

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 21, 2021**

The December 21, 2021, meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:03 p.m.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President (via teleconference)
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member (left at 7:08
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Absent:

Other:

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

Absent:

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patrick Geric, Main St. thanked Mr. Abrams for providing the requested financial information. Mr. Geric questioned some expenses from the 2021 financial reports, including the use of the capital construction bond, an accidental overpayment that was repaid to the Borough, the purchase of playground equipment and the renovation of the Senior Center from the water damage that occurred. Mr. Geric stated his opposition to the contract that the Borough signed with Republic Services for solid waste removal.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the engineers report. Mr. Borkowski seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Borkowski made a motion to accept the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 135,043.58. Seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – Mr. Miller’s report is on file. Ms. Kennedy asked for clarification on the location of two inspections.

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

PUBLIC WORKS – No report this month

SOLICITOR REPORT – No report this month

ZONING HEARING BOARD - No meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Adams reported that he will be meeting with the mayors of Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin once all officials are sworn in to discuss the regional police.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the Mayor’s report. Seconded by Mr. Borkowski.

MANAGER’S REPORT – The report is on file and was discussed at the agenda meeting on the December 14, 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Ratification of hiring of Carol Watkins as a PT crossing guard effective November 23, 2021 at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve the 2022 East Pittsburgh Borough Budget as presented to Council on November 16, 2021 and publicly advertised on November 18, 2021.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.
- c. Motion to approve of 2022 tax rate resolution, maintaining the property tax rate at 13.45 mills.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.
- d. Motion to approve the Tri-COG Landbank acquisition of parcel 375-P-238, 315 Glosser St.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Borkowski 2nd: Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.
- e. Motion to remove the disabled parking space from in front of 521 Maple Street.
 - a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.
- f. Motion to approve 2022 Borough Fee Resolution
 - a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

- g. Motion to approve a resolution approving the acquisition of parcel 376-C-00024, 305 South Park St., East Pittsburgh is in accord with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.
a. Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION- None

ADJOURNMENT-

Mr. Borkowski moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion was seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager