements for the purpose of providing property management of City owned lots. Total cost shall net exceed \$350,000.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

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

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1677](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an agreement or agreements or contract or contracts with Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Youth Opportunities Development for the purpose of designing and implementing the Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime, at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. (PIRC)

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1667](#)

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 the City Council Neighborhood Needs Program in Council District 7; and providing

for the payment of the costs thereof by adjusting various projects in order to fund the following new projects: Morningside Park Improvements \$13,500; Highland Park Super Playground Improvements, \$10,000; Trash Cans for Highland Park, \$3,572.00 Stanton Heights Parklet \$3,816.76; Morningside Area Community Council, \$3,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1668](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution Nos. 253, 722, 793 and 855 of 2011, entitled “adopting and approving the 2000, 2003, 1996 and 2012 capital budgets” respectively by transferring all active District Seven Neighborhood Needs projects from three budget years into budget year 2012 by adjusting various projects in order to fund the following new projects: Morningside Park Improvements \$13,500; Highland Park Super Playground Improvements, \$10,000; Trash Cans for Highland Park, \$3,572.00 Stanton Heights Parklet \$3,816.76; Morningside Area Community Council, \$3,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1672](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 348, effective May 17, 2013, entitled: Amending the Capital Budget and providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to reprogram funds within City Council from “Washington Boulevard Repairs, -40,000.00 to Parks Conservancy-Arsenal Park, +40,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1673](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 346, effective May 17, 2013, entitled: providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to reprogram funds in

City Council from: District 7 Traffic Projects, -5,000.00 and District 7 Lawrenceville Park Project, -17,689.00 to Parks Conservancy-Arsenal Park +22,000.00 and Lawrenceville Corporation-Parking Solutions +689.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1674](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 344, effective May 17, 2013, entitled: providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to transfer funds in City Council from: Bloomfield Recreation Center Improvements -3,000.00, District 7 Equipment -10,000.00 to Parks Conservancy-Arsenal Park +8,000.00 and Polish Hill Civic Association, +5,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1675](#)

Resolution amending Resolution No. 44, effective February 4, 2013, entitled: providing for the filing of a Community Development statement by the City of Pittsburgh with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in connection with the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program; providing for the execution of grant contracts and for the filing of other data providing for required assurances; providing for execution of payment vouchers on letter of credit and for certification of authorized signature; the deposit of the funds in a bank account and providing for the payment of expenses within categories, so as to transfer funds within City Council from: DPW Infrastructure Improvements -24,000.00 to Lawrenceville Corporation-Parking Solutions +24,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): PATRICK DOWD

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

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1663](#)

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 repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance

of the City County Building, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1664](#)

Resoluiton 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 repairs, maintenance, improvements, emergencies and/or the purchase of materials, equipment and supplies in connection with the renovations and maintenance of various public buildings, and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

Read and referred to Public Works Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1665](#)

Ordinance Supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title One: Administrative; Article VII: Procedure; Chapter 161: Contracts, by adding Section 161.43, Equal Benefits

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1661](#)

Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the Fairhaven Church, located at 2415 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, block and lot number 138-B-291-0000-03, in the 32nd Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

Read and referred to Land Use and Economic Development Committee

Bill No.

[2013-1666](#)

Ordinance supplement the Pittsburgh Code, Title Six, Conduct, Article VII, Disruptive Properties, by the adding Chapter 671 entitled, Maintenance of Abandoned Residential Properties Pending Foreclosure.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE

Read and referred to Public Safety Services Committee

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1676](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Directors of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works to enter into a Project License Agreement with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy in connection with park and recreational improvements to McKinley Park.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK

Read and referred to Urban Recreation Committee

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2013-1671](#)

Resolution further amending Resolution No. 772, effective January 1, 2013, as amended, entitled "Adopting and approving the 2013 Capital Budget and the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and approving the 2013 through 2018 Capital Improvement Program," by adding \$150,000 to the Community Design Center to conduct a study to re-purpose three closed public schools in Council District 2.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA SMITH

Read and referred to Finance and Law Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILMAN REV. RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for June 26, 2013 with an Affirmative
[2013-1657](#) Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eleven Thousand
[2013-1593](#) Dollars (\$11,000.00), in favor of Barbara & Bernard Skonieczny, c/o Brennan, Robins & Daley, P.C., releasing and discharging the City of Pittsburgh from liability in the civil action filed at GD 11-009101 in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, and arising from an alleged incident on December 27, 2010 in the City of Pittsburgh.

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

Bill No. Resolution further amending Resolution No. 149 of 2012 entitled "Providing for an
[2013-1611](#) 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 City Council Neighborhood Needs Program; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof" by providing \$5,000 to the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition for improvements to the Squirrel Hill Post Office Parklet in Council District 5 Neighborhood Needs. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$198,980.27.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

COUNCILMAN R. DANIEL LAVELLE PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for June 26, 2013
[2013-1658](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled
[2013-1612](#) “adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program” by providing \$5,000 to the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition for improvements to the Squirrel Hill Post Office Parklet in Council District 5 Neighborhood Needs.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Performance and Asset Management for June 26, 2013
[2013-1659](#) with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution authorizing the extension of the PCTV agreement dated January 20th 2011
[2013-1645](#) so as to extend the agreement until September 30th, 2013.

SPONSOR(S): NATALIA RUDIAK

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

COUNCILMAN PATRICK DOWD PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No.

[2013-1660](#)

Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for June 26, 2013 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage
[2013-1610](#) Facilities Plan for Bryant Street Phase II --5811, 5815, 5817, 5821, 5823, 5825 Bryant
Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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

Votes: Ayes: 7 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Dowd, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Ms. Rudiak and Mrs. Smith

Noes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: 2 - Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Peduto

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the City
[2013-1681](#) of Pittsburgh to urge our state legislators to act bravely and save our communities from gun violence by supporting or co-sponsoring HB 1010, HB 1479 and HB 1515;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh urges our state legislators to vehemently oppose HB 805 and SB 876 as these bills stand in the way of law enforcement's ability to keep illegal guns off the street, and therefore directly hinders their ability to save lives;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh calls on our state legislators to act heroically in the face of continuing carnage from gun violence in our cities and towns, and support sensible and life-saving legislation for the sake of our families and our children;

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS AND WILLIAM PEDUTO

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Peduto

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER