

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 20, 2020**

The October 20, 2020 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:01 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President	none
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President	
Paul Borkowski, Council Member	
Earnest Frazier, Council Member	
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member (arrived 7:15 pm)	

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor
Dave Gilliland, Engineer
David Miller, Code Enforcement Officer
Lou Payne, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josette Rito, Maple St. – made Council aware that recycling dumpsters were recently filled with rubbish. Mr. Abrams stated that both he and DPW regularly check to try to ensure that only recycling is placed in the designated dumpsters. Additionally, concerned about basketball hoop on Isabella way. Children utilizing the hoop have dug into the neighbor’s wall to stabilize the hoop. Kids are playing after curfew as well, being a nuisance on bikes, making noise and running through yards. Ms. Simon recommended that Ms. Rito continue to call the State Police to continue to log the events.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland’s report is on file. CD 47 application is due on November.

Mr. Gilliland requested resolutions to approved the applications for CD 47.was submitted. It included demolition and paving.

Mr. Frazier made a motion to approve the application to CD 47 through TCVCOG to pave 7 streets in the borough. Mr. Borkowski seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Frazier made a motion to approve the application to CD 47 through the TCVCOG to demolish 2 buildings in the borough. Ms. Simon seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Engineer's report: Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Frazier made the motion to approve the September 15, 2020 Council Minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Simon. Ms. Kennedy noted a correction to the Manager's report to clarify page 3 of the minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Frazier made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 173,299.96
Seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – the report is on file. Ms. Kennedy asked about possibility of sending a letter to individuals who are not keeping property up to certain levels, even if not a violation. Mr. Miller reported that he does send texts and emails to landlords when he becomes aware of an issue. This generally gets results. Mr. Abrams brought up an Ordinance that is being developed for Quality of Life. Plans have been approved for the new roof on 340 Electric Ave. Motion to accept report by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

Ms. Kennedy questioned the fire department report that shows 4 incidents at the Hollywood Show Bar. Incidents were due to smoking and other minor incidents in the apartments.

PUBLIC WORKS – no report.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Evashavik will review the Merrion zoning appeal during the executive session.

POLICE – no report

Zoning Hearing Board - No meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Payne reported that the From Manna on High outreach event occurred over the weekend. As always it was a well attended event. The Mayor thanked them for all they do for the community.

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

Mr. Abrams requested Council input on creating a working or agenda meeting that would occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Ms. Kennedy approved the idea. Ms. Simon asked if the meeting could be held at an earlier time such as 6 pm. All Council agreed to an additional meeting at 6 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to review the agenda and any pending legislation for discussion. Mr. Abrams will include these meetings in the advertisement of the 2021 meetings. Council meetings will remain at 7 pm.

Ms. Kennedy asked about US Steel's hiring practices and if they are working with Mon Valley Initiative to develop their workforce pool. Mr. Abrams and others at the US Steel meeting did request additional information from USS to facilitate making a connection to local workforce development.

Motion to accept the Manager's report made by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Motion made by Mr. Frazier to accept the 2020-21 MMO statements. Ms. Simon seconded. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Mr. Frazier to approve the purchase of Cub Cadet Z Force SX mower in the amount of \$4,900.00 from Labuda Farm Service, Inc. Mr. Borkowski seconded. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Mr. Borkowski to approve the placement of handicapped reserved parking in front of 521 Franklin St, as appropriate documentation has been received by the Borough Office. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION-

Mayor Payne feels that 1.5 hours of trick or treating is adequate and appropriate due to the generally low volumes of individuals. Ms. Simon agreed and requested additional safety measures be taken due to COVID-19. Mr. Frazier asked if there would be restrictions. Ms. Simon agreed that there should be recommended restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT-

Ms. Simon made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation at 8:19 pm. Mr. Borkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive session and meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm with a motion from Mr. Frazier, second from Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager