

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 15, 2022**

The February 15, 2022 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Abrams announced an executive session to discuss potential liability will occur after the business meeting.

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President
Jonathan Reyes, Council Vice-President
Earnest Frazier, Council Member
Chad Nicholson, Council Member
Mark Petri, Council Member

Absent:

Other:

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

Absent:

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION

Emily Woodward from the Tri-COG Landbank presented information about the Community Fellowship opportunity that TCLB and Grounded Strategies is applying for. The BEN communities are being asked to present candidates to be engaged in a creative land re-use program to improve the municipalities. Applications are due to TCLB by 2/25/2022.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Frazier made a motion to accept the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

Mr. Petri made a motion to accept the February 8, 2022 agenda meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 96,913.78. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

Mr. Gilliland recommended creating a sign to place on the Trax Alley Playground to commemorate its dedication/opening. Council agreed to hold a ribbon cutting on March 18, 2022 at 11 AM. Mr. Abrams will make the arrangements.

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

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS – No report this month

SOLICITOR REPORT – No report this month

ZONING HEARING BOARD - No meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No report this month

MANAGER'S REPORT – The report is on file and was discussed at the agenda meeting on January 11, 2022. Mr. Abrams distributed information about Veterans Helping Veterans.

Motion to approve the Manager's report made by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Petri. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Motion to approve placement of disabled parking at 520 Howard St.

Motion: Mr. Frazier 2nd: Mr. Reyes. Motion Carried.

- b. Motion to approve a \$50 donation to the Turtle Creek Watershed Association

Motion: Mr. Reyes 2nd: Mr. Petri Motion Carried.

- c. Motion to approve resolution to apply to DCED for the "LSA" grant in the amount of \$437,000, authorizing Borough Manager and Council President to execute documents related to said grant.

Motion: Mr. Frazier 2nd: Mr. Nicholson

DISCUSSION-

Mr. Abrams distributed updated copies of the letter to be sent to the Woodland Hills School Board voicing concerns about the hiring of Dr. Daniel Castagna as interim superintendent. Council agreed with the language. Mr. Abrams will send the letter on behalf of Council and the Mayor.

Mr. Abrams handed out a list of potential categories and items for Council to review, change and prioritize so that projects can be created and made ready for upcoming grant opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Mr. Petri. Second By Mr. Reyes at 7:59 PM.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING

Mr. Nicholson moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager