

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, February 4, 2014

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

**ONE-HUNDRED
THIRTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL**

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

**Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Gilman, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith**

Linda M. Johnson-Wasler, City Clerk

Mary Beth Doheny, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Bill No. [2014-0079](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Mr. Marc Cherna for the outstanding leadership he has provided to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and for the services DHS provides to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 4, 2014, to be “ Marc Cherna Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): THERESA KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2014-0072](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning to enter into an agreement or agreements with members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for payment of services for duties related to any and all activities of the Zoning Board of the City of Pittsburgh. Cost not to exceed \$39,000.

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE M. HARRIS PRESENTS:

Bill No. [2014-0073](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title V, Traffic, Article VII - Parking, Chapter 549, Residential Parking Permit Program, Section 549.07, Issuance of Parking Permits; subsection (a), by adding language as it relates to residents and business owners for the number of parking permits for each affected permit parking district for their vehicles.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

Bill No. [2014-0074](#) Resolution further amending Resolution 549, effective September 21, 2012 entitled “providing for an agreement/s, or use of existing agreements and/or a contract/s, or use of existing contracts, and for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services for City Council Neighborhood Needs Program and providing for the payment of the costs thereof”, by transferring \$5,500 from District 1 Neighborhood Needs Projects and adding that amount to Troy Hill Citizens Inc for Surveillance

Cameras. Total cost of all projects is not to exceed \$437,779.53.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS

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

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No.

[2014-0075](#)

Resolution further amending and supplementing Resolution No. 855 of 2011, entitled "adopting and approving the 2012 Capital Budget and the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Program" by transferring \$5,500 from District 1 Neighborhood Needs Projects and adding that amount to Troy Hill Citizens Inc for Surveillance Cameras.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS

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

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0076](#)

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

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR

Read and referred to Committee on Urban Recreation

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0070](#)

Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$16,133.40, in favor of Allegheny Union Pittsburgh Project, LLC, c/o Armstrong Development Properties, 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 305, Bridgeville, PA 15017, in settlement of a claim for sidewalk damage from City tree roots at 1860 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0071](#)

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 2017 Capital Improvement Program," by increasing the "Park Reconstruction" line item by \$64,810 from \$820,000.00 to \$884,810.00.

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No.

[2014-0077](#)

Resolution appointing Debbie Lestitian, 689 Southcrest Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, as a member of the Comprehensive Municipal Pension Trust Fund Board.

This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

Held, Pending Interview to Committee on Hearings

Bill No. Resolution appointing Mayor William Peduto, 427 Hastings Street, Pittsburgh, PA
[2014-0078](#) 15206, as a member of the Comprehensive Municipal Pension Trust Fund Board.

This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

Held, Pending Interview to Committee on Hearings**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bill No. Resolution appointing Debra Lam, as Chief Innovation and Performance Officer and
[2014-0061](#) Director. This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

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

Bill No. Resolution appointing Lourdes Sanchez Ridge as Chief Legal Officer and City
[2014-0060](#) Solicitor of the City of Pittsburgh. This appointment shall take effect upon confirmation by Pittsburgh City Council.

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

Votes: Ayes: 8 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 1 - Mrs. Harris
Abstentions: 0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION**COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:**

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 30, 2014 with an
[2014-0067](#) Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two, Fiscal; Article IX, Property
[2014-0030](#) Taxes; Chapter 263, Real Property Tax and Exemption; Section 263.02, Payment Options, Discount and Delinquency Penalty, subsection (a), Discount in advance, subsection (c), Interest for late payments, and subsection (d), Due dates for tax year 2013 only, to reflect the payment, discount and delinquent dates for the year 2014.

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

Bill No. Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.
[2014-0031](#)

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

Bill No. Report of the Committee on Public Works for January 30, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.
[2014-0068](#)

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

Bill No. Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements, or the use of existing Agreements, providing for a Contract or Contracts, or use of existing Contracts, and providing for the purchase of materials and supplies in connection with the Reconstruction of Forbes Avenue, Wood Street to Smithfield Street; including Construction Management Services, providing for a Reimbursement Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation; and further providing for the payment of the costs thereof \$4,572,600.00.
[2014-0033](#)

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

Votes: Ayes: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, Mrs. Kail-Smith and Mr. Kraus
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0

MOTION TO SCHEDULE CABLECAST POST AGENDA:

AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS:

Discussion on Bill No. 2014-0043: Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article IX Boards, Commissions, by adding Chapter 174 A, entitled, The Pittsburgh Land Bank.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER