

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 15, 2020**

The July 15, 2020 special meeting and public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to Section 1200 of the Zoning Ordinance of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:06 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Abrams 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 (7:14 pm)

Other:

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Vogel – in reference to 317 Howard St. Mr. Vogel invited council to the rededication of St. Mary’s Church.

Ms. Megan McDonough, 349 Lincoln Hall Rd, Elizabeth. Voiced support for the proposed amendment.

Ms. Jan McMannis, 68 Ridge Rd., Braddock Hills, voiced support for the proposed amendment.

Ms. Edith Abeyta, 1527 Wolf Ave, North Braddock, voiced support for the amendment.

Ms. Kennedy called the public hearing to a close at 7:13 pm.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1200 OF THE
BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE**

Motion made by Earnest Frazier and seconded by Stacey Simon.

Discussion:

Mr. Reyes voiced support and the importance due to the environmental justice status of East Pittsburgh.

Mr. Borkowski asked about the final resolution of the setbacks. Ms. Kennedy confirmed there were changes and that the Ordinance reflects the change.

Mr. Frazier asked if the other Mon-Valley communities were in favor of restricting oil and gas development. Ms. Simon and Ms. Kennedy both indicated that each municipality is a little different and that the residents appear to overwhelmingly oppose fracking.

Mr. Reyes referenced the recent report from the State Attorney General which recommends additional setbacks in excess of the ones proposed by the Ordinance.

Mr. Abrams conducted a roll call vote to approve the Ordinance as advertised.

Ms. Kennedy: Yes

Ms. Simon: Yes

Mr. Borkowski: Yes

Mr. Frazier: Yes

Mr. Reyes: Yes

Motion Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Borkowski made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Ms. Simon seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seth Abrams', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager