

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

The November 16, 2021, meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President
Paul Borkowski, Council Member
Earnest Frazier, Council Member

Absent:

Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Other:

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

Absent:

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patrick Geric, Main St. asked if there was any change in the solid waste contract. Ms. Kennedy stated that the vote was taken last month and there was no change. Mr. Geric also asked about having WPJWA repave the 500 block of Main St. Mr. Gilliland reported that the bricks will never lay evenly, and that it would need to be entirely repaved.

Lt. Dowlin, Pennsylvania State Police provided an update on policing in East Pittsburgh. Call volume is similar to 2020 when compared January-October. The statistics will be sent to the Borough Manager. Lt. Dowlin provided information about patrol zones, response time and provided feedback that he felt East Pittsburgh was currently doing well, with crime relatively low.

Updates were provided on the investigations into the shooting/death at Prospect Terrace in September and the hit & run death on Braddock Ave in October.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

- a. Motion to approve authorization for Borough Manager and Council President to apply for and execute documents related to a PennDOT Multimodal grant application in the amount of \$68,485. Motion made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried

- b. Motion to accept Sports & Recreation Associates bid for Trax Alley Playground improvements excluding the fence painting for a total of \$42,531.90. Motion made by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried
- c. Motion to authorize the TCV-COG to award the paving bid for CD 47 to El Grande Industries for \$75,561.25. Motion made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried

Mr. Frazier made a motion to accept the engineers report. Ms. Simon seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Frazier made a motion to accept the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

Mr. Frazier made a motion to accept the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Borkowski made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 66,662.64. Seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – Mr. Miller’s report is on file. Ms. Kennedy asked about two of the fire calls.

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

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Abrams reported that the salt shed has been installed and that salt has been delivered.

SOLICITOR REPORT – No report this month

Mr. Borkowski made a motion to accept the Solicitor’s report. Seconded by Ms. Simon.

ZONING HEARING BOARD - No meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No report.

Ms. Simon 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 November 9, 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Ratification of hiring of Joseph Malia as a FT public works employee effective November 4, 2021 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion by Mr. Borkowski, second by Ms Simon. Motion carries.
- b. Motion to approve the Resolution to support “Young Lungs at Play”. Motion by Ms. Simon, second by Mr. Frazier, motion carries.
- c. Motion to approve of Borough policy to prohibit smoking at/near parks and playgrounds. Motion by Mr. Frazier, second by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.
- d. Motion to approve the Tri-COG Landbank acquisition of parcel 375-P-43, 113 Center St. Motion by Ms. Simon, second by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.
- e. Motion to remove the disabled parking space from in front of 535 Franklin Street. Motion by Mr. Frazier, second by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.
- f. Motion to approve the installation of a disabled parking space in front of 411 Glosser Street. Motion by Mr. Borkowski, second by Ms. Simon

DISCUSSION- None

ADJOURNMENT-

Mr. Frazier moved to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager