

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 25, 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. [2014-0142](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that February 15 - March 15, 2014 be declared Women of Color HERStory Month® in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2014-0143](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby officially declare February 25, 2014, as “Spay Day 2014” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): DARLENE M. HARRIS AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No. [2014-0144](#) NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of the Pittsburgh Film Office, and declare Sunday, March 2, 2014, to be Pittsburgh Film Office 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. [2014-0145](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Jameson Family for their unselfish dedication to making a difference in District 2 and the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 25, 2014, to be “Jameson Family Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

The genealogy of the Jameson Family: Ralph and Laura Jameson; Rick and Diane Jameson, children Rick and Andy; Mike and Kitty Jameson, children Mikey, Brandy, Chuck, and Dave; John and Louise Jameson, children Amy, Johnny, and Danny; Mark and Kelly Jameson, children Mark and Matt; Joe and Christine Jameson, children Joe, Sean and Nick and Jimmy Jameson

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

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

Bill No. [2014-0146](#) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Pittsburgh Banksville Elementary School, the Banksville PTA and the many volunteers and supporters for encouraging a healthy lifestyle in our

children; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, February 26, 2014, to be “Pittsburgh Banksville Healthy Kids 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.

Bill No.

[2014-0147](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend; Evangelist Helen L. Pugh for her service to her local assembly; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, February 23, 2014, to be “Evangelist Helen Pugh Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS, R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0148](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 23, 2014 to be “Henry Highland Garnet Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): R. DANIEL LAVELLE AND ALL MEMBERS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0149](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure for MS, a chronic and devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Western PA Chapter for its dedication toward a future free of MS; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 3-10, 2014 to be “MS AWARENESS WEEK” in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSOR(S): COREY O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

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

Bill No.

[2014-0138](#)

Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Administrative, Article IX, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, by adding Chapter 177B, Priority Communities Commission.

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No.

[2014-0139](#)

Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of City Planning to design and host a Priority Communities Initiatives Conference and enter into agreement or agreements with necessary professionals and take other actions as necessary to accomplish the same. Cost not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SPONSOR(S): REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Read and referred to Committee on Land Use and Economic Development**COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:**

Bill No.

[2014-0133](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Go Realty LLC, for the Sale of Disposition Parcel 26 in Redevelopment Area No. 51, in the 25th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No.6 (Site Assembly for Residential Development - Carrington Street).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0134](#)

Resolution approving Execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Jamie M. Moore for the Sale of Block 7-B, Lot 211, in the 21st Ward of the City of Pittsburgh - Council District No. 6 (1431-33 Faulsey Way - Sideyard)

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0135](#)

Resoluiton authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 125-L, Lots 288 and 290; Block 125-M, Lots 371, 372, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 381, 383, 388, 391; Block 125-S, Lots 18, 19, 19-1, 130 (Council District No.9 - Site Assemblage for Commercial Development - 6933, 6929, 6943, 6945 Susquehanna Street, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 537, 517, 519 N. Murland Avenue and 6950, 6942 Hamilton Avenue).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.
[2014-0136](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 13th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 174-N, Lots 246, 247, 248, 271, 314, 315, 316 and Block 175-A, Lots 1, 2, 15A, and 17 (Council District No. 9 - Site Assemblage for Future Development - Tioga Street and Susquehanna Street).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.
[2014-0137](#) Resolution authorizing the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh to acquire all of the City's Right, Title and Interest, if any, in and to the Publicly-Owned Property in the 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh designated in the Deed Registry Office of Allegheny County as Block 11-A, Lot 173 (Council District No. 6 - Site Assemblage for Residential Development -323 Dinwiddie Street).

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:**

Bill No.
[2014-0125](#) Resolution authorizing issuance of a warrant in the amount of \$5,749.94, in favor of Duquesne Light Company, c/o Carolyn K. Cingel, Claims Specialist, 411 Seventh Avenue, Mail Drop 16-1, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 in settlement of a claim for a damaged wood light pole by a City of Pittsburgh, Environmental Services Refuse truck on July 5, 2013 on Renova Street near the intersection with Second Avenue.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No.
[2014-0126](#) Resolution authorizing the issuance of a warrant in the total sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00), in favor of Constantine Kafantaris, 520 North Kings Berry, Apartment 440, Chicago, IL 60610, releasing and discharging the City of Pittsburgh and Charles Lukitsch from direct liability in any and all claims in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania filed at GD 08-015446, and arising from an alleged incident on February 16, 2007 and described more fully in plaintiff's complaint in civil action.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No.
[2014-0127](#) Repealing items in Resolutions approved on various dates, authorizing the sale of properties in various wards of the City of Pittsburgh, in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984.

Item A through C: A: 640 Lillian, B: 1409 Sherman, C: Timberland Lot 14.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No.
[2014-0128](#) Resolution PROVIDING for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984; having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program.

ITEMS A through T. A: 116 43rd 1/2, B: 94 44th, C: 4816 Monongahela, D: 1615

& 1617 Methyl, E: 3274 Orleans, F: 97 Baldwick, G: 638 & 642 Tokay, H: 858 Climax, I: 1529 Belasco, J: 7322 Joshua, K: 1918 Saint Ives, L: 3209 Dobson, M: 4072 & 4070 Woolslayer, N: 1311 Hamlin, O: 1607 Brookline, P: 917 Bryn Mawr, Q: 949 Herron, R: 5140 Ladora, S: 920 Parkwood PART, T: 148 Spencer.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No. Resolution PROVIDING for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. ITEMS A through X. A: 1821 Cliff, B: 163 Banner, C: 5444 Broad, D: 7722 Tioga, E: 830 Blossom, F: 334 & 336 Climax, G: 117 Steuben, H: 119 Steuben, I: 7517-19 Tioga, J: 2610 Norwood, K: 3125 Oxfield, L: 3251 Windgap, M: 2108 Watson, N: 26 & 28 S Tyson, O: 7921 Batavia, P: 5121 Keystone, Q: 1516 Valentine, R: 1327 Marvista & 1326 Sigel, S: 1314 & 1316 Sigel, T: 1322 Sigel, U: 1300, 1302 & 1304 Sigel, V: 5156 Hillcrest, W: 7925 Hill, X: 129 Tipton.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

Bill No. Resoluiton PROVIDING for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales, in accordance with Act No.171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. ITEMS A through V. A: 5549 Columbo; B: 708 Moga; C: 86 Craighead; D: 6 Boggs; E: 84 Beltzhoover; F: 90 Beltzhoover; G: 94 Beltzhoover; H: 134 Ruth, I: 5147 Dearborn, J: 5230 Broad, K: 5228 Broad, L: 5133 Kincaid, M: 5100 Kincaid, N: 4942 Kincaid O: 7337 Race, P: 7237 Race, Q: 7420 Race, R: 7421 Race, S: 7104 Race, T: 514 E. Ohio, U: 1007 High, V: 1310 Woodland REAR.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

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 projects; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof.

[2014-0131](#)

Read and referred to Committee on Public Works

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) to fund Oak Wilt Suppression within the City of Pittsburgh.

[2014-0132](#)

Read and referred to Department of Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

Bill No. Resolution authorizing a CPittsburgh and Allegheny County and Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh whereby the City and URA each designate the SEA as their agent for administration of an FY 2014 Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Grant in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,00 from

[2014-0140](#)

the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the Lower Hill Redevelopment Project. (Council District 6)

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 7. The motion carried.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Bill No.

[2014-0141](#)

Resolution Authorizing the joint filing, together with the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, of an application for federal assistance with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) for an FY 2014 Investments for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Grant in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the Lower Hill Redevelopment Project. (Council District 6)

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 7. The motion carried.

Read and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

UNFNISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

Bill No.

[2014-0122](#)

Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for February 19, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No.

[2014-0049](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of a Three Thousand Twenty Dollar and Eighty-Seven Cent (\$3,020.87) warrant in favor of Elliot Newman, 687 State Route 30, Clinton, PA 15026, for payment of professional services rendered in rendered in City of Pittsburgh vs. Fraternal Order of Police (Garrett Brown, Grievant), DAR 11-038.

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.

[2014-0084](#)

Resolution providing for the issuance of warrants in the total sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) payable as follows: Four Thousand Forty-One Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$4,041.82) in favor of Ricky Lee Davis and his attorney Jeffrey L.

Suher, P.C., 4328 Old William Penn Hwy, Suite 2J, Monroeville, PA 15146, Nine Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Six Cents (\$986.06) in favor of Allegheny County Family Division and One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$1,972.12) in favor of the Department of Public Welfare in settlement of the action filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania at GD 01-006204, for personal injuries and damages arising from a vehicular accident on or about April 2, 1999, at the intersection of Hill Avenue and Wood Street, in the Borough of Wilkinsburg.

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 DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill No. [2014-0123](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for February 19, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2014-0019](#) Resolution providing for the designation as a Historic Structure under Title 11 of the Code of Ordinances that certain structure known as the Alfred E. Hunt Armory, located at 324 Emerson Street, block and lot number 84-L-238, in the 7th Ward, City of Pittsburgh.

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. [2014-0089](#) Resolution providing for an Agreement or Agreements or use of existing Agreement(s) or Contract(s) with Responsible Hospitality Institute to assist the City in studying various issues including but not limited to transportation, District Management, Public Safety, Personal Accountability and Hospitality Development solutions within the Carson Street corridor as part of a plan to manage nightlife impacts using the Carson Street as a pilot, termed Responsible Hospitality in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

SPONSOR(S): BRUCE A. KRAUS

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

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally, As Amended. 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

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill No. [2014-0124](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for February 19, 2014 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

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

Bill No. [2014-0086](#) Resolution amending Resolution No. 643, effective October 15, 2013 entitled "Providing for the execution of a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with a \$75,000 Municipal Assistance and Planning Grant for the Homewood Transit Revitalization Investment District planning study from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development" by changing the source of the matching share for the grant. (Council District 9).

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. [2014-0087](#) Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in connection with the URA's application for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of up to \$1,000,000 for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre project. (Council District 7)

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. [2014-0088](#) 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 \$1,000,000 for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre project. (Council District 7)

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER