

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 16, 2021**

The February 16, 2021 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
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Other:

Markus Adams, Mayor
Seth Abrams, Borough Manager
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor
Dave Gilliland, Engineer
Denise Hartford, Secretary

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file. For CD 46 -Demolition has not been advertised. The bids for street reconstruction of Grandview Ave from Howard to Maple were opened earlier today. McKee Asphalt had the low bid of \$23,747.50. This bid would require a municipal share of \$3,747.50.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the bid of \$23,747.50 for the street reconstruction of Grandview Avenue from Howard St. to Maple Street with a municipal share of \$3,747.50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the regular council meeting minutes with corrections from January 19, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the agenda meeting minutes from February 9, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Frazier made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 77,934.42. Seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – Mr. Miller was absent. The report is on file.

Motion to accept report by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – No report.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Evashavik informed Council of recent legislation at the state level that will allow for small autonomous vehicles to travel within municipalities for deliveries. Mr. Abrams will keep Council apprised of any local developments in this area.

Motion to accept the solicitor's report by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD - No meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mr. Adams reported that he had been contact by the Tribune Review to comment/respond to questions about the population loss experienced by East Pittsburgh over the last 10 years. Data was drawn from the US Census Bureau ACS survey.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT – The report is on file. Mr. Abrams presented two requests for membership:

Local Government Academy is offering an opportunity to join its Leadership Circle which includes a discount on training. Mr. Reyes made a motion to join at the Bronze level for \$100. Motion was seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

The Turtle Creek Watershed Association sent out its annual membership request. Mr. Reyes made a motion to continue membership in the Turtle Creek Watershed Association for \$50. Motion was seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Mr. Reyes made a motion to ratify the application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County in the amount of \$240,000 for the Linden Mall Green project. Motion seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION-

Ms. Kennedy asked if it is possible to place additional qualifications on elected members within the borough such as being current on municipal taxes. Mr. Evashavik stated that such requirements are not allowable by Borough Code. The only practical recourse is to not elect the person in the next election.

ADJOURNMENT-

Meeting moved to executive session at 8:12 pm by motion from Mr. Frazier and second by Ms. Simon to discuss matters of litigation.

Ms. Simon made a motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:47 pm. Mr. Borkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager