

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 25, 2021**

The May 25, 2021 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:02 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President  
Paul Borkowski, Council Member  
Earnest Frazier, Council Member  
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member (7:07 pm)

Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President

Other:

Absent:

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. It was noted that the Borough received a grant for \$25,000 for blight planning by the CFA.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the concurring resolution to request \$250,000 from the State GTRP program. Mr. Frazier seconded. Motion Passed.

Mr. Abrams has requested additional funding from US Steel to make up some of the funding gap from the previous GTRP grant award.

**BOND ORDINANCE**

Anthony Ditka, bond counsel presented the ordinance to authorize taking on debt in the form of bond issuances to fund the construction of the municipal building. Piper Sandler will be the bond underwriter. A Motion to approve the bond ordinance was made by Mr. Frazier. It was seconded by Mr. Reyes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Borkowski, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Reyes voted to approve. Ms. Simon was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

Mr. Borkowski made a motion to accept the Agenda meeting minutes from May 11, 2021 Seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Frazier made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 189,397.25. Seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT** – Mr. Miller’s report is on file.

Motion to accept report by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – The skid steer was delivered this week. Mr. Abrams thanked USDA for their assistance in purchasing the equipment. Delivery is pending on the sweeper that was ordered with the skid steer.

**SOLICITOR REPORT** – Mr. Evashavik reviewed the Falls Run (ALCOSAN) transfer agreement and does not foresee any issues.

Motion to accept solicitor’s report by Mr. Reyes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** - No meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – No report.

**MANAGER’S REPORT** – The report is on file and was discussed at the agenda meeting on the May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to approve the Manager’s report made by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- a. Mr. Reyes made a motion to adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Boroughs of Braddock, East Pittsburgh, and North Braddock. Mr. Frazier seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Frazier made a motion to approve the placement of disabled parking at 415 Ridge Ave. Mr. Borkowski seconded. Motion Carried
- c. Mr. Frazier made a motion to approve the placement of disabled parking at 405 Franklin St. Mr. Reyes seconded. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION-**

Mr. Frazier announced that basketball clinic will commence on June 5, 2021 and run through August.

Mr. Reyes will attend the ALOM conference in June on behalf of the Borough.

Mr. Borkowski questioned the recipients of PPP loans that may have been obtained illegally. Mr. Abrams acknowledged that there likely were some fraudulent loans, but that the Borough is not legally obliged to take any action. Mr. Evashavik confirmed that the Borough has no obligation or liability. Mr. Evashavik stated any individual could call in and report fraud.

Ms. Kennedy asked for council to support MVI in their application for the NPP for North Braddock. Council approved. Mr. Abrams will sign the letter and return to MVI.

### **ADJOURNMENT-**

Mr. Reyes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager