

EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 21, 2020

The April 21, 2020 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:01 p.m. via video teleconference.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Nick Evashavick, Solicitor
Dave Gilliland, Engineer
Denise Hartford, Secretary
Lou Payne, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were solicited to be submitted via mail or email. No comments were received.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland report is on file. He reported the CITF paving project is pending approval for construction activities to begin. Linden Mall project, pre application was submitted through the ALCOSAN GROWS. GEDTF grant was also submitted for reconstruction of the steps in the borough and an application to the GTRP for the playground on Trax Alley. The GTRP application is estimated for a project cost of \$130,000 and a grant request of \$110,500, with 15% match (\$19,500) coming from the borough. The borough will be applying to US Steel to cover the matching funds.

1. Motion to approve application to GTRP for \$110,500 made by Earnest Frazier and Second by Jonathan Reyes. Vote was unanimous to approve the application.

Inspections were completed on the steps from Rt. 30 to Linden Ave, Prospect to Braddock Ave, and from Sunnyside to Quarry Field. The GEDTF application is for \$200,000. This would be to ratify a resolution to apply for this project. This does not include emergency repairs to make the steps safe for travel such as steps that are missing.

Immediate repairs for safety were presented for the section between Rt 30/Linden and for Prospect/Braddock.

Mr. Abrams asked for clarification about the ability to make repairs to the steps at 700 Grandview vs. replacing them. Mr. Gilliland stated that a cap would be possible, and that he would report a price for that, which would be less expensive than a replacement.

2. Motion to approve \$20,675 to make immediate repairs to the steps from the General Fund made by Jonathan Reyes and seconded by Stacey Simon. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
3. Motion to approve application to the GEDTF fund in the amount of \$200,000 to complete long term repairs to the steps between Rt 30/Linden Ave and Prospect/Braddock Ave. made by Stacey Simon and seconded by Earnest Frazier. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

February Meeting minutes were not available and is postponed until the May 2020 meeting.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Ms. Simon made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$428,732.55.
Seconded by Mr. Borkowski Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – the report is on file.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

POLICE – no report

Zoning Hearing Board - no report

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Payne had no additional comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT – The activities report is on file.

COMMUNICATIONS – on file

OLD BUSINESS

4. Ratification of vote to pay the bills in March in the amount of \$344,001.20. Motion was made by Earnest Frazier and seconded by Jonathan Reyes. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

5. Ratification of vote to remove Michael Singer from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion was made by Jonathan Reyes and seconded by Stacey Simon. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
6. Ratification of the vote to appoint Marcus Adams and Dennis Simon Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board by resolution. Motion was made by Jonathan Reyes and seconded by Earnest Frazier. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – none

Mayor Payne thanked the staff for keeping Council apprised of developments and for keeping everything running.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Borkowski seconded at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager